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Students from California and Tennessee Win Car Competition at National Science Bowl

Teams win \$500 for their schools' science departments

Washington D.C. – A team of students from Fresno, Calif. built the fastest lithium-ion battery-powered model car raced during the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science National Science Bowl, taking home \$500 for their school's science department. Judges also determined that middle school students from Blount Home Education Association in Maryville, Tenn. came up with the best car design in the competition, also earning their school's science department \$500.

The three teams with the fastest cars in the competition received trophies. Those teams and the time it took their cars to travel 20 meters (approximately 65 feet) are:

Team:	Time:
Edison Computech (Fresno, Calif.)	5.97 seconds
Treasure Valley Math and Science Center (Boise, Idaho)	6.05 seconds
Albuquerque Academy (Albuquerque, N.M.)	6.19 seconds

The 46 middle school teams that competed in today's car races won regional science bowl academic competitions against a total of 1,023 teams nationwide. While the academic competition is the primary focus of the National Science Bowl, today's car race is also intended to further engage middle school students in science and math.

The National Science Bowl concludes Monday, April 29 when the top two middle school teams in the academic tournament will compete for the championship. The top two high school teams that emerge from their competition today also will face off Monday to determine the National Science Bowl's high school champion.

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