



The Construction Industry

- Second largest employer in the country (healthcare)
- ▼ Employs more than 7 million
- ▼ Represents 10% of all businesses
- ▼ Produces more than 9% of the GNP
- ▼ Generates more than \$230 billion a year





The Crisis Ahead

- Fifty percent of all buildings that will exist by the year 2030 haven't even been built yet
- For every five who leave the industry only one enters
- ✓ Workforce is aging







The Need

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Department of Labor

- Construction as one of six industries for growth
- ✓ More than one million job openings by 2010
- Prediction was before 2005 natural disasters!



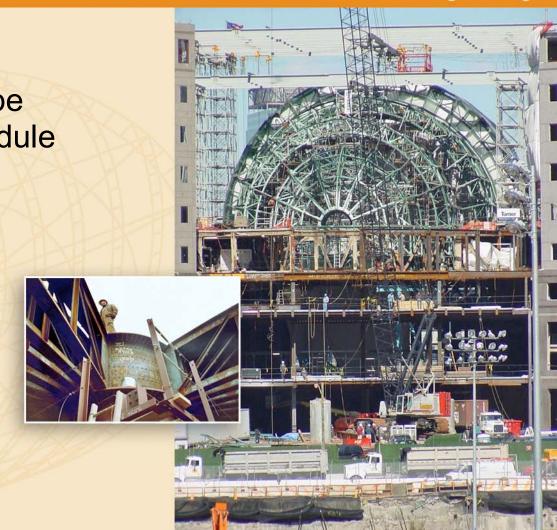
Construction Users Roundtable

▼ Demand far exceeds supply



Effect on Consumer

- ▼ Buildings may not be completed on schedule
- ▼ Costs will escalate
- Budgets will need rethinking
- Projects may go on hold





Question to answer





"How It Works"



Humble Beginnings

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1991 – New York City

- ✓ Vision of Charlie Thornton
- One team
- √ 15 kids
- Five mentors

1995

- Received tax exempt status
- ✓ Still New York based





"Charlie"

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"With ACE, everybody wins."

-Charles H. Thornton, Ph.D. P.E.







ACE Growth



YEAR	CITIES	TEAMS	STUDENTS	MENTORS
1995 - 7	1	6	300	48
1998	2	12	320	110
1999	3	16	460	160
2000	9	30	810	260
2001	21	42	1,420	390
2002	36	57	1,980	460
2003	55	98	2,730	792
2004	64	103	2,939	806
2005	73	116	3,106	1,010
2006	77	142	5,467	1,780
2007	91	168	7,367	2,114



ACE 2006-2007 Growth

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Alabama Birmingham

Arizona

Phoenix

California

Los Angeles Oakland Palm Springs Pasadena Rosemead San Diego San Francisco San Jose Santa Ana Santa Monica Sacramento San Clemente Irvine Bakersfield Contra Costa San Luis Obispo San Bernardino

Colorado Denver

Ventura

Connecticut

Bridgeport/Stratford Hartford New Haven Stamford Waterbury

District of Columbia

Washington, DC Montgomery County, MD, Fairfax County, VA Prince George's County, MD

Florida Jacksonville

Miami Tampa Orlando West Palm Beach Ft. Lauderdale St. Petersburg Gainesville

Ft. Myers Tallahassee

Georgia Atlanta

Hawaii Honolulu

Idaho

Illinois Chicago

Indiana

Indianapolis Terre Haute

Iowa Des Moines

Cedar Rapids

Kentucky Louisville Lexington Paducah

Louisiana

Baton Rouge New Orleans

Maryland Baltimore

Easton Frederick St. Michaels Annapolis

Massachusetts

Boston Worcester

Michigan Detroit

Lansing Grand Rapids

Minnesota

St. Paul Minneapolis

Missouri

St. Louis Kansas City

Nebraska Omaha

Nevada Las Vegas

New Hampshire

Manchester

New Jersey Camden

East Orange Piscataway Newark Trenton Vineland Jersey City

New Mexico

Albuquerque

New York

Albany Buffalo Garden City New Hyde Park New York City Yonkers

North Carolina

Charlotte Monroe Durham

Ithaca

Syracuse

Ohio Cincinnati

Toledo Cleveland Dayton

Oklahoma

Tulsa Okmulgee Oklahoma City

Oregon Portland

Pennsylvania Philadelphia Pittsburgh

York Rhode Island Providence

South Carolina Columbia

South Dakota

Texas Austin Dallas Ft. Worth

Tennessee

Knoxville

Nashville

San Antonio Utah

Salt Lake City

Vermont

Washington Seattle Spokane . Tri-Cities

Virginia Beach

Charlottesville

Virginia

Tidewater

Norfolk

Wisconsin

International

Puerto Rico Trinidad and Tobago

ACE Mentor Program Affiliates



Certificate of Operation



Strong Interest





ACE's Potential

- ▼ By 2008 46 states
- ▼ Potential of 73 new sites
- √ 10,000 students in 2007-08
- 2,500 mentoring firms
- √ 3,100 mentors







