The 2021 season will feature the MATE ROV Competition VR World, an exciting new endeavor into virtual reality for social engagement. Created in partnership with the National Center for Autonomous Technologies, the MATE ROV Competition VR World is a network of spaces focused on the MATE World Championship that can be accessed using a VR headset or in 2D using a keyboard and mouse to navigate. In addition to enabling students and mentors to experience the event even if they are not able to be there in person, the goal of the MATE ROV Competition VR World is to facilitate the social interaction, peer-to-peer networking, and “shared experience” that students value and appreciate about the MATE ROV Competition. As one mentor shared, “it’s the interaction amongst cultures and the collaborative spirit that makes MATE unique.”

To learn more, visit materovcompetition.org
### Individual Team Sponsorship:
Sponsor selects a team to receive funds to offset the cost of building materials, travel, and lodging. Sponsor logo will be displayed next to team listing on the MATE website.

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### Branding:
Sponsor logo placed on marketing materials, on MATE website for 1 year, and pool-side both during the competition and within the MATE ROV Competition VR world.

### MATE Inspiration for Innovation Exhibit Hall
Sponsorship table at MATE Inspiration for Innovation Exhibit Hall at both the in-person event and within the MATE ROV Competition VR World. This includes networking opportunities with student competitors and professional colleagues from other sponsoring organizations!

### Newsletter & Social Media:
Opportunity to announce internships, scholarships, job openings, and other opportunities to the MATE Competition community via e-communications and on social media.

### Public Relations:
Promote MATE/Sponsor relationship with joint PR opportunities throughout the competition season.

### Custom Communications:
Opportunities to address student competitors with individualized sponsor messages via e-communications, social media and within the MATE ROV Competition VR world.

### Featured Branding:
Logo displayed on a dedicated section of the MATE website, in e-communications, and during the livestream broadcast, which will also be shown within the MATE ROV Competition VR World.

### Premier Branding:
Logo featured during the awards ceremony and in an exclusive section on all marketing materials and on award trophies. Sponsor profiles featured on social media and the opportunity to name a space (e.g. pool, team workstation area) within MATE ROV Competition VR World.

### MATE Pre-Competition VIP Soiree
Invitation to enjoy an evening with the competition volunteers, judges, sponsors, and staff.

### Collect Feedback and Welcome Visitors to the VR World:
Ability to survey competitors and teacher/mentors. Logo featured on the billboard visible upon entry to the MATE ROV Competition VR World Welcome Center and alongside portals to other competition VR spaces.

For more information, or to discuss custom Strategic Partnership opportunities, contact Jill Zande, MATE President / Executive Director, at jzande@marinetech.org.