Quotes

“The Indy Autonomous Challenge provided our designers with a unique opportunity to envision how emerging automotive technologies can be efficiently packaged and tightly integrated into an otherwise conventional vehicle while maintaining the vehicle’s performance and integrity. With our renderings, university teams can better envision what it will be like to work hands-on with what will be a world-class performance automobile.”

Stefano dePonti, CEO and General Manager of Dallara USA

“There’s a fundamental connection between innovations on the racetrack and real-world improvements on the highway. With the launch of the Indy Autonomous Challenge, IMS continues to embrace its historic role as a catalyst for the next generation of vehicle technologies in motorsports competition and wider consumer platforms. And while drivers will always be at the heart of racing at IMS, we’re excited to be part of this groundbreaking and exciting initiative.”

J. Douglas Boles - President, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

“Competitions that demand the highest performance thresholds have shown the ability to reveal new thinking, new collaborations and new talent. Over a decade ago, the DARPA Grand Challenge kick-started an important wave of innovation in automated vehicles that spilled over into the private sector and reinvigorated the research community. I believe a new competition focused on high-speed automated vehicles has the potential to do the same.”

Reilly Brennan - Founding Partner, Trucks Venture Capital
“This is an extraordinary challenge, calling on the best and brightest of our university students and faculty worldwide to engineer software that will have a significant impact on the future of all classes of transportation. The diversity of the teams, representing 10 countries on four continents, shows the brilliance and ambition of our young engineers around the world.”

Paul Mitchell, President and CEO, Energy Systems Network