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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ALL-EARTH ECOBOT
CHALLENGE**

*Event Day: University of Houston – Athletic/Alumni Center - April 16,
2011 - 8:00am – 6:00pm*

HOUSTON – MARCH 15, 2011 –Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) is excited to invite you to become part of the **3rd Annual All-Earth EcoBot Challenge as a Volunteer**. The All-Earth EcoBot Challenge is an engineering and marketing competition that allows teams of four students from grades 5 – 8 to develop critical problem-solving skills in real world situations. For the 2011 All-Earth EcoBot Challenge, 4th grade students will be given a special opportunity to participate in the Marketing Challenge. This opportunity will give 4th grade participants a unique introduction into the wonderful world of robotics.

For an event of this size, many volunteers are needed. Volunteer positions will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and you can choose a time slot in advance. There are a variety of positions to choose from, such as **Ecobot Team Check-in; lunch monitors; team escorts; room runners; marketing challenge judges; practice pod monitors; engineering pods; engineering challenge judges; score master; and children’s fun zone**. If you are interested in volunteering at the 2011 All-Earth Ecobot Challenge, please visit www.EcobotChallenge.com and download the Volunteer Registration Form. Send all completed forms to Ayan Martin, Ecobot Challenge Coordinator at aymartin@hcde-texas.org or fax to **713-696-1340**.

Volunteer training will also be provided to those interested. **All volunteers will get a tee-shirt**. The training day is **scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2011 with sessions at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Harris County Department of Education located at 6300 Irvington Blvd., Houston, TX 77022 (free parking)**. For additional information, contact Ayan Martin at **713-696-0773** or via email at AyMartin@hcde-texas.org.

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