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Cal Poly Construction Management Teams Sweep Three Divisions at ASC Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO– Three Cal Poly student teams won first place at the Associated Schools of Construction Far West Regional Competition held Feb. 8-11 in Reno, Nev.

The event was the 19th ASC student competition. Cal Poly construction management majors finished first in the region's commercial and residential categories, and the mechanical team earned national first-place honors. The mechanical team was required to plan the construction of a chemical mixing and blending facility for the purpose of handling hazardous materials for the semiconductor and microelectronic industry. Their assignment included scheduling, procuring cost quotes and writing a site mobilization plan.

The students brought their own reference materials, estimating software, scanners and other supplies. "We were given our assignment when we arrived," said senior team member Matthew Para. "Our chief challenge was obtaining enough information to prepare for the problem. This kind of information is proprietary and hard to acquire from industry."

Mechanical team members were Para, Hollister; Patrick Clifford, Larkspur; Frank Ormonde, Crescent City; Matt Marcotte, Encinitas; David Lopez, Ventura; and Dan Loper, Chico. CM professors Mike Montoya and Thomas Korman were the team's coaches.

The commercial team members, coached by CM faculty member Nick Watry, were Chris Duke, Lodi; Michael Handley, Pleasant Hills; Katlin Murchison, Carmichael; Mike Ng, Hacienda Heights; Kraig O'Connor, Olympia, Wash.; and Scott Zaballos, Danville.

The residential team, coached by CM Professor Paul Weber, included Zaven Altounian, Whittier; Jill Brown, Walnut Creek; Brian O'Neill, Granite Bay; Joe Pluim, Sonora; Ted Rhodes, Sacramento; and Clancy Simon, Glendale.

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Editors: A digital photo file of Cal Poly's winning team can be emailed upon request. Contact Ray Ladd in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at (805) 756-7432.

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