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### **Regional Conference 2014 LOI**

SHPE Executive Board,

I am writing to express my interest in attending the SHPE regional conference. My name is XXXXX, and I am an undergraduate working on my Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering. Ever since I arrived at RPI, I have been eager to meet Hispanic students who are as interested in math, science, and engineering as I am. At the beginning of the year barbecue, I received a warm welcome from these students. The upperclassmen that I have gotten to know better over the past few months have been willing to help me with whatever they can, which inspires me to become a more active SHPE member to not only improve myself, but to also become a mentor to future SHPE members. Helping the future SHPE freshmen is further along in my time at RPI, but my attendance at the conference can help me this year as well. For example, this is my first year on the Outreach staff, and leadership and teamwork skills that I learn at the conference will help me become a stronger member of the programs committee.

My attendance at this conference will help me outside of SHPE too. Although many companies are not interested in hiring freshman interns, I have been looking for opportunities to help myself become a stronger candidate for these positions. For instance, I attended the SHPE/NSBE Career Fair last fall. This gave me an idea of what it is like to interact with recruiters from various companies. The career fair at the conference will give me a similar experience. Furthermore, the professional and leadership workshops at the conference will help prepare me for future internships as well. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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