Webinar To Feature Iconic Inventor, FIRST Founder Dean Kamen

(Madison, WI & Edison, NJ) – On September 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. EST, IET Inspec and Automation Federation, along with support from **Newark's element14 engineering community** and Interpower will present an interactive webinar entitled; *Great Minds on Innovation, Featuring Dean Kamen.* Along with Kamen, the event will be moderated by *Product Design & Development's* editorial director, Jeff Reinke.

Kamen is perhaps best known for his role in founding FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) – an organization that challenges young people to get more involved in science and technology through various robotics competitions and numerous other related events and activities. However, Kamen's resume goes far beyond his role in FIRST. He also:

- Holds several patents for medical devices that have played crucial roles in areas such as insulin delivery.
- Has developed an inexpensive, portable water purification system that was featured in *TIME* magazine as one of the coolest inventions of the year.
- Has worked, via FIRST, with companies such as General Electric, General Motors, BAE Systems, Xerox, Johnson & Johnson and Caterpillar.
- Was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1997.
- Received the National Medal of Technology in 2000 from President Clinton.
- Was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2005.
- Was awarded the Global Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations in 2006.
- Is currently involved in work ranging from Stirling engines to brain-controlled prosthetic limbs.

Simply put, when it comes to pushing the limits of product design through new and innovative thinking, this generation's best may very well be Dean Kamen. In addition to his presentation, those attending the on-line event will have a chance to submit questions to Kamen via this interactive format.

Registration is available by clicking here [1].

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