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Subject: BSU Construction Management Teams Receive Honors in Regional Competition

Boise State Construction Management teams placed 2nd and 3rd in two divisions at the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Inter-Scholastic Regional Competition and Conference held February 7 – 10 in Reno, NV. The teams placed in the Design-Build Division (2nd) and the Residential Division (3rd). Boise State entered teams in five other divisions including Heavy Civil, Mechanical, Marine, Commercial, and LEED (green building). Teams competed against top western schools including Colorado State, Arizona State, the Air Force Academy, Brigham Young University, and other programs from Montana to New Mexico.

This year's competition was the 20th consecutive running of the largest construction college student competition in the world. There were over 1,000 attendees, with 13 industry problem sponsors and 114 student teams. Competition "problems" are based on actual multi-million dollar construction projects and judged by professional constructors. "The ASC competition gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge before industry professionals and also gives educators a chance to network with industry," said Charlie Gains, Boise State Construction Management faculty and Vice President for the ASC. In an accelerated version of an actual bid process, each six-member student team uses the tools of a real construction company including books, computers, modeling materials, design data, and their own construction process knowledge. At 6:00 a.m. all teams receive the problem statement for their division and accompanying specifications, plans, data, and proposal rules. Teams then have 18 hours to develop their solution, methods, planning, costs, and proposal to proceed with the project. A panel of industry judges decides which solution is most feasible by reviewing the written solutions and listening to a 20-minute oral presentation (with student-prepared exhibits). This year's competition also included an extensive job fair attended by over 750 students who had the opportunity to visit with representatives from more than 80 companies.

Members of Boise State's award-winning teams were:

Design Build (2nd Place)

Charles Gains, Faculty Coach

Shannon Penrod, Captain

Joe Borelli

Ryan Johnson

Jennifer Lanzetti

Kyle Norseth
Chad Zwygart

Residential (3rd Place)

Casey Cline, Faculty Coach
Dan Peterson, Captain
Jesse Geary
Jack Lunsford
Greg Tomlinson
Brent Turpin
Bruce Wilcox