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Analog Devices Marks 50th Anniversary with Expanded Support of FIRST Promoting Science and Technology to Youth

NORWOOD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Analog Devices, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ADI) is celebrating its [50th anniversary](#) by expanding support of *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. A global leader in high-performance semiconductors for signal processing applications, ADI has contributed to the *FIRST* mission since 2004 through employees volunteering as mentors and judges, donations of converters, sensors and other products, as well as monetary donations and support of *FIRST* competition teams.

"Through the world of robotics, *FIRST* empowers young people and starts them on the road to becoming innovators of tomorrow," said Ray Stata cofounder and chairman of the board, Analog Devices. "It is truly amazing and inspiring to see these students developing robots while in middle school and high school with capabilities that surpass the most advanced systems in development back in 1965 when ADI was founded. We are honored to be a part of *FIRST* and we are proud of the many ADI employees who support the teams."

To commemorate the company's 50th anniversary, ADI made donations of over \$50,000 through a corporate sponsorship that will help to fund *FIRST* events in New England and California, and as a diamond-level supplier to the *FIRST*® Robotics Competition (FRC®), donating materials such as MEMS (micro-electromechanical systems) components and controllers that will be used by competition teams around the world. FRC offers high school students the opportunity to work directly with professional engineers to gain hands-on experience by building and programming task-oriented robots. ADI and its employees also are continuing to provide support for this effort by serving as volunteer mentors, judges, and fundraisers at FRC and the closely affiliated *FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL®) team events throughout North America.

"*FIRST* shares our commitment to STEM programs in the communities where we work and live by inspiring the next generation of young people to pursue careers in engineering and math," said Vincent Roche, president and CEO, Analog Devices. "As we begin our next 50 years as a leading technology provider, ADI is pleased to continue our support—financially and through the talents of our dedicated employee-volunteers."

"We congratulate Analog Devices on a half-century of innovation and appreciate the generous support they have shown *FIRST* over the years," said Donald E. Bossi, president, *FIRST*. "It's through partnerships like this that *FIRST* will inspire the coming generations of inventors and innovators who will shape our world."

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 \$20 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.

About Analog Devices, Inc.

Innovation, performance, and excellence are the cultural pillars on which Analog Devices has built one of the longest standing, highest growth companies within the technology sector. Acknowledged industry-wide as the world leader in data conversion and signal conditioning technology, Analog Devices serves over 100,000 customers, representing virtually all types of electronic equipment. Analog Devices is headquartered in Norwood, Massachusetts, with design and manufacturing facilities throughout the world. Analog Devices is included in the S&P 500 Index. <http://www.analog.com>

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