

### **Jaros Technologies Corporation sponsors Botball**

GRANITE CITY, IL—November 26, 2008—Jaros Technologies is proud to be a Botball sponsor for the third year. The Botball Educational Robotics Program engages middle and high school aged students in a team-oriented robotics competition based on National Science Education Standards. It integrates science, technology, engineering, and math with robotics to keep students on the cutting edge of technology.

Jaros Technologies is a National Bronze Sponsor of Botball. Jaros does this through Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) where Dr. Jerry Weinberg, Professor of Computer Science, recruits teams to participate from the area as well as technology companies like Jaros to donate to this great cause. SIUE is one of the few Regional Botball hosts. They host a Botball competition around late April. They are also an In-Kind Sponsor for doing things like donating travel funds to teams during these competitions.

The funds donated by Jaros allow two teams from the Greater St. Louis area to go to a 2-day workshop to learn how to design, build, program, and test autonomous robots to compete in a head-to-head tournament. It also pays for the robot kits for each team and includes parts such as microcontrollers and sensors. “Jaros Technologies provides funding that goes directly to support regional schools. Many of our regional schools are in underprivileged areas and without this support they would not be involved with these opportunities,” says Dr. Jerry Weinberg. The beauty of these kits is that when the kids are done with their competitions they can take them back to their schools where they can be rebuilt and used in the classroom to help more students learn about them as well as about other science experiments such as weather patterns.

Dr. Jerry Weinberg said, “It is fantastic that Jaros sponsors Botball. They realize how important it is to recruit students at a young age so they have the opportunity to experience and practice principles in computer science, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and team work. Our own research has shown that getting students interested in middle school increases the chances they will choose a career in one of these areas. This participation will help reunite and build a strong workforce in the technology field in the future.”

“It is our responsibility to help our youth become interested in technology at an early age. It is our hope that they continue their interest and make it their profession as they become adults. We are dedicated to the youth in our area, and this is one example of how we are helping,” said Paul Scheibal, CEO of Jaros Technologies.

For more information on Botball please visit: <http://www.botball.org/>.

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