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Although October is a slow month for meetings and events, we do have a Virtual Distinguished Lecturer presentation on the 29th. November, however, brings three interesting meetings of interest to a wide spectrum of the Section membership. Two of them are virtual talks and the third is an in-person celebration of the founding of RCA on Long Island. The virtual presentations are free to attend. The RCA commemorative celebration will have a \$40 fee.

On **October 29**, Professor Mohammed Atiquzzaman of the University of Oklahoma will present a **Virtual Distinguished Lecturer talk** on extending the internet to spacecraft. Dr. Atiquzzaman is the Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Networks and Computer Applications*, the founding Editor-in-Chief of *Vehicular Communications* and has served on the editorial boards of many IEEE journals and publications. The talk is **Connecting Space Assets to the Internet: Challenges and Solutions** and the [registration link is here.](#)

The Rocky Point Historical Society in collaboration with the IEEE Long Island Section, will commemorate **the centennial of the first transoceanic radio transmission from RCA Radio Central**. The milestone plaque will be installed at Rocky Point High School at 11 AM. A buffet lunch and presentation will follow at Majestic Gardens. Admission to the luncheon is \$40, payable to: **RPHS, PO Box 1720, Rocky Point, NY 11778**. Please call **631-839-0490** with any questions. A notice will be going out soon.

On **November 9**, Alex Wellerstein of the Stevens Institute of Technology will speak on the electrical engineering aspects of nuclear weapon development. Engineering is not the only subject of his talk, however. There's a spy story as well. The presentation is **The Button & the Bomb: Electrical Engineering & Nuclear Weapons**. [Register for Professor Wellersteins's talk on vtools here.](#)

On **November 11**, IEEE Fellow Dr. Kalyan K. Sen, will provide the basic principles of power flow control theory, an overview of the most commonly used power flow controllers, and future trends in controllers. The talk is titled **SMART Power Flow Controllers – A Necessity for Future Power Grid** and is online. [Register for the talk here.](#) As things very slowly return to normal, we look forward to seeing more in-person events and getting the Section membership active again.

Arnold Stillman
IEEE Long Island Section Chair, 2021

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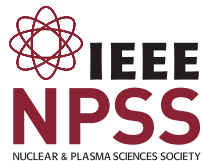
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Zebra Technologies Corporation, an innovator at the front line of business with solutions and partners that deliver a performance edge, today announced it intends to acquire **Fetch Robotics**, a pioneer in on-demand automation. Fetch's Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs) are used for optimized picking in fulfillment centers and distribution centers, just-in-time material delivery in manufacturing facilities and automating manual material movement in any facility.

Fetch features the largest portfolio of AMRs in the industry and offers seamless integration with warehouse and manufacturing systems without the need for changes to facilities or infrastructure. Workflow Builder, Fetch's drag and drop workflow development studio, enables out-of-the-box automation so that customers and partners can deploy automated material handling workflows in hours instead of months. Fetch Robotics' AMRs help reduce the impact of labor shortages by improving throughput, efficiency and productivity while working alongside people in fulfillment, distribution and manufacturing environments.

In addition to Fetch Robotics' broad portfolio of AMRs, it offers cloud-based Enterprise Software, FetchCore as the foundational platform for deploying and fully integrating a broad range of automated workflows into manufacturing and warehouse operations and providing unique insights into facilities through machine learning on AMR sensor data. The planned acquisition furthers Zebra's vision to bring advanced robotics solutions to customers who have labor-intensive operations.

Zebra's focus on robotics automation combines workflow solutions for human workers, including current Zebra offerings such as FulfillmentEdge and SmartSight with Fetch Robotics' solutions. The result will provide an innovative offering that drives greater efficiencies and higher ROI through better orchestration of technology and people.

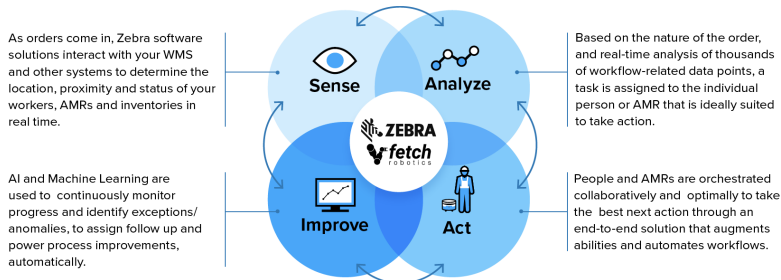
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Fetch has made strong progress as a Zebra Ventures portfolio company. In its early-rapid growth phase, this high gross-margin profile business is generating annualized run-rate sales of approximately \$10 million. Zebra's go-to-market footprint and vertical market expertise is expected to drive synergies as we integrate and invest in the business.



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Zebra expects to fund the \$290 million purchase price – for the 95% of the business it does not already own – with cash on hand. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approval, and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2021.



The acquisition of Fetch Robotics will accelerate our Enterprise Asset Intelligence vision & growth in intelligent industrial automation by embracing new modes of empowering workflows and helping our customers operate more efficiently in increasingly automated, data-powered environments...

This move will also extend our ongoing commitment to optimize the supply chain from the point of production to the point of consumption. We are excited to welcome the Fetch team to the Zebra family.

ANDERS GUSTAFSSON,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ZEBRA TECHNOLOGIES

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