

Thank you for expressing your interest in First Tech Challenge Team 3550, Beta. We are honored to be recognized by such a highly-esteemed global corporation. We are always searching for ways to spread STEM Education throughout the community and interactions with businesses always expedite the process. Throughout the four years that we have been involved in the First Tech Challenge Robotics (FTC) Program, we have partnered with several businesses to accomplish tasks that have helped launch the state of Iowa to the forefront of STEM education. The team was one of the first in the state of Iowa to become part of FIRST, an international robotics organization. The story of our successes in competitions sparked interest in neighboring states, leading to promotional presentations to student bodies of over 400. The promotions culminated with a personal meeting with Governor Terry Branstad to discuss the future of robotics in schools statewide. Budgetary constraints preventing teams from competing in certain locations inspired us to pilot the first ever Tele-Competition, in which teams from around the world compete over the Internet, without leaving their hometowns. To test this project, our team led the way by virtually competing from Iowa in the Australia FTC Championships. The initiative taken by the team has thus extended the boundaries of this robotics organization. Our team's accomplishments have been discussed internationally, portraying the state of Iowa as the leader in FIRST robotics. The impact of the robotics club on our team induced us to spread the message of FIRST from across the street to around the world.

All of these accomplishments came to fruition when our team was crowned the **2012-2013 FTC World Champions**, which is given to the team the judges feel is the best "role model" FTC team. Due to this honor, we have been given the opportunity to further connect to people around the world through the Asia Pacific Robotics invitational (API), held in Sydney, Australia! However, in order to continue spreading the word of FIRST and representing the state of Iowa in an international event, we require immediate funding.

The following documents contain detailed information regarding our team's general information and accomplishments, as well as a budget for the API event. Please review them and do not hesitate to contact us at team3550@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thanks again!
Team Beta