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## **23 teams from 17 schools compete at Western Idaho Science Bowl**

### **Micron Foundation, community volunteers partner to support STEM-focused event**

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#### **Who:**

Western Idaho students, representing 17 schools, will be sharing their knowledge of science subjects and concepts during the Western Idaho Regional Science Bowl for 9-12 grade students. The event also includes educators/team coaches, members of the Micron Foundation, guest speakers from Boise State University, and about 75 volunteers from Micron and other local organizations.

#### **When and Where:**

Monday, February 27, 2017

9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Boise State University

Student Union Building

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

1700 University Drive

Boise, ID 83706

#### **Why:**

Twenty-three teams of high school students are competing to win an all expenses-paid trip to the Department of Energy National Science Bowl in Washington D.C. to be held April 27— May 1, 2017. The event nurtures student interest in science, technology, engineering and math subjects, skills that are increasingly needed in the workforce to spur Idaho's economy.

#### **Visuals and Interview Opportunities:**

There will be opportunities to access the competitions and interview team leaders between contests and members of the Micron Foundation, the entity sponsoring and organizing the event.

#### **About the Western Idaho Regional Science Bowl & National Science Bowl:**

The WIRSB is an official regional bowl for the [National Science Bowl](#) competition for high school students, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. The winning WIRSB team will receive an all-expenses paid trip to compete at the national event held in Washington, D.C. during April 27— May 1, 2017. The national event also includes several days of science activities, sightseeing, and competitions.

Launched in 1991, the National Science Bowl (NSB) is a highly competitive science education and academic event among teams of high school and middle school students who compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math. Each team is composed of four students, one alternate student, and a coach. Regional and national events encourage student involvement in math and science activities of importance to the Department of Energy and the Nation.

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