



2023 FIRST® Robotics Competition Kick Off

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SOFWERX supported the Foundation for Community Driven Innovation (FCDI) at the Advanced Manufacturing & Robotics Center (AMRoC) Fab Lab in Tampa, FL. During this event, FIRST® Robotics teams engaged with local academia, engineers, and coaches prior to the international reveal of the 2023 FIRST® Robotics Competition Kick Off.

Event Outcomes

- Students learned about what SOFWERX does, career development, how to engage with SOFWERX, the STEM program, and grant opportunities. Our staff also answered the attending teams' questions for the upcoming 2023 season.
- The FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) kick-off was live streamed at the AMRoC Fab Lab. In person, there were 9 teams, including over 50 students from the greater Tampa Bay area. The FRC live stream included both local and global engagement with 3,225 teams, including more than 80,000 students in 26 countries.