

UGS PLM Solutions donates software to YSU

UGS PLM Solutions, the product lifecycle (PLM) subsidiary of EDS, today announced it is providing Youngstown State University's Rayen College of Engineering and Technology an in-kind grant of Solid Edge® mechanical design software, with a commercial value of \$1 million.

The university is installing Solid Edge in all student computer labs in the engineering college as well as on the computers of faculty members.

The grant also allows the university to provide students with individual copies of Solid Edge, free of charge. This gives students the freedom to work at home rather than being tied to a lab.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to gain experience with the same cutting-edge software being used by thousands of companies in industry today," said Dr. Dan Suchora, professor of mechanical and industrial engineering at YSU.

"This is the software that is used at many local and international companies where our students will seek employment. It's also used at many engineering schools, including Ohio State and Cleveland State. It's world class."

"UGS PLM Solutions is pleased to provide this grant to Youngstown State University," said Stephen Brown, vice president of channel sales in the Americas for UGS PLM Solutions.

"Today's leading manufacturing and technology companies compete on the basis of time to market, product cost, quality and innovation. Students must have the opportunity to gain experience with technology that supports these objectives. We hope that our support for YSU's excellent engineering programs will add value for both its students and the manufacturing community."

The software grant is being provided through UGS PLM Solutions' Global Strategic Partnerships program, which serves more than 7,250 partners globally, including such institutions as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stanford University; the University of Michigan; the California Institute of Technology; the University of Illinois; Purdue University; and Texas A & M. The mission of the program is to improve the technical stature of schools and their ability to develop top-notch engineering, manufacturing and technology students. Through the program, more than 761,000 students are trained annually at academic levels ranging from middle schools to graduate engineering research programs.