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Dear Braeden,

On behalf of IBM's Systems and Technology Group, I'd like to congratulate you on being one of the winners of the 2012 IBM Master the Mainframe Contest. I hope the experiences and accomplishments you gained by participating in the contest have encouraged you to continue exploring the IBM System z platform.

IBM invested more than one billion dollars to create the newest mainframe system, the IBM zEnterprise EC12, launched in August 2012. While these systems continue to be prized for unmatched reliability, scalability and security, they are also pushing new boundaries in business analytics, cloud delivery and virtualization. This is an exciting time to be a part of the enterprise computing world, and I'm pleased that you've decided to join us.

IBM runs the Master the Mainframe Contest in response to demand from our clients for job candidates with the skills you've just been learning. Many Fortune 500 companies run their mission-critical workloads on the mainframe. These companies are recruiting new talent to support their enterprise systems, and you've put yourself in a great position to take advantage of career opportunities at some of the world's top employers.

Please take some time to browse the jobs posted on our job board at [Systemzjobs.com](http://Systemzjobs.com). Also, consider talking with your educators about including enterprise computing concepts into their curricula if they don't already.

Thank you for helping to make this year's contest a success. I hope you found it enjoyable, and I look forward to hearing of many more successes from this year's Mainframe Masters.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Lotko". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "G" and a cursive "Lotko".

Gregory N. Lotko  
Vice President and Business Line Executive, System z