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Covington, KY – Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear visited Northern Kentucky this morning to celebrate Kentucky’s first place ranking by Site Selection magazine for new and expanded industry activity per capita in 2014. Northern Kentucky primary industry companies made a significant contribution to Kentucky’s economic development success in 2014.

During the celebration at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), the “Brainy Bots” robotics team from Ryle High School presented the Site Selection Governor’s Cup with Robot 8913. The Brainy Bots is a robotics club that helps kids develop science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills and interest. The club was founded in 2007.

“It’s an honor to have Governor Beshear in Northern Kentucky to celebrate our contribution to the Governor’s Cup,” said Dan Tobergte, President and CEO of Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED). “It’s the perfect opportunity to tie-in the region’s effort to develop STEM skills among students who are our future workforce.”

In 2014, 23 primary industry companies announced new locations or expansions in the Boone, Campbell and Kenton County region and 2,087 new direct jobs are projected as a result of these investments in Northern Kentucky.

Local elected officials, community and education leaders and corporate real estate industry executives attended the celebration.