



**Celebrating 18 Years of Competition**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**DOE's National Science Bowl® Kicks Off Thursday**  
*America's Future Scientists and Engineers Show What They Know*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Teams representing high schools from 42 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico will compete in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Science Bowl® May 1 - 6, 2008 in Washington DC. Each participating team emerged from one of the event's 67 regional high school Science Bowls to earn an all-expense-paid trip to compete in the National Finals.

The DOE National Science Bowl® is the only science competition in the United States sponsored by a federal agency and supports the Bush Administration's commitment to investing in our next generation of scientists, engineers and educators so America can remain at the forefront of innovation and successfully compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global marketplace.

This year, more than 12,000 students competed in regional high school Science Bowl events, designed to encourage students to excel in science and math, and to pursue careers in those fields. Over 130,000 students have participated in the competition throughout its 18 year history.

NOTE: Teams are available for interviews throughout the competition. Please contact the DOE National Science Bowl Press Room at (301) 961-2854 beginning Friday, May 2 to make arrangements.

**SCHEDULE FOR MEDIA**

***Plenary Speaker***

**WHO:** Dr. Paul Burrows, Nanoscience and nanotechnology expert  
*"How Many Scientists Does It Take to Change a Light Bulb?"*

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 3, 2008  
**9:00 AM – 10:15 AM EDT**

WHERE: National 4-H Youth Conference Center  
7100 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, MD

***Division Team Challenge Competitions***

WHO: All teams  
Teams will apply scientific analysis skills to solve hands-on experiments.

WHEN: Saturday, May 3, 2008  
**2:45 PM – 5:00 PM EDT**

WHERE: National 4-H Youth Conference Center  
7100 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, MD

***Competition Begins with Round Robin Matches***

WHO: 67 Regional Champion Teams

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 2008  
**11:15 AM – 5:00 PM EDT**

WHERE: National 4-H Youth Conference Center  
7100 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, MD

***Double-Elimination Matches***

WHO: 16 Regional Champion Teams

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 2008  
**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM EDT**

WHERE: National 4-H Youth Conference Center  
7100 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, MD

***Championship Rounds & Awards Ceremony with Secretary Bodman***

WHO: 6 Regional Champion Teams

WHEN: Monday, May 5, 2008  
**Semifinals: 10:30 AM – 11:10 AM EDT**  
**Championship Match: 11:10 AM – 11:50 PM (Camera pre-set 10:30 am)**

**\*U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman will present the awards immediately following the championship match.**

WHERE: National Building Museum  
401 F Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

*Satellite Feed of Final Round Footage and Awards Ceremony*

WHO: Energy Secretary Bodman and Matches with Final Three Teams

WHEN: Monday, May 5, 2008  
**4:00 PM EDT**

WHERE: AMC3 (C-Band)  
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For more information about the DOE National Science Bowl<sup>®</sup>, visit:  
<http://nationalsciencebowl.energy.gov>.

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