

First Descent Solutions a division of

First Flight ROV

"We are based in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina; the location of Orville and Wilbur Wright's first historic flight.



They took the world to new heights; at FDS, we take ROV technology to new depths."

2016 Staff (pictured left to right)

- Sam Weybright CEO, Pilot, Senior, 3rd year with company
- Ricky Carroll CFO, Poolside manager, Senior, 3rd year with company
- John Lawson Payload tool specialist, Junior, 1st year with company
- Mac McClary Electrical specialist, Sophomore, 1st year with company
- Luke Potter Construction manager, Junior, 3rd year with company

History of FDS

Here at First Descent Solutions, we stand by our previous successes and reputation as former Ranger Class International Award Winner.

- 2014 International Competition 9th overall
- 2011 International Competition 4th overall
- 2010 International Competition 1st overall
- 2010 International Competition Engineering Award
- 2008/2009 International Competition 6th overall
- 2008 International Competition Top Engineer Award

New For 2016!

Safety Features

- All thrusters have become more efficient with well-fitting kort nozzles that are clearly marked with caution signs.
- Separate shielded lines for cameras ensures superb video quality.
- Manipulator has been integrated into the machine's frame to minimize size and danger of catching on edges.

Special Features

- FDS-2016 has been designed to be faster, lighter, and more versatile while keeping the price low.
- 300° field of view with fish-eye cameras facing forwards and back.
- Smaller and more flexible tether makes maneuvering more fluid.
- ROV retail price only \$1750: \$520 in reused parts, \$1230 in new parts.

More than 200 man hours to build ROV



1,404 miles to the Neutral Buoyancy Lab