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Students Present Business Plans in Competition

(Topeka, Kan., April 15, 2005) – Adrian Montes, Jr., Liz Mora and Katie Wille from Hutchinson High School received first place for their Montes Customs in the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) High School Business Plan Competition Friday and were awarded a \$1,000 team prize and \$500 for Hutchinson High School.

The KTEC High School Business Plan Competition's objective is to increase Kansas' high school students' awareness of entrepreneurship and the process of starting a business from planning to implementation. Groups of three to six students from Kansas' high schools submitted a business plan for a start-up company. Teams then presented their plan to a panel of judges who scored the teams' written business plan and formal presentation on content and creativity.

Laurel Koch, Aaron Marshall and Riclyn Resco from Clifton-Clyde High School earned second place with a business plan for Any Way, Shape or Form winning a \$500 team prize and \$250 for Clifton-Clyde High School.

Amanda Knox, Amanda LeClair and Cole Morehead from Clifton-Clyde High School claimed third place for their business plan for LMK Etch n' Sketch winning a team prize of \$250 and \$100 for Clifton-Clyde High School.

Other participating teams included Nolan Kempke, Kayla Klug, Roxanne Stiles, Natalie Stoss and Nicole Zink from Claflin High School presenting a plan for Virtual Renovations; Rena Fahey, Jamie George and Ashley Long from Clifton-Clyde High School proposing a plan for J.A.R. Scrapbooking and Erin Falter, Estela Ocon and Zach Oswald from Hutchinson High School submitting a plan for EEZ Coffee.

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KTEC Background

Established in 1987, KTEC is a private/public partnership focused on meeting the needs of Kansas' entrepreneurs and technology companies by supporting development and commercialization of new technologies. Through support of strategic research and development at our Centers of Excellence, through intense hands-on business assistance at our incubators, and through our equity investments in early-stage companies, KTEC serves as an invaluable partner to companies that bring economic growth to Kansas.

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