

Budgets

Each year, the Robotic Mining Competition seeks to maximize the number of teams which successfully complete the challenge, from its pool of entries. While miscellaneous unforeseen circumstances cause teams to drop out from the competition, a historical analysis of the RMC shows that the number one reason teams fail to compete is because of a lack of adequate funding. Adequate funding is required to build the robot and travel to the event, and teams sometimes fall short of raising the funds they originally projected in their budget. In addition, parts and equipment can sometimes unexpectedly fail causing the need for funds to replace these items, and teams are unprepared to cover such expenses.