To whom it may concern:

For the past three years, organizations across Nebraska have come together to host a unique educational robotics event: The Nebraska Robotics Expo. Nearly 2,500 people came out to the Strategic Air and Space Museum last February to cheer on teams from Nebraska K-12 schools. The **CEENBoT Robotics Showcase** comprises one half of this exciting event in which teams use CEENBoTs, a robot platform that is the result of educational research and development by the Silicon Prairie Initiative for Robotics in Information Technology (SPIRIT) collaboration between the UNL Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering and the UNO College of Education.

Highlights from the 2011 Expo include:

- The Showcase doubled participation from 2010 with 62 registered teams, and over 300 youth and teachers from 25 Nebraska Elementary, Middle Schools, and High Schools!

- The Showcase featured all new events and challenges, including robot programming, and a new CEENBoT Games area was open to the public to play, learn, and win buttons for participation.

- Over 15 sponsors and organizations held Educational Presentations and set up booths to showcase exciting possibilities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

- Media coverage featured a WOWT Live News segment and articles in the Omaha World Herald. Governor Dave Heineman provided the Opening Ceremonies and posed for photos with each team and school.

Each part of the event is intended as a celebration; youth are able to show off the science, technology, engineering, and math skills that they have acquired throughout the school year. The Nebraska Robotics Expo depends on community sponsors to make the event possible.

We know that you believe in and support the unlimited potential, daring innovation, and life changing education of Nebraska's youth. In that spirit we would like to request your assistance in providing this opportunity to the students of Nebraska. Our sponsorship levels range from $500 to $7,500. You sponsorship of any amount would be greatly appreciated. You will receive significant recognition at the event in return for your support, as outlined on the Sponsor Levels sheet (attached).

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the event coordinator, Alisa Gilmore (402-554-2456 / agilmore2@unl.edu).

Sincerely,

CEENBoT Robotics Showcase
Planning Committee