

# Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference



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**Bemidji, MN (Apr 29, 2021)** - The Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) is pleased to announce our continued partnership with Enbridge Energy through the new “R2E2” (Rural Robotics Equity Endeavor) Initiative.

While the NMRC name does contain the word “Conference” in its name it is important to also see it as a “Cooperative” in which member teams work together to support the growth of robotics in almost any way imaginable. The NMRC continues to provide a wide array of opportunities for our students, especially when those opportunities do not exist within the region from which our teams are based.

The NMRC’s “R2E2” Initiative is designed around inspiring and nurturing students in STEM from predominantly rural communities. The underlying connection for delivering support to students will be through their individual and teams participation in the global organization of FIRST (For Inspiration & Recognition in Science & Technology) robotics and locally through the NMRC (Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference).

The R2E2 Initiative contains four major components that fill specific needs identified by our members which in whole or part are directly related to our rural settings. These components have been categorized into four major components with the initiative. They include Local Robotics Events, the Big Bot Chassis Program, Kitchen Table Programming, and the NMRC Scholarship Program. In the coming months we will be releasing more information about these specific sections of the initiative and how they will impact area students.

In an effort to close the opportunity gap between metro and rural students Enbridge Energy and the NMRC are pleased to be working together on this new initiative to do just that. Focussed on reaching rural students Enbridge will be the leading financial partner and has awarded the NMRC approximately \$33,000 accounting for almost half of the entire “R2E2” initiative. This generous partnership has shown once again Enbridge's commitment to our area students and will have a lasting impact on our member teams well into the future.

On behalf of all our member teams and our students the NMRC would like to thank Enbridge for their commitment to our students and their desire to help create opportunities for our kids.

To learn more about the NMRC and our member teams please visit our website [NMRConference.org](http://NMRConference.org) and read about our teams under the "Members" tab. You can also view all our partnership members under the "Partners & Volunteers" tab.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Frost". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jesse Frost

President

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