



## Leidos Sponsors 2014 FIRST® Championship

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### Company Continues to Support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education

RESTON, Va., April 7, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- [Leidos](#) [NYSE: LDOS], a national security, health and engineering solutions company, is continuing its longstanding commitment with [FIRST®](#) (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) in support of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. Leidos is funding more than 120 teams, 38 of which are [FIRST®](#) Robotics Competition (FRC®) teams, providing employee coaches and mentors, and sponsoring elementary, middle and high school competitions across the country in regions with Leidos offices. In addition, Leidos is sponsoring 10 regional events and the [FIRST](#) Championship in St. Louis, Mo., April 23-26, 2014.



[FIRST](#) inspires interest in STEM careers among students ages six to 18, and hosts robotics competition at regional, national and international levels. Twenty teams sponsored by Leidos (formerly SAIC) were invited to participate in the 2013 [FIRST](#) Robotics Competition Championship held last April, and Leidos hopes to send as many teams again this year.

Leidos-sponsored events for this season include:

Event Name	Location	Date
<i>FIRST</i> Lego League (FLL) Virginia State Championship	James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.	Dec. 7-8, 2013
FLL Maryland State Championship	University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, Retriever Activities Center, Catonsville, Md.	March 1, 2014
<i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge (FTC) Virginia	Arthur Ashe Athletic Center, Richmond Va.	March 1, 2014
FTC Maryland State Championship	Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, Md.	Feb. 22, 2014
<i>FIRST</i> Robotics Challenge (FRC) San Diego Regional Competition	Valley View Casino Center, San Diego, Ca.	March 7-8, 2014
FRC Virginia Regional Competition	Virginia Commonwealth University, Siegel Center, Richmond, Va.	March 21-22, 2014
FRC Smoky Mountains Regional Competition	Knoxville Convention Center, Tenn.	March 28-29, 2014
FRC Washington, D.C. Regional Competition	George Mason University, Patriot Center, Fairfax, Va.	March 28-29, 2014

FRC Chesapeake Regional Competition	University of Maryland, Comcast Center, College Park, Md.	April 4-5, 2014
FRC Bayou Regional Competition	Pontchartrain Center, Kenner, La.	April 4-5, 2014
FIRST Championship	Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Mo.	April 23-26, 2014

"Our employees demonstrate that STEM career paths are both important and rewarding," said Gulu Gambhir, chief technology officer (CTO) and K-12 STEM Program executive sponsor. "I've found that volunteering is equally fulfilling, providing an opportunity to see the enthusiasm and passion of *FIRST* participants."

As a supporter of *FIRST*, Leidos (formerly SAIC) has contributed nearly \$2 million since 2009 and countless volunteer hours. In 2013 alone, Leidos employee volunteers logged more than 5,000 hours to K-12 STEM/*FIRST* activities – 33% of all total volunteer hours reported by the company.

"*FIRST* is grateful to have Leidos' continued support, and we are thrilled that they have signed on as a [Sponsor](#) for our annual Championship event," said Donald E. Bossi, *FIRST* President. "For years, Leidos has shown their passion for the *FIRST* mission by providing financial support to *FIRST* teams and events, as well as encouraging their employees to volunteer within our organization. Their multi-layered support for *FIRST* is extremely valuable and much appreciated."

#### **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 over 200 of the Fortune 500 companies and more than \$19 million in college scholarships, the not-for-profit organization hosts the [FIRST®Robotics Competition](#) (FRC®) for students in Grades 9-12; [FIRST®Tech Challenge](#) (FTC®) for Grades 7-12; [FIRST®LEGO® League](#) (FLL®) for Grades 4-8; and [Junior FIRST®LEGO® League](#) (Jr.FLL®) for Grades K-3. [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](http://www.usfirst.org).

#### **About Leidos**

Leidos is a science and technology solutions leader working to address some of the world's toughest challenges in national security, health, and engineering. The Company's 22,000 employees support vital missions for our government and the commercial sector, develop innovative solutions to drive better outcomes, and defend our Nation's digital and physical infrastructure from 'new world' threats. Headquartered in Reston, Va., Leidos had annual revenues of approximately \$5.77 billion for its fiscal year ended January 31, 2014, following the spin-off of the company's technical services and information technology business. For more information, visit [www.Leidos.com](http://www.Leidos.com).

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