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Regional Finalists Announced for 2015 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology

WASHINGTON, Oct 19, 2015 -- The Siemens Foundation today announced the <u>2015 class of regional finalists</u> for the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the nation's premier research competition for high school students.

Ninety-seven regional finalists have been invited to advance to the next round of the competition, where they will vie for one of the most prestigious science honors awarded to high school students in the country today. These regional finalists were picked from an exceptional group of 466 semi-finalists that were announced on October 16. These semi-finalists presented projects that were considered outstanding and notable from a pool of nearly 1800 projects submitted this year.

The 97 regional finalists will now advance to one of six regional competitions held over three consecutive weekends in November at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (November 6-7); Georgia Institute of Technology (November 6-7); University of Notre Dame (November 13-14); The University of Texas at Austin (November 13-14); California Institute of Technology (November 20-21); and Carnegie Mellon University (November 20-21).

"Today's regional finalists represents an outstanding group of students whose remarkable projects not only demonstrate a very advanced aptitude in STEM research but represent ideas that address some of today's most challenging issues," said David Etzwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation. "We congratulate the regional finalists on their accomplishments and wish them luck in the next phase of the competition."

The Siemens Competition, administered by Discovery Education, awards a \$1000 scholarship to each regional finalist, in addition to one \$3,000 prize to an individual winner and a\$6,000 prize to a team winner at each regional competition.

Winners of the regional events will then advance to the National Finals at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., December 6-8, 2015, where \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded, including two top prizes of \$100,000.

A complete list of finalists and their projects is available at <u>www.siemens-foundation.org</u> preceding each regional event

For up-to-date news and announcements about the Regional Competitions and the National Finals, follow us on Twitter <u>@SFoundation</u> (#SiemensComp) and like us on Facebook at <u>SiemensFoundation</u>.

About the Siemens Foundation

The <u>Siemens Foundation</u> has invested more than \$90 million in the United States to advance workforce development and education initiatives in science, technology, engineering and math. The Foundation's mission is inspired by the culture of innovation, research and continuous learning that is the hallmark of Siemens' companies. Together, the programs at the Siemens Foundation are helping close the opportunity gap for young people in the U.S. when it comes to STEM careers, and igniting and sustaining today's STEM workforce and tomorrow's scientists and engineers. For further information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org or follow @sfoundation.

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