



Pittsburgh
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PRN Newsletter

The Pittsburgh Robotics Network (PRN) had a full fall collaborating with a number of sponsors and partners to solve challenges facing our regional robotics companies, including informative topic-focused webinars, virtual [international speaking efforts](#) to bring attention to our region's leadership in the robotics industry, and efforts to [connect job seekers with hiring organizations](#).

Have an idea for 2021? Contact us at info@robopgh.org to learn about sponsorship opportunities.



Pittsburgh Innovation District Sees \$1.9B in Investments

A study by The Global Institute of Innovation Districts has found that Pittsburgh's Innovation District, which refers to the Oakland neighborhood where Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh are based, is home to 51,705 jobs and is among the top 10 concentrations of R&D spending in the U.S.

[Read more here.](#)



SKA to Host Live Demos

PRN Member SKA is hosting live demonstrations featuring their Ultra Light Unmanned Ground Vehicles on December 9th and 10th. Unlike other live demos, the audience will be able to get involved and operate SKA's robots using Formant's robot operations software.

Those who sign-up will be able to pilot one of SKA's tracked vehicles through a mock industrial disaster and document the failures. If you spot all of the dangers to human life faster than the other competitors, you will win an FPV drone.

[Head over to www.skalist.com to join the waitlist!](http://www.skalist.com)



Virtual Roundtable: The Rise of Robotics in the Pittsburgh Business Community

Join Joel Reed, PRN Executive Director, for a virtual roundtable hosted by the University of Pittsburgh on The Rise of Robotics in the Pittsburgh Business Community! Joel will be joined by fellow panelists: Bernard Dion (Chief Technology Officer, Systems Business Unit at Ansys), Sandra Scardetta Turko (IT Manager PMO at Argo AI), and Eric Paljug (Clinical Associate Professor of Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh).

[Learn more and register to attend here.](#)



NASA Awards Contract to Astrobotic

NASA has awarded Pittsburgh-based Astrobotic a \$5.8 million contract to work with Bosch USA, University of Washington, and WiBotic Inc on a solution for wireless charging for lunar robots.

[Read more here.](#)

RE2 NEWS:

RE2 Robotics Receives \$1.1 Million in Funding from U.S. Army to Develop Mobile Robotic System for **Autonomous Casualty Extraction**



RE2 Robotics Receives \$1.1M in Funding from the Army

PRN Member RE2 Robotics has received \$1.1M in funding from the U.S. Army to develop a mobile robotic manipulation system that will allow combat medics to remotely assess and extract injured soldiers on the battlefield. [Read more.](#)

You could join this award-winning team! RE2 Robotics is actively hiring. [View open positions here.](#)



IAM Robotics to Work with Johnson & Johnson and Carnegie Mellon on ARM-Funded Project

Local PRN Members IAM Robotics and Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) have received funding from the Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing (ARM) Institute to work with Johnson & Johnson on a project aimed at increasing flexibility in e-commerce to better respond to sudden supply chain disruption demands. The ARM Institute is a national institute funded by the Department of Defense and based in Pittsburgh, PA that works to catalyze robotics and workforce solutions to strengthen U.S. manufacturing.

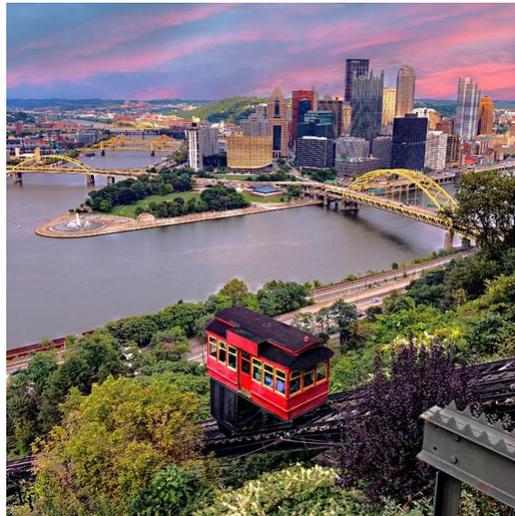
[Read more.](#)



November Headlines Round-Up

Check out our round-up of November headlines from PRN member news, Pittsburgh headlines, and robotics industry insights!

[Read the round-up here.](#)



Pittsburgh Robotics Companies Earn Recognition as Top Workplaces

A number of Pittsburgh robotics companies have earned a spot on the Pittsburgh Business Times Best Places to Work list, including the ARM Institute, RE2 Robotics, as well as PRN sponsor Cushman & Wakefield | Grant Street Associates. Earlier this year, [PRN Sponsor IQ Inc](#) was also recognized as a top workplace by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

[Access the full list here.](#)



Locomotion Delivers Food to Families in Need

PRN Member Locomotion recently used its autonomous trucks to deliver 40,000 pounds of food from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to families in Toledo, Ohio. Locomotion began collaborating with the Greater Pittsburgh food bank after helping the organization meet the demand for increased food distributions when the COVID-19 crisis began.

[Learn more here.](#)



PRN Sponsor News

Congratulations to PRN Sponsor EagleDream Technologies! PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire the assets of EagleDream Technologies (EagleDream). [Learn more here.](#)



ABOUT THE PITTSBURGH ROBOTICS NETWORK:

The Pittsburgh Robotics Network (PRN) is dedicated to empowering and strengthening robotics companies in the Pittsburgh region and positioning the ecosystem as an internationally recognized powerhouse. Structured as a membership-based consortium, PRN Members have access to member only events centered on knowledge-sharing and collaboration. Interested in joining or sponsorship opportunities? Email info@robopgh.org.

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