

## **Changes to the Robotic Mining Competition for May 6-10, 2019**

Recent events resulted in significant changes to the 2019 competition. Please read the following information in its entirety. In the event of another partial Government shutdown, you will be advised of further changes when the Government reopens. RMC 2019 is now RMC 2019 Virtual.

**On-site mining and all other RMC activities that normally take place during the competition at Kennedy Space Center have been suspended for 2019 (and only for 2019).**

To be clear, no events will be held at the Astronaut Memorial Foundation's Center for Space Education Building or at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida. All other dates and deadlines remain the same.

The Virtual Competition will be scored on only four items\*:

1. Plan for Systems Engineering (optional)
2. Systems Engineering Paper (mandatory)
3. Outreach Project Report (mandatory)
4. A Virtual Slide Presentation and Demonstration (optional)

\*Must compete in all 4 items above to be eligible for the Grand Prize

The Virtual Competition awards will include:

1. Systems Engineering Leaps & Bounds
2. Systems Engineering Paper (1<sup>st</sup> Place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
3. Outreach Project Report (1<sup>st</sup> Place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
4. Virtual Slide Presentation and Demonstration (1<sup>st</sup> Place – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
5. The Joe Kosmo Award for Excellence (Grand Prize)

The Judges' Innovation Award will also be available for RMC 2019 Virtual

\*Note: Robot Details and Proof of Life will be factored into this award

We need all teams, including waitlisted teams, to confirm if they want to remain or withdraw from the competition for RMC 2019 Virtual by Noon Eastern Time on Friday March 1, 2019 at: [KSC-Robotic-Mining-Competition@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:KSC-Robotic-Mining-Competition@mail.nasa.gov)

NASA appreciates your flexibility and patience and looks forward to holding RMC 2019 Virtual and returning next year with RMC 2020 and Indoor On-Site Mining!