Mission

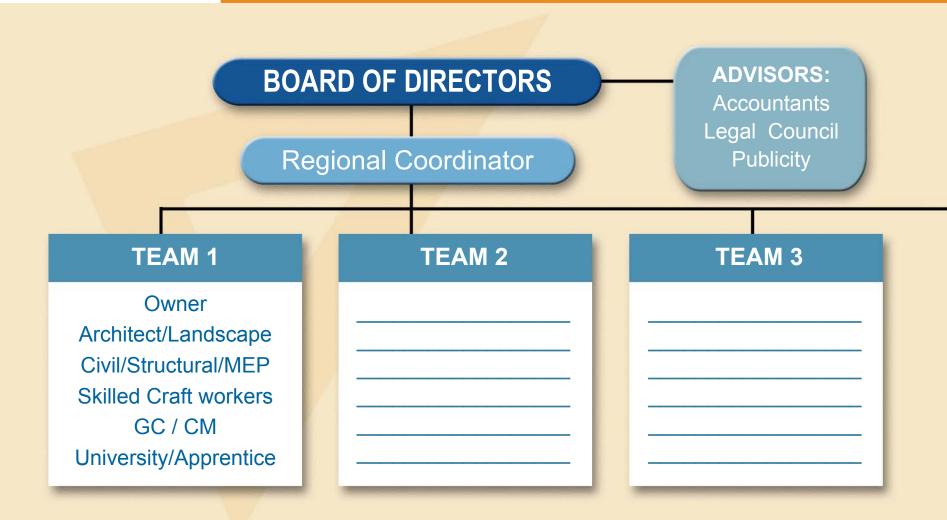
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To increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering through mentoring



Typical Affiliate Organization





Components

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Introductory Sessions

Owner

Construction Manager

Design Team

Construction Team

Registration



ARCHITECT

Civil Engineer
Structural Engineer
Mechanical Engineer
Electrical Engineer
Plumbing Engineer
Interior Designer
Specialty Consultants

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Equipment Operator
Iron Worker
Concrete Worker
Mason
Sheet Metal Worker
Electrician
Plumber
Carpenters, Painters
Specialty Trades



Field Trips







The Project





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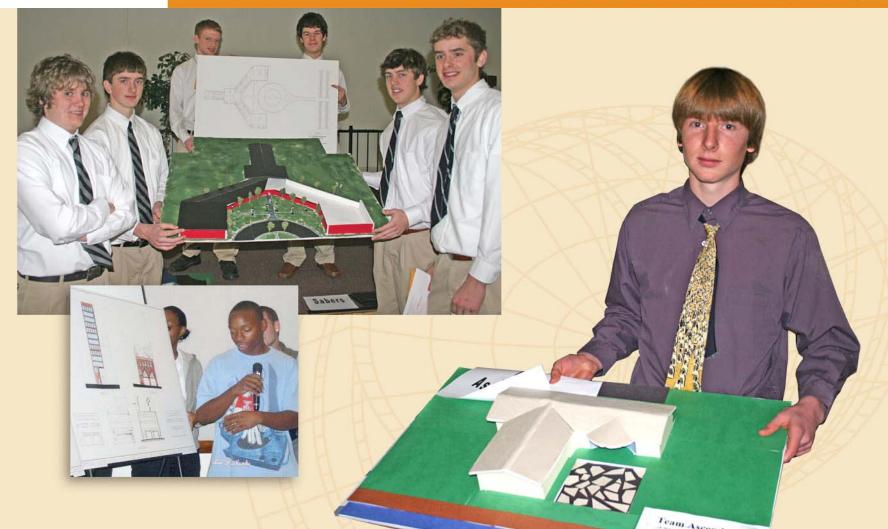








The Presentation





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The Reward









Scholarships









The Mentors





The Mentors





Who We Are

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men·tor [men-tawr, -ter] *noun* a wise and trusted counselor or teacher.





About Mentors



- Dedicated professionals passionate about what they do!
- Common goal of introducing career opportunities to high school students
- Work on biggest projects in their communities
- ✓ All volunteer





Mentoring Firms

- ✓ All disciplines
- ▼ Top regional firms
- ▼ Top national firms
- √ Local firms



















The Students









The Students









ACE Students

- √82% minorities
- √50% women
- ✓ 92% go on to skilled training or a 2 4year college program





ACE Students

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Public/Private Schools

Freshmen through Seniors





What's in it for the Kids?

- ▼ Career guidance
- ✓ Challenges
- ▼ Encouragement
- Enhanced skills
- ✓ Connections to employers
- Facilitates transition to workplace
- ✓ Summer jobs
- ∇ Scholarships





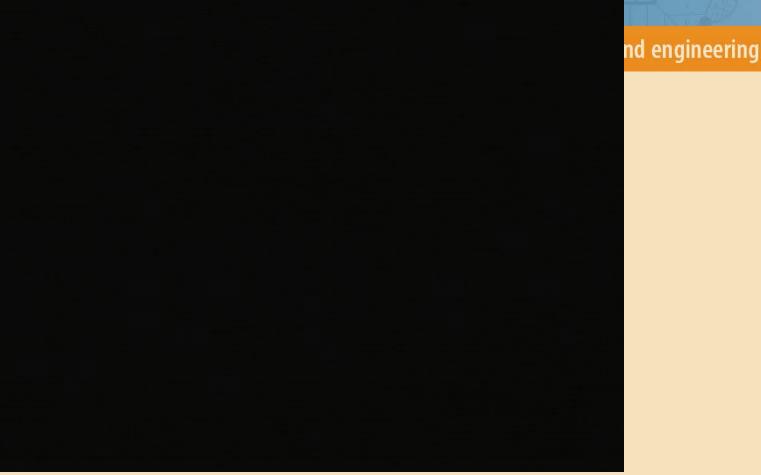
What's in it for You?

- ▼ Feed the Pipeline!!!
- ✓ Opportunity to "give back"
- Encourages contractors to get involved
- ✓ Connection to motivated talent
- Leadership skills for mentors





"It's All About the Students"





The Real Reason: It's All About the Kids!

