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IPO Education Foundation Honors Dean Kamen as Top Inventor of 2013
Prominent Inventor Recognized for Breakthrough Water Purification Technology

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 4, 2013 – Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation will present the 40th Annual Inventor of the Year Award on December 10, 2013, in a ceremony at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery, to Dean Kamen of Manchester, New Hampshire. Kamen will be honored for the Slingshot™ Water Purification System, which has already begun creating clean drinking water in some of the most water-desperate communities in the world.

Slingshot™ uses water vapor compression technology to create clean drinking water from nearly any source. The device is roughly the size of a small refrigerator and can produce 30 liters of water an hour using half the electricity needed to power a handheld hair dryer. Slingshot™ was developed with support from Coca-Cola Co. and is a major component of the company's program to bring clean water and jobs to individuals and communities in need through the establishment of EKOCENTERS. According to Coke, "Each EKOCENTER will offer a locally tailored mix of products, services and resources that may include safe drinking water, sustainable energy, wireless communications, refrigerated vaccination storage, health education, and other functionality to jump-start entrepreneurship opportunities and community development."

Dean Kamen is a world renowned inventor and founder of DEKA Research and Development Corp. Working alone and with DEKA innovators, Kamen has developed numerous commercially successful technologies. Many of his inventions are medical and robotic devices. The "Luke" robotic arm and the Segway™ personal transporter have become their industries' standard. He is also the founder of FIRST, which encourages young people to get involved in science and technology. (www.usfirst.org)

The Inventor of the Year Award fosters the spirit of innovation and highlights the protection offered to inventors by the patent system. It is one of several programs of Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation, a non-profit subsidiary of Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), for educating the public on the importance of intellectual property rights. The award is the best known honor for extraordinary recent inventors.

For more information about the award, Kamen, or the Slingshot™ Water Purification System, contact Robin Muthig at 202-507-4514 or RMuthig@ipo.org. Members of the media can arrange to attend the December 10 Awards Dinner by contacting Mike Ferrari at 202-507-4504 or meetings@ipo.org. To find out more about IPO Education Foundation programs visit www.ipoef.org or call 202/507-4500.

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