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Boise State Construction Management Teams Receive Honors in Regional Competition

Boise State Construction Management teams placed 3rd in three divisions at the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Inter-Scholastic Regional Competition and Conference held February 13 – 16 in Reno, NV. The teams placed in the Heavy Civil, Residential, and LEED (green building) divisions. Boise State entered teams in four other divisions including Design Build, Mechanical, Marine, and Commercial. The Design Build, Residential, Commercial, and Heavy Civil teams competed against top western schools including Colorado State, Arizona State, Brigham Young University, and other programs from Montana to New Mexico. The LEED, Marine and Mechanical teams competed in national competitions against teams from such schools as Cal Poly, UC Berkeley, and Virginia Tech.

This year's competition was the 21st consecutive running of the largest construction college student competition in the world. There were 875 student competitors in 137 teams from 37 universities and 15 states. The 14 industry-sponsored competition "problems" were based on actual multi-million dollar construction projects and judged by professional constructors. "We're proud of all our students who put forth significant time and effort above and beyond their normal coursework to participate in this extremely competitive event," said Rebecca Mirsky, chair of the Department of Construction Management. 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 with representatives from more than 80 companies.

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

Heavy Civil (3rd Place, field of 12, ASC Region VI)

Neil Smart (Team Captain), Joe Borelli, Trent Dyksterhouse, Scott Freeman, Pat Prescott, Sal Varela

Alternate: Matt Basye

Faculty Coach: Tom Woodall, PE

Residential (3rd Place, field of 7, ASC Region VI)

John Carr (Team Captain), Dan Cacioppo, Jesse Geary, Karl Stelljes, Brian Unruh, Bruce Wilcox

Alternate: Ryan Tabuchi

Faculty Coach: Casey Cline

LEED (3rd Place, field of 14, ASC National)

Zac Drzayich (Team Captain), Ben Belt, Ryan Johnson, Jennifer King, Curtis Neibaur, Victoria Wolter

Alternate: Karena Gilbert

Faculty Coach: Dr. Rebecca Mirsky, PE, LEED AP

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The Construction Management program at Boise State University is a four-year degree program accredited by the American Council for Construction Education. There are currently 260 students enrolled and over 400 alumni working on a wide range of projects in over 30 states. Graduates in Construction Management demand high salaries and find multiple job opportunities upon graduation. For more information, visit <http://coen.boisestate.edu/cm/home.asp>.