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2012 Local CFA Institute Research Challenge CFA Societies of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma

Out of a total of 20 teams across three states competing in this year's local CFA Institute Research Challenge, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) won the final competition held in conjunction with TIPS (Texas Investment Portfolio Symposium) on February 18, 2012 at University of Texas at Dallas. The Research Challenge – Texas, now in its sixth year, is managed and supported by the four CFA Societies in Texas (Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio) as well as the CFA Societies of Louisiana and Oklahoma. As the winners of this year's event, the UTSA team members are all eligible to receive a scholarship for Level One of the CFA exam.

The UTSA team went on to represent Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma at the Americas Regional Final in New York City on April 10th where around 50 teams from across the America's, including Canada, the U. S., and Latin America competed. The winner of the America's Regional this year was the Illinois Institute of Technology.

On the next day, April 11th, Illinois Institute of Technology competed against Rutgers University, winner of the NY Region, Thammasat University, winner of the Asia Pacific Region and Stockholm School of Economics, winner of the Europe, Middle East and Africa Region. **And the Winner of the 2012 Global CFA Institute Research Challenge was Thammasat University!**

From its beginnings seven years ago, the Challenge now involves more than 3,000 students from over 650 of the world's top universities. 55 countries are represented. 111 societies participate utilizing over 2,000 volunteers.

A very, very special thank you to all the members of the CFA Societies of Texas (Austin, Dallas / Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio) as well as the members of the CFA Societies of Louisiana and Oklahoma for their assistance in our local Challenge including the many university liaisons, faculty advisors, instructors, team mentors, graders and judges. Each of your contributions has made it possible for the local Challenge to become the success it is today! Volunteers interested in signing up for the Challenge in the 2012 – 2013 year, please contact Leah Bennett (lbennett@kingadvisors.com) or Sharon Criswell (scriswell@almfirst.com).