



THE 7th LAS VEGAS REGIONAL *FIRST* ROBOTICS COMPETITION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Vision: "...to create a world where science and technology are celebrated... where young people dream of becoming science and technology heroes.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) inspires in young people, their schools and communities an appreciation of science and technology; mastering these can enrich the lives of all. Visit the *FIRST* Web site at <http://www.usfirst.org>.

The *FIRST* Robotics Competition is an exciting, nationwide competition that teams professionals and young people to solve an engineering design problem in an intense and competitive way. The program is a life-changing, career-molding experience and a lot of fun. In 2011 the competition will reach more than 55,000 students on over 2000 teams in over 48 competitions. Our teams come from Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, the U.K., and almost every U.S. State. The competitions are high-tech spectator sporting events, the result of lots of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines, and deadlines.

Be a Volunteer for the Las Vegas Regional *FIRST* Robotics Competition, held March 31 – April 2, 2011, at the Thomas and Mack Center. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, March 31 for the practice rounds and on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 for the competition.

You can register to volunteer with a single visit to the Volunteer Information and Matching System (VIMS) on www.usfirst.org:

- All volunteers must **register** and indicate position desired (see position descriptions, note time available and your talents, and decide what to be: a referee, a robot inspector, team queuing among others) by using **VIMS**. To access VIMS go to the following website:
<https://my.usfirst.org/vims/logon.lasso?page=logon>.

If you experience problems registering or have additional questions, feel free to contact us at: pdmacdb2@aol.com (702-617-6004) or; jhoppert@usfirst.org (702-947-0766).

Once you have registered, you will be contacted about your assigned volunteer position and shift(s).

Thank you for your interest in making this event successful. **Volunteers are critical** to the success of every *FIRST* event. The Teams cannot compete without your help by staffing positions that make an event run smoothly.

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