



THE RETURN OF THE ROBOTS

School-Business Partnerships of Long Island Inc. received \$25,000 from the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

The grant will allow the Kings Park nonprofit to continue hosting the Long Island Regional FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition.

Held each spring at Hofstra University in Hempstead, the competition pits teams of students from about 50 New York-area high schools against each other to design and build a robot over a six-week period using a kit of parts and a standard set of rules.

The grant is part of Motorola's Innovation Generation program, which has provided \$30 million in support of science, technology, engineering and math programs since 2007.

"Each year, I am truly amazed by the groundbreaking work our grant recipients like SBPLI accomplish through their Innovation Generation grants," Matt Blakely, director of Motorola Solutions Foundation, said in a statement.