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6th ANNUAL APPLIED MATERIALS “SILICON VALLEY TURKEY TROT” ATTRACTS WORLD CLASS RUNNERS

Elite Fields Lining Up for Thanksgiving Day Event

SAN JOSE, Calif. - (Nov. 23, 2010) – After an anticipated 15,000 recreational runners burn off pre-holiday-dinner calories at the Applied Materials “Silicon Valley Turkey Trot” run and walk on Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day) in downtown San Jose, more than 50 elite runners will compete in one of the fastest and most competitive 5-kilometer races in the world. Last year, elite athletes representing nine countries participated.

Separate 5K (3.1 miles) races for elite men (presented by DLA Piper) and elite women (presented by SVB Financial) are the concluding events on a slate that includes a 10K run and 5K run/walk for mass participants, kid’s fun runs, and an array of other races within the event. The race schedule allows recreational participants to complete their races and then watch elite runners compete. The elite 5K races also include the Pacific Association/USA Track & Field Open Men's 5K Championship (presented by PG&E) and Open Women's 5K Championship (presented by El Camino Hospital).

Lightening fast times are expected in the elite races, bolstering the Silicon Valley Turkey Trot’s reputation as a global standout that showcases top athletic talent. In 2008, a dozen men finished in the 13-minute range, easily the highest number of any road race in the world that year according to *Race Results Weekly*, a subscription service that annually publishes results from more than 2,000 races worldwide.

Top runners in the men’s field for this year’s event include:

- Galen Rupp (Portland, Ore.), the former University of Oregon star who won the 10,000-meter race at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials. Rupp then set the American Olympic record for 10,000 meters (27 minutes, 36 seconds) with a 13th place finish at the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. and set a U.S. record for 5,000 meters indoors (13:18.12).
- Allen Webb, who, like Rupp, is coached by U.S. running legend Alberto Salazar at the Nike Oregon Project. Webb holds the American record in the outdoor mile with a time of 3:46.91.
- Scott Bauhs (Mammoth Lakes, Calif.) who tied the very fast men’s course record of 13:37 in 2008 at this race. The record is shared with Morocco’s Ridouane Harroufi.
- Monder Ritzki (Belgium), a two-time Olympian at 5,000 meters who holds an excellent 5K personal best of 13:04

- Bolota Asmerom (Oakland, Calif.), a former All-American at University of California Berkeley who competed at the 2000 Olympic Games for Eritrea and is now a U.S. citizen (13:15 5K personal best)
 - Josphat Boit (Kenya), a versatile competitor who holds personal bests of 13:17 at 5K and 27:40 for 10K
 - Brett Gotcher (Flagstaff, Ariz.), a graduate of Aptos High School and Stanford University whose 2:10:36 at this year's Houston Marathon is the fourth fastest marathon debut by an American
- The elite women's field includes:
- Ethiopia's Misiker Mekonnin Demissie (formerly Teyba Naser) who has run a formidable 15:30 PR for 5K
 - Aziza Aliyu (Ethiopia, 15:41 5K best)
 - Lindsey Allen (Flagstaff, Ariz.) who holds the current Stanford University steeplechase record and earned a bronze medal in the steeple at this year's USA Track & Field Championships
 - Teresa McWalters (Mass.), a six-time All-American in cross country and track at Stanford University who placed fourth at 5,000m at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials (15:49 5K best)
 - Annie Bersagel, a 2005 Wake Forest University grad where she was an eight-time All-American and set school records at 3,000m (9:20), 5000m (15:56), and 10,000m (33:02). She was the 2006 NCAA Woman of the Year and a Fulbright Scholar who is now studying law at Stanford.
 - Beverly Ramos, a native of Puerto Rico, who set Puerto Rican national records at 1,500m, 3,000m, 3,000m steeplechase, 5,000m, and 10,000m before completing her collegiate career at Kansas State University this year (15:51 5K best)

At last year's Silicon Valley Turkey Trot, Sally Kipyego of Kenya set a new women's course record of 15 minutes, 41 seconds. Linda Somers Smith (Arroyo Grande, Calif.), a 1996 U.S. Olympian in the marathon, set a new U.S. age group record of 16:14 for age 45-49 women.

Over the past five years, 17 Olympians have competed in the Turkey Trot. Last year, alone, a half dozen Olympians vied for top honors. The race is attractive to world-class competitors because it includes a total prize purse of \$25,000, a fast, spectator-friendly four-loop course that is certified by USA Track & Field for accurate distance, and a top-flight international field. Any American man or woman setting a new U.S. record (13:24-men, 14:54-women) wins a \$5,000 bonus.

REGISTRATION DETAILS and more information about the Applied Materials "Silicon Valley Turkey Trot" are available online at www.svturkeytrot.com.

About the Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot

Applied Materials, in partnership with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, The City of San Jose, the County of Santa Clara, and the South Bay Labor Council, presents 5K and 10K family fun runs on Thanksgiving morning in downtown San Jose. Proceeds from the Silicon Valley Turkey Trot benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County, and the Santa Clara Family Health Foundation. Now in its sixth year, the event has raised more than \$1 million for these charities.