



FOR: THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

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ACE MENTOR PROGRAM NAMES FOUR NEW NATIONAL SPONSORS

-- Major AEC Firms to Take Active Leadership Role in Organization --

STAMFORD, CT, June 23, 2008 - The Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program announced that four leading AEC firms have been named new national sponsors of the organization. As sponsors, Gilbane Building Company, AECOM, Parsons Brinckerhoff and Haskell will provide financial support and mentors as well as company resources in support of ACE programs.

Created to address the growing need for skilled professionals in the architecture, construction and engineering industries – a shortage that could become a crisis if current trends continue – the ACE Mentor Program is a nationwide effort of outreach and mentoring for students in 106 markets across the country. The program includes national advertising, a newly designed website (www.acementor.org), and collateral materials, including a range of posters and a brochure, all designed to engage students, parents, and educational institutions and communicate the potential of careers in architecture, construction, engineering, and related fields.

“The construction industry is the second-largest employer in the U.S. With 50 percent of all buildings that will exist by the year 2030 not even built yet, it is a growing industry. However, current statistics project that the need for qualified, skilled individuals working in the field will far exceed the supply, with over 1 million job openings by 2012. This is a crisis that we cannot afford – the growth of our country depends on finding solutions,” said Dr. Charles H. Thornton, Founder and Chairman of ACE.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome these stellar companies as additional national sponsors,” commented Pamela Mullender, ACE Executive Director. “Their support and active involvement in our national initiatives will greatly strengthen our ability to reach out to a broader audience of students across the country and to offer enhanced opportunities for student participation in ACE mentoring programs.”

Founded in 1873, Gilbane Building Company is a family owned real estate, construction, and facilities service provider. Gilbane provides a full slate of facilities-related services for clients in the life sciences, transportation, healthcare, convention/cultural, government, education, mission-critical, corporate, sports/recreation, and criminal justice

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markets. The company's annual revenues top \$3 billion, with 1800 employees across the country and in Puerto Rico.

AECOM (NYSE: ACM) is a global provider of professional technical and management support services to a broad range of markets, including transportation, facilities, environmental and energy. With more than 34,000 employees around the world, AECOM is a leader in all of the key markets that it serves. AECOM provides a blend of global reach, local knowledge, innovation, and technical excellence in delivering solutions that enhance and sustain the world's built, natural, and social environments. AECOM serves clients in more than 60 countries and had revenue of \$4.2 billion during fiscal year 2007.

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) is a leader in developing and operating infrastructure around the world, with 12,000 employees dedicated to meeting the needs of clients and communities in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australia-Pacific regions. PB offers skills and resources in strategic consulting, planning, engineering, program/construction management, and operations for all modes of infrastructure, including transportation, power, community development, water and the environment.

Haskell is America's leading integrated design-build firm practicing in the general building and civil infrastructure markets. Serving clients throughout the Western Hemisphere, the company provides complete planning, architectural, engineering, construction, program management, real estate, financing and facility management services on a single-responsibility basis. Haskell's expertise spans industrial, commercial, institutional, public and civil infrastructure projects. The company has annual revenues of more than \$750 million with offices in the United States and Mexico.

The national sponsors of the ACE Mentor Program make up a Who's Who of companies and industry associations, including the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, American Institute of Architects, American Society of Landscape Architects, Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors, Charles H. Thornton and Company, Clark Construction Group, EMCOR Group, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, McGraw-Hill Construction, Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Professional Services Industries, Seyfarth Shaw, Thornton Tomasetti, Turner, and the U.S. Green Building Council. ACE strategic partners include the Construction Industry Roundtable, The International Interior Design Association, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, and the National Association of Women in Construction.

About the ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program is the fastest-growing high school mentoring program focusing on careers in the design/build industry. It was founded by the principals of leading design and construction firms, to introduce high school students to career opportunities in the industry. The mission of the organization is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in the design/build construction industry through mentoring; and to support their continued advancement in the industry through scholarships and grants. ACE makes a special attempt to reach students that otherwise may not become aware of the challenges and rewards of a career in the design and construction industry. For additional information please visit www.acementor.org.

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