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Dear 2010 MATE international competition ROV team,

On behalf of the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Center and the Marine Technology Society's ROV Committee, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 9th annual MATE international ROV competition. This exciting and educational student event takes place June 24 - 26, 2010 at the University of Hawaii at Hilo on Hawaii's Big Island.

The university and the entire Big Island community are very pleased to host the competition this year. The participation of your team and more than 60 other teams from middle schools, high schools, home schools, after-school clubs, community colleges, and universities from around the world makes this a truly international event.

Your team has no doubt put a tremendous amount of time and effort into designing and building your remotely operated vehicle (ROV). ROVs, or underwater robots, have taken center stage recently for their role in addressing the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. These "robot submarines," as they have been called in the press, are highlighting advanced marine technologies and the need for qualified people (like yourselves!) to engineer, construct, and operate them.

I hope that your and your ROV's travels to the Big Island are safe and pleasant experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to welcoming your team to Hawaii. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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