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NEWS RELEASE

To: Media

From: The DEKCS team

Re: **"Ramp & Roll" Regional canceled**

U.S. FIRST founder Dean Kamen recently informed the KHS FIRST Club and its Delco Electronics partners that the U.S. FIRST "Ramp & Roll" Charlotte (North Carolina) Regional scheduled for Feb. 27-28 has been canceled. Kamen explained to the DEKCS (Delco Electronics/Kokomo-Center Schools) sponsored KHS FIRST Club members that a number of the teams which originally expressed interest in competing in the Charlotte Regional declined to participate.

KHS FIRST Club officials made an offer to host a Regional in Kokomo, Indiana, but Kamen didn't feel U.S. FIRST officials could organize a quality competition on such short notice. The Regional entry fee will be refunded to DEKCS officials, according to Kamen, and the KHS FIRST Club team now will advance directly to the national U.S. FIRST "Ramp & Roll" competition March 30 through April 1 at Epcot '95 in Walt Disney World at Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

The Kokomo High School FIRST Club continues preparations for the national competition by testing prototypes on a replica U.S. FIRST "Ramp & Roll" playing field, which the Kokomo High School students, their sponsors and their Delco Electronics partners built.

For additional information or to set up interviews and photo sessions, please contact either David Barnes, 455-8000, ext. 312, or Jane Powers, 451-0908.