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TO: Business Professionals of America Judges
FROM: Barbara Trent, State Advisor
Business Professionals of America, Ohio Association
DATE: December 27, 2011
RE: State Competitive Events

Ohio's Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference is **March 15-16, 2012**. Approximately 1,600 high school students will compete in more than 50 events to select the most outstanding business management, financial services, and IT students in Ohio. The top performing contestants will represent Ohio at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago in April. For those who have judged in previous years, you know how important your contributions are to BPA.

Will you serve as a judge on **Thursday, March 15, 2012**? All events will be at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The day will begin with a judges' orientation brunch at 10:30 a.m., where you will meet the contest administrator and the other judges for your event. Judging should be completed no later than 6 p.m. (earlier for many events).

If you are willing to invest a day in tomorrow's business professionals, complete the attached volunteer form and return it to Sheri.Ketaneh@ode.state.oh.us (614-466-3891), or you can simply e-mail Sheri your contest preference(s). If you have expertise in more than one area, number selected events in order of your judging preference. Please respond no later than **February 3, 2012**.

Several judged events include a technical score. For those events, contestants submit the prejudged component by March 2. Please indicate whether you are willing to complete the technical review as well as the presentation on March 15. If you are unavailable on March 15, you can volunteer to complete only the technical review. Entries that require a technical score will be available on line for your review between March 3 and March 12. The maximum number of entries in any event is 18 (fewer in several events). The technical score will be combined with the presentation score for final contestant placement.

You will receive confirmation of your contest assignment and specific location at the Hyatt no later than two weeks prior to the conference. Feel free to share this letter and form with a colleague or friend who has expertise in one of the contest areas.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have questions or need additional information, please call or e-mail me. (614-387-2276; Barbara.Trent@ode.state.oh.us) I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".