



FIRST® Robotics Competition Kick-Off

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Event Outcomes

SOFWERX, in collaboration with the Foundation for Community Driven Innovation (FCDI), participated in the Advanced Manufacturing & Robotics Center event. FIRST® Robotics teams engaged with local academia, engineers, and coaches in preparation for the international unveiling of the 2025 FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) Kickoff.

- SOFWERX staff actively engaged with students, providing insights into career development, the SOFWERX internship and volunteer programs, the STEM initiatives, and available grant opportunities. They also addressed questions from attending teams about the upcoming 2025 competition season.
- At the event, SOFWERX staff facilitated in-person participation from 16 teams, involving over 125 students from the greater Tampa Bay area. Additionally, the FRC live stream extended engagement globally, reaching approximately 3,700 teams and over 90,000 students across 26 countries.

