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AREA HIGH SCHOOLS COMPETE IN GREATER CINCINNATI REGIONAL SCIENCE BOWL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Cincinnati - The Department of Energy's (DOE) Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl will be held at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College on Saturday, February 2. Student teams representing Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky high schools are quizzed on math and science disciplines including biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, computer technology, and astronomy. The teams advance through elimination to a final round to determine the regional champion, that will represent the region at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl, May 1-6, in Washington, DC. Teams representing the Dayton area's Beavercreek High School won the regional competitions and participated in the nationals in both 2006 and 2007.

"We are very excited to sponsor and participate in the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl," said Jack Craig, Director of the sponsoring Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC). "Our Federal employees, helped by many of the employees and retirees from DOE projects in the area, really enjoy volunteering and interacting with the student teams and their coaches. The level of knowledge and dedication that these students display is impressive."

This is the 17th year that a regional competition is being held in Cincinnati. The 2008 theme is, "*What's in Your Orbit?*" celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Explorer 1. Videos provided by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) will be shown during the competition breaks, with participating schools receiving a special edition book provided by JPL NASA about Explorer 1.

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High Schools expected to participate in Saturday's competition include Amelia, Badin, Beavercreek, Bellefontaine, Centerville, Cincinnati Country Day, Colerain, Graham, Greenon, Harrison, Lakota East, Loveland, Milford, Oak Hills, Reading, Ross, St. Henry, Sycamore, Walnut Hills and Wyoming.

The first matches of the competition continue throughout the day beginning at 9am. The awards ceremony will take place about 3:30pm. The Cincinnati-based EMCBC provides a variety of contracting, technical and administrative support to DOEs environmental cleanup projects across the county.

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