

## Massachusetts to host National MATHCOUNTS Competition for the First Time in the Program's 32-year History

**State Coordinator *Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers* urges all Local Firms, Organizations, and Individuals to Sponsor this vital program for Middle School Students**

**Massachusetts** – For the first time in the 32-year history of MATHCOUNTS, the premier National Math Enrichment program for middle-school students, **Massachusetts has been selected** to host the **National MATHCOUNTS Competition** in Boston on May 8, 2015.

Since 1982, MATHCOUNTS has benefited more than 5,000,000 middle-school students in the U.S.; thousands from Massachusetts. **This year, over 800 students representing more than 100 schools across Massachusetts will participate** in this vital program. ***Students are preparing now*** for chapter competitions in January and February, leading to the State Competition in March, which will determine the teams and individuals that will represent our state at National Competition in May.

Team Massachusetts won the National Title in 1997, 1999, 2012 and 2013. Massachusetts Individuals have won titles in 1991, 1998 and in 2013. Only California has won more National MATHCOUNTS Championships.

### **SPONSORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED**

For Team Massachusetts, the National MATHCOUNTS Foundation supplies only about one third of the program's operating costs. The remaining two thirds must come from donors such as the Massachusetts Society of Professional Engineers, other professional organizations, local companies, and individuals.

**State Coordinator John Hayden, PE, explains**, "This truly grass-roots program absolutely depends on local support for its survival. It's a real win-win for Massachusetts firms and organizations to support, but many aren't even aware of the opportunity. And now that Massachusetts will HOST the National Competition, we urge fellow businesses and organizations to offer their support through monetary donations, volunteering, and simply spreading the word about this important program."

To explore sponsor opportunities, visit [www.mspe.com/mathcounts](http://www.mspe.com/mathcounts). ANY size donation is welcomed to help fund and expand the program. The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. For local donations to be credited to Massachusetts, checks must be made payable to **MATHCOUNTS Foundation** and mailed to State Coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E., 4 Davis Road, Lexington, MA 02420.

### **ABOUT MATHCOUNTS**

MATHCOUNTS offers several programs. The **National Math Club**, a component of the overall program, is *free to any school or youth group who wishes to participate*. The **Math Video Challenge** is a way for students to show off their talents in not only Math, but in creating a story and presenting that story as a video. The **Competition Series** is the centerpiece of the program. At the School, Chapter, State and National levels, students compete as individuals and as part of 4-student teams. The progressively-challenging competitions culminate at the National Competition, where a single State Team and a single individual are crowned National Champions.

For additional information, visit [www.mathcounts.org](http://www.mathcounts.org) and [www.mspe.com](http://www.mspe.com), and contact MATHCOUNTS State Coordinator John J. Hayden, P.E. at [jhayden@fstinc.com](mailto:jhayden@fstinc.com).