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Sebelius at Seaman to launch design contest

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Kansas is participating in a contest for high school students to develop fuel-efficient designs for aircraft.

The contest is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, which plans to pick a national winner in April 2009. So far, Oklahoma and Vermont also have agreed to participate.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Education Commissioner Alexa Posny spoke to about 50 students at Seaman High School, north of Topeka, to kick off the state's participation.

Sebelius said the contest is a chance to promote education in science, math, engineering and technology. She said the state needs to have more students focusing on those subjects to remain competitive.