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ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING (ACE) MENTOR PROGRAM OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Philadelphia, Pa – The ACE Mentor Program of Eastern Pennsylvania is pleased to announce recent national recognition as winner of the Affiliate of the Year Award. Honored at the recent Annual All Affiliates Conference in San Diego on January 27, 2009, ACE Eastern Pa representatives, Anthony Naccarato of O'Donnell Naccarato, Chair of the ACE of Eastern Pa Board of Directors and Diana Eidenshink of CHT and Company, Acting Executive Director of Eastern Pa, joined 125 people from 76 affiliates from across the country to discuss best practices, honor award recipients, and examine how to best continue to serve our country's students. Keynote speaker and founder of the ACE National Mentor Program, Charlie Thornton, was present to lead the discussion and inspire continued growth.

Affiliate of the Year was awarded to ACE Eastern Pa. as recognition of their success and dedication to the ACE Mentor Program. On hand to present the award were Pamela Mullender, President of ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc., and Norbert Young of McGraw-Hill Construction, Inc., Vice-Chair of the ACE Board. As Affiliate of the Year, ACE Eastern Pa will receive \$10,000 to further grow their program, which works to pair high school students with an interest in careers with the construction industry and mentors from regional commercial construction industry firms. Monies received and generated through fundraising efforts go to fuel program development and scholarship funding. Last year, over \$30,000 in student scholarships were awarded as a result of ACE Eastern Pa efforts.

The ACE Eastern Pa has just entered the ninth year of the program and is currently working with many area firms to deliver the program to over 170 students from 20 high schools in the Philadelphia area. This year, the program has expanded into the suburbs with a team in the Norristown area. Future plans include additional teams throughout the five county area.

For more information on the ACE Eastern Pa Affiliate program, please contact Christine Street at easternpa@acementor.org.

About the ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program 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 twofold: to enlighten and motivate students toward architecture, construction, engineering, and related careers; and to provide mentoring opportunities for future designers and constructors. 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 more information on the ACE Mentor Program, visit www.acementor.org.