



Corporate Fact Sheet

Western Region Robotics Forum, Inc. (WRRF) was formed in 2003 as a California Nonprofit Corporation with 501(c)(3) status. WRRF's goal is to contribute in a meaningful way to the improvement of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education for K-16 students by:

- Promoting Collaborative/Competitive Project-Based Learning (CCPBL) programs such as FIRST Robotics, Botball, FIRST Lego League, and the Tech Challenge in area schools and community groups.
- Demonstrating the value of technology-focused project-based learning activities for students, teachers, mentors, and the general public, and facilitating communication between the growing numbers of area programs, helping them to share resources and ideas.
- Engaging corporate partners in sponsorship, mentorship and support of teams and groups participating in these activities. And, where appropriate, providing grants to schools and groups, allowing them to participate in these programs.
- Hosting off-season competitions and events; establishing an applied learning facility to assist teams in constructing projects; conducting educational workshops for students, teachers, and mentors; and evaluating and developing project-based technology and engineering education programs.
- Increasing the numbers of underrepresented groups, particularly women and minorities, pursuing technology and engineering education and careers.

WRRF At-a-Glance

<i>Founded</i>	2000, as an informal consortium of individuals and teams supporting regional robotics competitions
<i>Incorporated</i>	2003, as a 501(c)(3) California Nonprofit Corporation
<i>Volunteer Staff</i>	10 +
<i>Participants</i>	600 +
<i>Directors</i>	Ken Krieger, James Beck, Sanford Fitch, Norma Hammes
<i>Headquarters</i>	Metropolitan Technology Center at Moffett Field, CA
<i>Web Presence</i>	www.wrrf.org
<i>Sponsors and Partners</i>	NASA, San Jose State University, Applied Materials, Woodside High School