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North Idaho Discovery Association Announces Architect Selection for STAR Building

NIDA selects local architectural firm to design high-tech building for science and technology education.

Post Falls, ID. October 8, 2009 – The North Idaho Discovery Association has selected Paul Matthews Architects, PLLC, as the lead architect to design the Science, Technology, And Research (STAR) facility slated to be built in Rathdrum, Idaho.

“After weeks of research and face-to-face interviews with many local firms, we are pleased to announce the selection of Paul Matthews Architects in Rathdrum” said Brian Induni, NIDA Executive Director. “We were astounded by the level of talent in the Coeur d’Alene area. It was not an easy decision, but I’m confident we chose the right firm to design a facility that will in itself be an exhibit showcasing forward thinking technology and net-zero design. It will exemplify the knowledge we have in our own backyard”

The design process will begin immediately. Financial backing for both the design and construction of the facility is already in place at NIDA.

“The STAR facility will allow NIDA to grow considerably, and will serve as a stepping stone for a larger campus vision,” said Dr. Lorna Finman, President and founder of NIDA. “With this facility, we will be able to reach hundreds of local youth, introducing them to science and technology and guiding them down paths they may not have known existed. Our goal is to inspire our youth to become the next Thomas Edison and reinvigorate science and technology in our culture.”

NIDA currently sponsors over 120 teams to compete in the globally recognized FIRST Robotics Competition, and offers summer robotics programs for grades 4 through 11.

About NIDA

North Idaho Discovery Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to foster learning and innovation in science and technology through hands-on experience and mentor based programs. By inspiring youth to explore a variety of pathways into science, math, and technology, NIDA opens the door for youth to previously unknown opportunities or interests.

NIDA provides summer Robotics Camps and sponsors many FIRST (www.usfirst.org) robotics teams in the local area in support of the organizations’ mission and vision.

For more information about NIDA and its programs, please visit <http://www.nidarobotics.org>, or call 1-208-640-9412.

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