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We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Petersburg Science Festival. Please join us in celebrating science by contributing an engaging, science- or STEM-related exhibit. Festival visitors come from across West Central Florida and beyond, and our 2012 festival engaged upwards of 15,000 people, thanks to the efforts of our many partners! This year, we are building on our success with new exhibitors, dynamic stage shows, and a new Sneak Peek school event on Friday, October 18.

Families – children *and* adults – will experience the wonder and excitement of science and technology through hands-on exploration of dozens of compelling exhibits. The festival is seeking crowd pleasing exhibits that will appeal to the public's sense of curiosity. We are looking for exhibitors who will actively involve the public with hands-on interaction with the exhibits. Beyond the carnival atmosphere, the premise of the festival is to promote the sciences as accessible cultural resources that can be enjoyed by citizens of all ages, while demonstrating the importance of STEM organizations and careers to the welfare of our community and the nation.

The public festival will be held Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Poynter Park and the waterfront campus of University of South Florida (USF) St. Petersburg. The free festival is held in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) MarineQuest.

Please register online by September 4, 2013:

[http://www.theseecretsofthesea.org/page/exhibitors\\_form.html](http://www.theseecretsofthesea.org/page/exhibitors_form.html)

For more information, please visit <http://www.stpetescifest.org>, "like" our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter. Contact Theresa Burress ([tburress@usgs.gov](mailto:tburress@usgs.gov)) with any exhibit-related questions. We look forward to another exciting St. Petersburg Science Festival celebrating "Science in the Sun!"

Sincerely,

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Festival Co-Chair and Program Chair

E. Howard Rutherford, Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration Center and Aquarium  
Festival Co-Chair, St. Petersburg Science Festival