

Roboticon 2026

17-18 October 2026

SOFWERX participated in the FIRST Robotics Competition Off-Season Tournament 2026 in collaboration with the Foundation for Community Driven Innovation (FCDI), supporting local high school robotics teams as they competed with student-designed and built 120-pound robots. Teams returned to the field to compete in the previous season's FIRST® Robotics Competition game. SOFWERX engaged with students and attendees to promote STEM education, innovation, and career pathways while highlighting how technical skills developed through robotics can translate to real-world challenges and future opportunities.

Event Outcomes

- SOFWERX staff connected with robotics team leaders and other STEM community partners, establishing relationships that can support future outreach, STEM programming, and collaboration with the local robotics community.
- SOFWERX staff participated in the dedication of The Amanda Roark STEM Center honoring former SOFWERX employee Ms. Amanda Roark and her work in the Tampa Bay STEM Field.

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