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SME Announces Robert E. Murray Innovation Award
Recognizes Technical Innovation in the Mining Industry

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) is pleased to announce the inauguration of the Robert E. Murray Innovation Award. This new award was established to recognize individuals or organizations who advance the mining industry through the implementation of technical innovation with new equipment, processes or systems that result in significant technological improvement to the exploration, economic viability, and extraction of minerals.

The award will consider innovation across the full mining cycle from exploration to closure and include ancillary roles such as engineering, construction, supply side and logistics. It will recognize operations or organizations that are changing the mining industry through the inclusion or adaptation of cutting-edge technologies and innovative processes.

Barbara J. Arnold, President of SME, said, “Innovation is one of the SME core values and we are pleased to have an award to recognize these ideals. Our thanks go to the Murray family for establishing this tribute to innovation and setting the bar high for the establishment of future awards.”

The award winner will receive travel reimbursement and conference registration to attend the 2019 SME Annual Conference & Expo and the Annual Banquet in Denver, CO, where they will receive the award. An endowment has been created specifically for the administration of the Robert E. Murray Innovation Award.

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