



## NRG Names FIRST® as Flagship Non-Profit Partnership

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#OMGRobots! *STEM Education is Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders*

PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 26, 2016-- NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) , the country's leading integrated competitive power company, has named [FIRST®](#) (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), an organization dedicated to inspiring young people to be science and technology leaders, as a flagship non-profit in the company's Global Giving program. In addition to financial support, NRG employees actively provide unique, real-world expertise to *FIRST* participants by acting as mentors to *FIRST* teams across the country.

NRG's relationship with *FIRST* began in 2013. Since then, employee mentorship has nearly doubled and NRG's financial support has grown more than 280 percent, as the company became a strategic partner, a top-tier sponsor of *FIRST*. This exponential growth is rooted in NRG's commitment to innovation, recognizing that as the energy business evolves, those with a passion for science and technology will be the future of the industry.

"Innovation and technology are central to NRG's business and the evolution of technology is what ensures that we maintain our competitive advantage into the future," said Mauricio Gutierrez, President and CEO, NRG. "That's why we are proud to support *FIRST* and their commitment to STEM education. These young competitors, are transforming into true innovators and visionaries and have the unique ability to see infinite possibilities and deliver bold strategies to overcome complex problems and achieve success."

Beyond financed corporate sponsorship of *FIRST*, NRG employees mentor and support 21 teams. Of the teams NRG employees mentored this season, we're proud to announce that six NRG-mentored teams will be headed to the [FIRST Championship](#) in St. Louis on April 27. NRG would like to recognize and applaud Klein Bots, Team Mercury, The MidKnight Inventors, Team Cyborg, WestyTek, and Error 404: Team name not found, for their outstanding success this season, and wish them luck as they proceed to *FIRST* Championship.

"We cannot wait to see all of the teams at *FIRST* Championship as this program is shaping not only the brilliant minds of these young leaders, but also providing them with real-life skills that place them on the path to becoming exceptional adults," said Jennifer Brunelle, Director of Global Giving, NRG. "Experiencing the excitement and [Coopertition®](#) first-hand is so inspiring. I couldn't be more proud to introduce *FIRST* as the inaugural flagship non-profit for our evolving charitable giving program."

NRG will have an on-site experience at the *FIRST* Innovation Faire, booth #211, in The Grande Marriott Hotel, St. Louis, showcasing the company's acclaimed energy-education mobile game, The Path to Luma.

### About NRG

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