



## Aurora Open & Innovation Showcase

### Description:

The Aurora Open & Innovation Showcase is one of Nebraska's premier robotics tournaments combined with an area business showcase and student innovation challenge.

### Current Entities Involved:

Youth Engaged in Technology & Innovation, Inc. - 501(c)3

Nebraska Public Power District

Aurora Area Chamber of Commerce

CREATE Foundation

### Event Goals:

1. Host a regional event focused on technical skills and rural innovation – encouraging young visitors to explore pathways in technical careers that can lead them back to central Nebraska and to provide an environment of business to business collaborative innovation for participants.
2. Promote the benefits of competitive robotics and help fund the Youth Engaged in Technology & Innovation program (This tournament is the primary source of funding for the program).
3. To create a sustainable innovation culture in a rural community that fosters both workforce skills development in area youth and economic growth through start-up opportunities.

### Ways to get Involved:

- Business: Help support the program by participating in the innovation showcase by buying a booth (limited to 50 central Nebraska businesses).
- Organization: Become an event partner by helping organize both businesses and student teams for the innovation challenge.
- Individual: Volunteer to help at the event, it will take nearly 100 volunteers to pull this event off!