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**Prairie Quest sponsors Future City<sup>®</sup> award**

Fort Wayne, IN – Prairie Quest sponsored the Project Management Award for the Indiana Regional Future City<sup>®</sup> Competition. This is PQC's third year of participating in this exciting program that has touched over 3,000 Indiana middle school students, teachers, and mentors over the past 10 years.

The Indiana Regional Future City<sup>®</sup> Competition is a national program sponsored by the engineering community that fosters an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through project-based learning and real-world applications. It is open to all public, private, parochial, and home schools for grades 6–8.

Future City<sup>®</sup> challenges students to work as a team designing their vision of an outstanding future city with a teacher or home school parent and an engineer mentor or related professional. They imagine a project that is a creative mix of artistry, problem solving, and the engineering design process. Students design a SimCity computer map; build a model; explore and write about the current year's theme (2011 focused on health products and virtual medicine); and present their entire project to a panel of judges at the competition. Innovative, forward-thinking ideas for Indiana cities come from middle school students participating in the Future City<sup>®</sup> challenge.



Winners of PQC's 2011 Project Management award at Future City<sup>®</sup> Competition

To win the PQC Project Management award, the team must be able to present a verbal and written plan for their project from inception to completion. The project plan encompasses the entire work project and addresses how they kept all the team members involved and on track. PQC is pleased to announce that this year's Project Management Award goes to the students of Woodside Middle School. They presented a well-rounded project plan, a fully engaged and knowledgeable team, and their students were ready to answer questions. Their final project showed they had put in a great deal of time and effort to complete their model.

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