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MEDIA ADVISORY

ATEC to host FIRST LEGO® League at APG

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco, [U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command](#) commanding general, will host the second annual For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO® League Qualifier on Jan. 5, 2013. The University of Maryland Baltimore County will partner with ATEC and Team APG to conduct the competition.

During the challenge, 18 teams of students will compete based on their designed solution to solve a real-world problem as well as using LEGO®-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. This year's theme is "Senior Solutions" and will involve three components: robot game, the project, and the FLL Core Values. The event will also showcase displays and demonstrations from the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

About FIRST: FIRST is a non-profit organization to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology that was created in 1989 in Manchester, N.H. [Maryland FIRST](#) offers a progression of programs for youths in grades K-12 (ages 6-18). FIRST coordinates events and fundraising with the FIRST National Capital Region which includes Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. These programs have inspired more than 3,000 students from more than 400 teams across Maryland.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013

Time: 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (schedule on page 2)

Location: ATEC Headquarters, 2202 Aberdeen Blvd., Aberdeen Proving Ground

Media representatives are invited to attend this event. Any media wishing to attend all or a portion of the event for coverage or live broadcast from the event must contact the ATEC Public Affairs Office at (443) 861-9731 or email usarmy.apg.atec.mbx.atec-hq-pao@mail.mil no later than Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at 2 p.m. Media should meet ATEC PAO representative at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at the Main Gate Visitor Center on Route 715. The media convoy will depart the visitor center promptly at 6:45 a.m. for the ATEC HQ Building.

Media representatives should have photo ID, credentials, and vehicle information for entry to the post. Media should also provide mobile contact information, to include e-mail addresses, in case of any changes to the program schedule. Please provide the number of news team members, video/still photographers, and other special equipment you plan to bring to the ceremony. Special needs or interview requests should be submitted at this time as well.

Inclement Weather Plan: If the APG area is experiencing inclement weather on Jan. 5, media representatives should call either the APG Line at 410-278-7669 or the ATEC Public Affairs Officer at 410-652-8291 for information. The ATEC PAO will attempt to contact all confirmed representatives. At that time media can confirm coverage for the inclement weather date to be held Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013.

Schedule of Events*

Time	Activity	Location
6:30 a.m.	Media Arrive at Gate**	APG Main Gate Visitor Center / POC: Robin Boggs
6:45 a.m.	Travel to ATEC HQ	Bldg 2202
6:45 – 7 a.m.	Media Set-up	Designated Areas (Atrium)
7:15-8:30 a.m.	Teams Set up & Work in Pits	Designated Rooms, 1st floor
	Opportunities for Interviews	
Starting at 8:30 a.m., as requested	Drew Wilkerson (ARL/Head Judge) & Jason Dunthorn (Head Referee) MG Dellarocco (ATEC CG/Event host) Jamie Gurganus (UMBC/ Operational Partner) Teams/Students	Atrium
8:30 -8:50 a.m.	Opening Ceremony (MG Dellarocco Remarks)	Atrium
9 a.m.-Noon	Judging***	Closed Areas
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Photo/Video Opportunities	
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	KBots (ARL) – Participants can control simulated robots; display self-righting robot Raman Spectroscopy (ECBC) – Students learn to identify unknown powders using Raman spectrographs Vex Robot and Simulated “bombs” (Walter Reed) Robot Competition	Atrium
12:30 – 3 p.m.	Potential for afternoon interviews as requested/ no other critical events following 3 p.m.	
3 – 4:30 p.m.	Judge Deliberations/Clean-up/Closing Remarks	

*This schedule is subject to change with little or no notice.

**Media who wish to arrive later in the day should indicate requested time during RSVP.

***No media are permitted in the Judging Rooms.