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Georgia's Lakeside High School Competes in National Finals

AIKEN, S.C., (April 29, 2010) – After competing against 20 other teams from throughout South Carolina and northern Georgia, and winning the 20th annual Department of Energy Savannah River Regional Science Bowl, a Lakeside High School team, from Evans, Ga., is now competing at the prestigious National Finals (all-expense paid trip), April 29-May 4, in Washington, D.C.

The competition is the country's longest-running science tournament.

A second Lakeside team took third place at this year's regional competition, held at The University of South Carolina Aiken, while Dorman High School, from Roebuck, S.C., placed second.

The national championship team will win its choice of three science-related trips, which include locations in the U.S., France and England.

Each match challenges the students' knowledge in science and math using a fast-paced question and answer format similar to *Jeopardy*. The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Science Bowl is the only educational event and academic competition of its kind that is sponsored by a federal agency.

In addition to DOE, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and the University of South Carolina Aiken are partners in coordinating the Department of Energy Savannah River Regional Science Bowl.

"For nearly two decades, the site's educational outreach program has supported a variety of events throughout the school year," said Barbara Smoak, Manager, SRNS Education Outreach. "We're pleased to plan, finance and implement outreach programs like the Future City Competition, Introduce a Girl to

Engineering, and the Science Bowl that provide area students unique opportunities for exceptional educational growth.”

Since DOE’s National Science Bowl began in 1991, more than 130,000 students – and their teachers – have participated. Student teams, which consist of four students, an alternate, and a teacher/coach, practice for months before the competition. Many teams even test their knowledge against real scientists at major corporations or DOE’s National Laboratories, such as the Savannah River National Laboratory, who volunteer their time to help students prepare to answer complex questions.

More information about DOE’s National Science Bowl[®] is available at:

<http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/nsb/default.htm>

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