Looking for a Very Special Gift for a Wyoming Teacher'

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Wright - Officials at Arch Coal can help you with the perfect holiday gift for Wyoming school teachers. Better yet, if you're on a tight budget, this wonderful gift could cost you a maximum of 23 cents!

"We want people to tell us who are the very best teachers in Wyoming," says Greg Schaefer, the company's western region vice president for external affairs. "It would be a terrific 'present' to nominate a great teacher for our awards program.

"Ten great Wyoming teachers will receive unrestricted cash awards of \$2,500. But, teachers can't compete for the award unless they are nominated," says Schaefer. "With the upcoming holidays, wouldn't it be wonderful if students, parents or colleagues let our state's excellent teachers know that their professionalism, care and teaching excellence are recognized?"

Best of all, according to Schaefer, the cost of mailing the nomination form is 23 cents, or free if a nomination is made over the Internet at the Arch Coal Web site: www.archcoal.com, and follow the "community" links. Nomination forms are available in schools, at MiniMart and Taco John's locations throughout Wyoming.

The program has the support of the Office of the Governor, the Wyoming Department of Education, and the Wyoming Education Association, as well as from MiniMart and Taco John's. This is the third year of the program.

Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and employs approximately 600 people in Wyoming. Arch produces more than 60 million tons of clean-burning, low-sulfur coal annually at its Wyoming operations. The company's Black Thunder operation in Campbell County is one of the nation's largest and most efficient coal mines. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.