



In 2008, as part of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) sponsorship, PTC was the official Collaboration Partner of *FIRST*, hosting a Windchill system for use by FRC teams. Windchill allows teams to store all competition information in a single location. Teams have the ability to securely control CAD data, calculations, and documents; members can also e-mail each other within the system and set up timelines and calendars to help manage their project. Windchill allows team members to work from any location and access team information instantly. PTC also made Pro/ENGINEER Schools Edition (3D CAD software) and Mathcad (engineering calculations software) available to any *FIRST* Robotics Competition Teams.

For the 2009 season, *FIRST* is proud to announce the expansion of the relationship with *PTC*. *PTC* is an official “Crown” supplier of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition and will provide Windchill, Pro/ENGINEER and Mathcad software to FRC teams for the 2008-2009 season. In the 2008 FRC season, over 300 teams registered and over 100 teams actively used Windchill.

Furthermore, *PTC* will be sponsoring the FRC kick off, as well as regional events in Boston, Dallas, Israel, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pittsburgh, and San Jose. *PTC* is also planning to co-sponsor ten rookie teams with customers, and is offering \$40K in scholarship money to students interested in studying STEM disciplines at the University of MN Institute of Technology.

PTC's commitment to *FIRST* goes beyond providing Windchill, Pro/ENGINEER, and Mathcad. *PTC*'s solutions are created and supported by a skilled, knowledgeable, and global employee base. With more than 5,000 employees in 30 countries—more than 1,700 dedicated to Research and Development – *PTC* has a large pool of experts throughout the world that can be tapped to support the *PTC/FIRST* relationship. Employees are encouraged to be team mentors and event volunteers, especially where *PTC* has a large employee presence, including Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, California, and Israel. *PTC* is also promoting *FIRST* in partnership with *PTC/USER*, the independent voice of *PTC* customers worldwide, to its network of more than 50,000 customers. *PTC* has made its software partners and Value Added Resellers (over 800) aware of the opportunity to get involved. By leveraging *PTC*'s vast ecosystem, *FIRST* will accelerate the adoption of programs in more schools and increase *FIRST*'s ability to attract, foster, and support mentors, who are critical to the success of such programs.

To learn more about this exciting partnership and how to get free software, go to www.ptc.com/go/frc or contact firstsupport@ptc.com.