



Hello Massachusetts *FIRST* Tech Challenge Coaches,

You are receiving this email because you are listed as the coach of a Massachusetts *FIRST* Tech Challenge team from the 2020-21 or 2019-20 season.

*FIRST* is excited to announce that **Boston Tech Initiative (BTI)** at <https://bostontechinitiative.org/> located in Cambridge, Massachusetts is our new *FIRST* Tech Challenge affiliate partner organization for Massachusetts starting with the upcoming 2021-22 season!

Our *FIRST* Tech Challenge partner, representing BTI, is Deb Rose and she can be contacted at [drose@firstpartners.org](mailto:drose@firstpartners.org).

BTI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to inspire young people through science and technology to become world class citizens, leaders and creators of a better world. Founded by entrepreneur and technology investor Xin Liu Johnson in partnership with Hyuk-Jeen Suh, venture capitalist and advisor to start-up companies, BTI will build upon Massachusetts *FIRST* Tech Challenge's great work and deliver *FIRST* Tech Challenge to as many young people as possible in Massachusetts. Deb joins BTI after 19 years with *FIRST* as Director of Operations Support and is eager to continue advancing the mission and vision of *FIRST* in her new partner role.

We want to sincerely thank MIT Lincoln Laboratory and Loretta Bessette for their many years leading the *FIRST* Tech Challenge program in Massachusetts. Deb and Loretta have been working together this season to ensure a smooth transition, and Loretta has generously offered to help next season as a key volunteer.

For those who plan to register for the 2021-22 season, additional information will be available soon so please check your email regularly.

Please join us in welcoming BTI to the *FIRST* family! If you would like to contact them with a "Hello" or a question, you can reach out to Deb directly at the email address above.

For more information on the BTI team:

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*Go Teams!*

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