



## SAIC CEO Walt Havenstein Named Chairman of the Board for Not-For-Profit Organization FIRST(R) (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)

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Havenstein to Continue his Support of FIRST, helping Inspire Young People's Interest and Participation in Science and Technology

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MCLEAN, Va., June 2, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) (NYSE: SAI) today announced that Chief Executive Officer Walt Havenstein has been elected as chairman of the board of directors for *FIRST(R)* (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.

*FIRST* works to inspire students from kindergarten through high school to be science and technology leaders. The organization hosts events including robotics competitions at local, regional and national levels, engaging students in mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, and encourage innovation. As chairman, Havenstein will develop new partnerships and mentorships with the goal of creating and maintaining robust, volunteer-driven and self-sustaining programs. He has been a member of the *FIRST* Board of Directors since 2006.

"Walt brings such a wealth of knowledge to our organization," said Kamen, founder of *FIRST* and CEO of DEKA Research and Development. "I am looking forward to benefiting from the wisdom and experience that Walt adds to our team of directors and I am excited to see what great things will happen for *FIRST* and the community under Walt's leadership."

As part of its enterprise-wide program to help inspire, engage and educate students in K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, SAIC formed a strategic relationship with *FIRST* in January 2010. Through participation in these programs, employee volunteers across the nation from SAIC and other companies can encourage the development of problem solving, critical thinking, creative and innovative reasoning skills in students K-12, and provide them with a foundation and proven path to college, and career success in STEM-related fields. Havenstein's appointment as chairman further underscores SAIC's commitment to these initiatives.

"For America to remain economically competitive, our next generation of leaders must develop the critical-reasoning and problem-solving skills that will help make them productive. *FIRST* addresses this challenge, inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders," said Havenstein. "I look forward to furthering my support of *FIRST*, as they continue to inspire innovation, and foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership - skills at the heart of today's high-tech, high-skill global economy."

### About FIRST(R)

Accomplished inventor Dean Kamen founded *FIRST(R)* (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 more than \$12 million in college scholarships, the not-for-profit organization hosts the *FIRST(R)* Robotics Competition (FRC(R) ) and *FIRST(R)* Tech Challenge (FTC(R) ) for high-school students, *FIRST(R)* LEGO(R) League (FLL(R) ) for 9 to 14-year-olds, (9 to 16-year-olds outside the U.S. and Canada) and Junior *FIRST(R)* LEGO(R) League (Jr.FLL(TM)) for 6 to 9-year-olds. Gracious Professionalism(TM) 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 SAIC

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