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To: adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us

From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to announce that team registrations are currently being taken for the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) held at the annual Arkansas Rock City Regional taking place in Little Rock at Barton Coliseum on March 9-12, 2016. This is the premier robotics event for high school students in the state. Sixty teams will compete on a 54 x 27 foot field in alliances for a chance to win awards and one of six spots that advance to the FIRST World Championship that will be in St. Louis in April. A video of the 2015 event can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/g2wErE4tlvw>

FRC teams are made up of pre-college students and professional mentors and teachers. Teams meet in schools, manufacturing facilities and various community facilities. The competition game changes every year and the 2016 game will be revealed Jan. 9, 2016 - we have partnered with Disney for game design and, for the first time in 25 years, we have the name of the next game and a video teaser! <https://youtu.be/FVLdJdoKK2E>

On Jan. 9, teams have the opportunity to attend a kick-off event at Harding Academy in Searcy, pick up their kit of parts, see the game in person, meet with other teams, and attend workshops. Teams are not required to attend and can make other arrangements to pick up their kit.

There are several spots still open for Arkansas teams before it is opened up to out-of-state teams on Oct. 24. There are also grants available, through a very simple application process, until Nov. 2, 2015.

If you are interested in more details or your school would consider competing, please contact:

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Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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