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Dear Potential Community Partner,

The Alliance for Working Together (AWT) is a community 501(c)3 nonprofit working toward the sustainability of manufacturing in our communities. You may know that manufacturing is often seen in a negative light as a dwindling and outdated field; however, manufacturing is responsible for \$40 billion in wages annually in Ohio alone. One way we work to break the stigmas associated with the manufacturing field is to engage in community outreach with schools. One such program is AWT Junior Bots, a robotics program we offer free to schools that partners students with organizations and individuals involved in the electrical, technical, and machining trades. We need individuals in these areas to mentor students involved in our robotics program by providing knowledge, skills, resources, and technical assistance.

In Junior Bots, students work as a team to build a 3 pound battle bot from a kit. They work through the design process and build to create a bot they can take to our annual competition. This year's battle will be held at Lakeland Community College on April 27, 2019. Students will need help troubleshooting, correcting electrical mistakes, assembling weapons, and creating battle tactics. The students will also benefit from seeing how the skills they use here apply to manufacturing careers through field trips and demonstrations.

Our program is growing every year and the need for community partners is greater than ever. We would love to have you and your expertise associated with our program and work to match you and/or your company with a school team. If you would like more information please view www.AWTrobotbots.com Feel free to contact me directly at 330-348-8781 or through sranta@lakeesc.org or Alice Cable at 440.525.9017 or Alice.cable@thinkmfg.com if you are ready to get started.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Ranta', is placed over a light grey and white checkered background.

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