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Department of Energy Hosting Paducah Regional Science Bowl

PADUCAH, KY – The U.S. Department of Energy will hold its third Regional Science Bowl in February at West Kentucky Community & Technical College.

High school teams will compete Feb. 10, and middle school teams will compete Feb. 24, from 8:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of Crouse Hall on the University of Kentucky Extension Campus at 4810 Alben Barkley Drive. Competition is open to the public.

Schools are encouraged to register and get more information by visiting www.science.energy.gov/nsb or contacting Don Dihel at the Department at 270-441-6824. Registration deadline for the event is January 30th for High School and February 13th for Middle School. Winning high school and middle school teams will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Science Bowl April 26-30.

The National Science Bowl is America's largest and most prestigious science competition for middle and high school students. More than 21,600 students from 42 states plus Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and the U.S. Virgin Islands have competed in regional competitions. It is the only educational event and academic competition that is sponsored by a federal agency. Last year's competition drew high school teams from Paducah Tilghman, Lone Oak, Reidland, St. Mary, Marshall County, Hopkinsville, Crittenden County, Gatton Academy, West Kentucky Homeschool, and Madisonville-North Hopkins. Gatton Academy of Bowling Green won the regional competition.

Middle school competitors in 2011 were from Paducah Middle School, Reidland, St. Mary, Calloway County, Trigg County, Henderson County, North Oldham and West Kentucky Homeschool. Paducah Middle School won the completion and was national runner-up in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Model car challenge.

A fast-paced, question-and-answer format similar to the Jeopardy TV game show tests teams of students in all areas of science and mathematics.

"We love doing this," said Reinhard Knerr, DOE Paducah Site Lead. "The DOE Science Bowl promotes education and is a chance for us (DOE) to support these very bright youth."

This year's theme is "Everything is Connected." Winning high school teams compete for science trips, and past winners have gone to France, England, Belize, and Alaska.

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The regional competition is supported by the contributions of local businesses and individuals. The funds are utilized for trophies, T-shirts, and lunch for the participating students. Donations can be sent to The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, attention Stacy Thomas.

The regional competition is sponsored by DOE, UK, and the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Partnership.

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