

CONTEST CORNER

Better, Brighter Classrooms

(NAPSA)—A little bit of color can go a long way, especially in the classroom. In fact, research suggests a colorful environment stimulates a student's learning.

Despite these findings, many of today's classrooms are drab and desperate for renovations. According to the American Society of Civil Engineers, 75 percent of our nation's school buildings are ill-equipped to meet the needs of school children.

Schools also face many outside factors that challenge the ability to make renovations, including lack of federal support for construction and remodeling and heavy competition with schools for government funding.

That's why EXPO dry erase products are helping do away with the old and bring in the new—classrooms. The popular brand of colorful dry erase markers is offering fourth through eighth grade students a chance to win their classroom a makeover worth \$10,000.

From now until December 15,



2005, students can submit an essay of 100 words or fewer describing how their teacher makes learning fun.

At the end of this year, the company will select five grand prize winners to receive a \$10,000 classroom makeover, complete with EXPO dry erase markers, white boards and accessories, fresh paint and an overall new design to enhance their learning environment. Each winner will also receive a new Dell personal computer for use at home.

To find out more about the classroom makeover program or to submit an entry, visit the Web site www.expomarkers.com.