



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**ASA HUTCHINSON**  
**GOVERNOR**

March 7, 2018

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, I would like to welcome you to the sixth annual Rock City Regional For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics competition. We are delighted to host your Robotic team, along with teachers, parents, and mentors of FIRST Robotics. Our state capital, Little Rock, has many wonderful sites and attractions which we invite you to enjoy during your stay, including the Clinton Presidential Library and outstanding museums and cultural sites.

FIRST Robotics is a program that allows young people to build science, engineering, and technology skills. Through this program, they are able to grow in self-confidence, knowledge, and communication skills, which leads to innovation and collaboration for careers using advanced technology within STEM-related professions. Students who participate in FIRST become eligible for a pool of over 50 million dollars in college scholarship funds. FIRST Robotics encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and promotes respect among individuals and the community.

As Governor, I commend the 25 student teams from all across Arkansas who are competing in this program. I know this experience will prepare you for a bright future with a rewarding career and lifetime skills. Thank you for traveling to compete in the Rock City Regional competition. Good luck, and best wishes for a successful event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

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