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## **Regents Invite Public to Campus-Community Forum October 3**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Rapid City-area residents are invited to join the South Dakota Board of Regents for a campus-community forum next week on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

“We look forward to holding our board meeting Oct. 2-4 on the SD Mines campus,” said Regents President Kevin Schieffer. “It is a perfect time to invite local residents to join us for dialogue and a short question/answer session on topics of interest.”

The Campus-Community Forum will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. (MDT) in the Surbeck Center Ballroom on the School of Mines’ campus in Rapid City.

SD Mines has a significant impact on the Rapid City community and the regional economy, according to an economic impact report commissioned by the Board of Regents.

Based on Fiscal Year 2016 data, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology generated about \$238 million in annual economic impact to South Dakota from a state investment of \$16.3 million. An estimated 5,995 people live in our state because of SD Mines’ presence and the accompanying economic activity.

SD Mines directly supports about 520 full-time jobs in South Dakota and nearly 2,000 full-time jobs from the university’s resulting economic activity. In FY16, the university acquired \$11.5 million in federal and private grants and contracts for research, development, and special projects. Additionally, SD Mines students injected more than \$16 million into South Dakota’s economy through their day-to-day living expenses.