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**Enable Training and Consulting, Inc. Inspires Next Generation of Innovators
as Silver Supplier of the *FIRST*[®] Robotics Competition**

Milton, Ontario – February 18, 2010 – Enable Training and Consulting, Inc. announced today that it has joined forces with [FIRST[®]](#) (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), a not-for-profit organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology, as a Silver Supplier of the [FIRST Robotics Competition \(FRC[®]\)](#).

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition Silver Supplier level designates a contribution between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Enable Training and Consulting, Inc. provided online video training resources for the FRC playing field and the 2010 FRC Kit of Parts, which was distributed to more than 1,800 teams of high-school students on January 9, 2010.

“Enable Training and Consulting, Inc. is a generous supporter of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition,” said *FIRST* president, Paul R. Gudonis. “As a Silver Supplier, Enable Training and Consulting, Inc. greatly helps us to achieve our vision: ‘to create a world where science and technology are celebrated... where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders.’”

By providing components for the competition, *FIRST* suppliers are putting the latest technology in the hands of students, giving them the opportunity to apply the same tools used by professional scientists and engineers and ultimately helping them learn real-world skills they will carry into the workplace.

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Since 1992, *FIRST* has brought the excitement of a sporting event to science and technology via robotics competitions. On January 9, the organization unveiled the annual engineering challenge to teams, who also received a Kit of Parts made up of 577 items including motors, batteries, a control system, a PC, and a mix of automation components – but no instructions. Working with mentors, students now have just six weeks to design, build, program, and test their robots in preparation for regional events that measure the effectiveness of each robot, the power of collaboration, and the determination of students.

In the 2010 FRC “[Breakaway](#)” robotics game, two alliances of three teams will compete on a 27-by-54-foot field with bumps, attempting to earn points by collecting soccer balls in goals. Additional bonus points will be earned for each robot suspended in air and not touching the field at the end of the match.

More than 45,000 students from 12 countries will design and build robots to compete in regional events with winners advancing to the *FIRST* Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, April 15-17, 2010. Participating students are eligible to apply for nearly \$12 million in scholarships offered by leading universities, colleges, and companies.

About *FIRST*[®]

Accomplished inventor Dean Kamen founded *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Based in Manchester, N.H., *FIRST* designs accessible, innovative programs to build self-confidence, knowledge, and life skills while motivating young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology, and engineering. With support from three out of every five Fortune 500 companies and nearly \$12 million in college scholarships, the not-for-profit organization hosts the *FIRST*[®] Robotics Competition (FRC[®]) and *FIRST*[®] Tech Challenge (FTC[®]) for high-school students, *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League (FLL[®]) for 9 to 14-year-olds, (9 to 16-year-olds outside the U.S. and Canada) and Junior *FIRST*[®] LEGO[®] League (Jr.FLL) for 6 to 9-year-olds. Gracious Professionalism[™] is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. To learn more about *FIRST*, go to www.usfirst.org.

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