

TRIMBLE NAVIGATION AND ACCUPOINT SUPPORT UAA



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Over the next two to three years, Trimble Navigation, Ltd. will donate over \$330,000 in new equipment to UAA's geomatics program, and Accupoint, Inc will provide the long-term service, support and training for the equipment. Trimble also expects to provide software upgrades as they become available.

The idea for the gift began with Mike Gray, general manager of Accupoint, a major provider of surveying equipment and customer support in Alaska. Mike had worked with UAA's program for many years, and because Accupoint services the program's equipment, Mike was aware that despite barely adequate equipment, UAA was educating most of the surveying and mapping practitioners in the state.

"I wanted to help so I asked Dale Hermann at Trimble Navigation whether Trimble would be interested in talking to UAA about working together," said Mike. Trimble is a world leader in advanced positioning technology, including Global Positioning System, laser and other technologies.

As a result of that meeting, Dale took a list of program needs to Bryn Fosburgh,

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vice president and general manager for the Geomatics and Engineering Division at Trimble, and a new partnership was born.

"Trimble Navigation and our business partner, Accupoint, look forward to a long rewarding relationship with the University of Alaska Anchorage and its Department of Geomatics," said Bryn Fosburgh.

According to Steve Buchanan, UAA geomatics instructor, the gift is particularly important because rapidly changing

technology makes it difficult for the university to keep its geomatics software and equipment current, and increased enrollments in the program make it all the more challenging to properly equip students for technical projects and field labs. "This gift provides equipment necessary to ensure the success of our students in the workplace," said Steve.

In honor of Trimble's contribution, the new geomatics laboratory will be named for Trimble.

"UAA is very pleased to add this innovative and growing company to our list of distinguished partners who are helping us to meet our students' and the state's needs," said UAA Chancellor Lee Gorsuch.