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Schenectady Students Win Regional National Science Bowl® Competition,
Secure Spot in National Finals in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz today announced that a
team of middle school students from Schenectady, N.Y. won their regional competition
for the 2016 National Science Bowl® (NSB) this past weekend and are advancing to
compete at the National Finals in Washington, D.C., in April. This year marks the 26th
time the national competition has been held.

“The National Science Bowl® continues to be one of the premier academic competitions
across the country, and prepares America's students for future successes in some of the
world’s fastest growing fields in research and engineering,” said U.S. Energy Secretary
Moniz. “I am honored to congratulate all of the competitors who are advancing to the
national finals where they will continue to showcase their talents as top students in math
and science.”

The NSB brings together thousands of middle and high school students from across the
country to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve
technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines including
biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, physics and math.

The team from your area that won their qualifying regional competition this past
weekend and will be advancing to the National Finals is:

Iroquois Middle School, Schenectady, New York

A series of 116 regional middle school and high school tournaments are being held across
the country from January through March. Winners will advance to represent their areas at
the National Science Bowl® held from April 28 to May 2 in Washington, D.C., for the
final middle school and high school competitions.

The top 16 high school teams and the top 16 middle school teams in the National Finals
will win $1,000 for their schools’ science departments. Prizes for the top two high school
teams for the 2016 NSB will be announced at a later date.

The high school team that won the 2015 NSB received a nine-day, all-expenses-paid
science trip to Alaska, where they learned more about glaciology, marine and avian
biology, geology and plate tectonics. The second-place high school team at the 2015 NSB
won a five-day, fully guided adventure tour of several national parks, which included a
whitewater rafting trip.

More than 250,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl® in its 25-
year history, and it is one of the nation’s largest science competitions. More than 14,000
students compete in the NSB each year.

DOE’s Office of Science manages the NSB Finals competition. More information is available on the NSB website: http://www.science.energy.gov/wdts/nsb/.

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