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SDSU and School of Mines to Offer Master of Engineering Degree

BROOKINGS, S.D. – A new degree, the master of engineering, was approved this week by the South Dakota Board of Regents for its two engineering schools, South Dakota State University and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

Regents' officials say the program, which differs from other engineering graduate programs offered by either school, focuses on coursework over research.

It will be designed for engineers employed in or preparing to enter technical management roles in business and industry. Collaboration between SDSU and School of Mines will mean cost savings through the sharing of courses via distance delivery and shared instructional resources.

Local industries told the universities there was a need for leadership and professional programs for engineering graduates, creating new opportunities for professional advancement in a high-demand career field. After full implementation, SDSM&T expects annually to graduate about 40 students and SDSU projects 21 graduates a year.

Neither university requested new state resources to implement or maintain the new master of engineering program. The institutions plan to fund it through reallocation of existing resources and graduate tuition.