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Secretary Chu Announces Middle and High School Finalists Set to Compete in the 2012 National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

Over 100 Teams Will Compete in Finals After Nearly 14,000 Students Competed in Regional Competitions

Washington D.C. – Demonstrating the Obama Administration’s commitment to improving the participation and performance of America’s students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced the list of 113 regional middle and high school finalists that will compete in the Energy Department’s National Science Bowl Finals in Washington, D.C., at the end of April. Since January, nearly 14,000 students have competed in regional tournaments in which teams of four or five students were tested via a fast-paced Jeopardy-style format on a range of science-related topics including biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, astronomy and math.

“Congratulations to the finalists of our 22nd annual science bowl, some of America’s future leaders in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. We look forward to seeing them showcase their knowledge during the final competitions,” said Energy Secretary Chu. “Through the National Science Bowl, we’re fulfilling the President’s mission to challenge the next generation to forge new advances in science and math and ensure that America stays competitive in a rapidly advancing world.”

From Friday, April 27, through Monday, April 30, the 69 high school teams and 44 middle school teams will face off in the National Finals and will participate in a variety of activities, including the Lithium-Ion Battery-Powered Model Car Race for middle school students and hands-on science experiments for high school students. As champions of their regional science bowl competitions, each of the 113 teams are awarded all-expense paid trips to Washington, D.C.

The Energy Department created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 200,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl throughout its 22 year history, and it is the nation’s largest science competition. Most teams are coached by teachers from the students’ schools and spend several months preparing for the regional competitions. The regional tournaments, which host 15-50 teams, are sponsored by federal agencies, national laboratories, institutions of education and non-profit organizations.

Last year, California’s Mira Loma High School defeated Maryland’s Montgomery Blair High School in the Finals and won an all-expense paid trip to the International Science School in Sydney, Australia. California’s Gale Ranch Middle School won the middle school national championship match.

DOE's Office of Science manages the competition. More information about these events is available on the National Science Bowl website: <http://www.science.energy.gov/nsb/>.

The 2012 National Science Bowl middle school and high school finalists are:

Alabama

Auburn

Auburn High School

Spanish Fort

Spanish Fort Middle School

Arizona

Phoenix

Brophy College Preparatory (HS)

Scottsdale

BASIS Scottsdale (MS)

Arkansas

Fort Smith

Trinity Junior High School

Little Rock

Little Rock Central High School

California

Bakersfield

Stockdale High School

Bonita

Boyz to Menz Mentoring Group (MS)

Chico

Chico High School

Fremont

Hopkins Junior High School

Irvington High School

Fresno

Edison Computech 7-8 (MS)

Irvine

Woodbridge High School

La Jolla

La Jolla High School

Lodi

Tokay High School

Los Angeles

Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (MS)

Moraga

Campolindo High School

North Hollywood

North Hollywood High School

Sacramento

Mira Loma High School

San Jose

The Harker School (MS)

Lynbrook High School

Colorado

Fort Collins

Ridgeview Classical Schools (HS)

Greenwood Village

Cherry Creek High School

Connecticut

New Haven

Hopkins School

District of Columbia

Washington

Washington Latin Public Charter School (MS)

Woodrow Wilson High School

Florida

Gainesville

Abraham Lincoln Middle School

Miami

Miami Palmetto Senior High School

Weston

Cypress Bay High School

Georgia

Decatur

Renfroe Middle School

Evans

Lakeside High School

Marietta

Walton High School

Hawaii

Honolulu

Iolani School

Idaho

Boise

Treasure Valley Math and Science Center – (HS)

Treasure Valley Math and Science Center – (MS)
Meridian
Cole Valley Christian School (HS)

Illinois

Aurora

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (HS)

Chicago

Hurley Elementary School

Evanston

Evanston Township High School

Lincolnshire

Daniel Wright Middle School

Indiana

Carmel

Creekside Middle School

West Lafayette

Harrison High School

Iowa

Cedar Rapids

Home Schools of Eastern Iowa (MS)

West Des Moines

Valley High School

Kansas

Overland Park

Blue Valley West High School

Kentucky

Louisville

duPont Manual High School

Murray

Calloway County Middle School

Paducah

Lone Oak High School

Louisiana

Natchitoches

Louisiana School for Math, Science and Arts (HS)

Maine

Cape Elizabeth

Cape Elizabeth High School

Maryland

Silver Spring

Montgomery Blair High School

Takoma Park Middle School

Massachusetts

Lexington

Lexington High School

Michigan

Saginaw

Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy – (HS)

Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy – (MS)

Minnesota

Excelsior

Minnetonka Middle School West

St. Paul

St. Paul Central High School

Mississippi

Columbus

Mississippi School for Math and Science (HS)

Tupelo

Tupelo Middle School

Missouri

Kansas City

Barstow School (HS)

Montana

Glasgow

Glasgow Middle School

Helena

Helena High School

Nebraska

Lincoln

Lincoln East High School

Omaha

Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School

Nevada

Las Vegas

Advanced Technologies Academy (HS)

Faith Lutheran Junior High School

New Jersey

Princeton

Princeton High School

Princeton Junction

Thomas Grover Middle School

New Mexico

Albuquerque

Albuquerque Academy (MS)

Los Alamos

Los Alamos High School

New York

Buffalo

Kaleidoscope Competitions (HS)

Clarence

Clarence Middle School

Commack

Commack Middle School

Delmar

Bethlehem Central High School

East Setauket

Ward Melville High School

Farmingdale

Farmingdale State College High School STEP

New York City

The Dalton School (MS)

Hunter College High School

Niskayuna

Van Antwerp Middle School

Scarsdale

Scarsdale High School

North Carolina

Charlotte

Victory Christian Center Middle School

Durham

North Carolina School for Science and Mathematics (HS)

North Dakota

Grand Forks

Red River High School

Oklahoma

Edmond

Santa Fe High School

Oologah

Oologah Middle School

Pennsylvania**Pittsburgh**

Ingomar Middle School

Wexford

North Allegheny Senior High School

Puerto Rico**Caguas**

Colegio Catolico Notre Dame (HS)

South Dakota**Aberdeen**

Aberdeen Central High School

Tennessee**Knoxville**

Bearden High School

Maryville

Blount Home Education Association (MS)

Texas**Amarillo**

Amarillo High School

Austin

Liberal Arts and Science Academy (HS)

Canyon

Canyon Junior High School

El Paso

Valle Verde Early College High School

Helotes

Sandra Day O'Connor High School

Los Fresnos

Resaca Middle School

Mercedes

Science Academy of South Texas (HS)

Missouri City

Quail Valley Middle School Academy for the Gifted and Talented

San Antonio

Hector P. Garcia Middle School

Virgin Islands**Kingshill**

St. Croix Educational Complex High School

Virginia

Alexandria

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Falls Church

Longfellow Middle School

Washington

Bellevue

Seattle Science Infinity Club (MS)

Pullman

Pullman High School

Richland

Hanford High School

Vancouver

Mountain View High School

Shahala Middle School

West Virginia

Morgantown

Morgantown High School

Suncrest Middle School

Wisconsin

Madison

Madison Metropolitan School District (MS)

Marshfield

Marshfield High School

Wyoming

Casper

Kelly Walsh High School