

Raven Industries' donation gives Mines Robotics Team an edge

RAPID CITY, S.D. (Dec. 11, 2012) – Sharpened by a \$2,000 donation from Raven Industries along with full access to its GPS base station in Rapid City, the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology Robotics Team will get a chance to slice through the competition at this year's Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition, slated for the summer of 2013.

The cutting-edge of engineering education, this competition taps the latest technologies impacting industrial development, challenging students to push their software engineering, mechanical and electrical expertise to the max as they test their mettle against elite universities across the country.

An industry leader in South Dakota for more than 50 years, the Sioux Falls-based Raven Industries opened a branch office in Rapid City this past winter, partnering with the School of Mines to recruit students and foster research collaborations with faculty in mechanical, electrical and computer engineering and computer science. The office is housed on campus in the Black Hills Business Development Center, a nonprofit corporation created to promote growth in local business. A mutually-advantageous relationship, students gain invaluable industry training while Raven benefits from professional interactions with professors and access to the developing labor force.

Founded in Sioux Falls in 1956, Raven Industries continues to solve challenges in areas of safety, feeding the world, energy independence and resource preservation through its Applied Technology, Engineered Films and Aerostar divisions.

