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ACE DC TEAM RECEIVES 1ST RUNNER UP IN NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

(Washington, D.C.) Congratulations to the ACE Washington Lee High School Team in Arlington, VA for receiving 1st Runner Up in the preliminary round of the national 2011 Construction Industry Roundtable (CIRT)-ACE Mentor Design Competition.

The Team is led by Tony Maida of Jacobs Engineering. Not only is this the Team's first year in entering the competition, but also the first year of being in the ACE Mentor Program.

A record 37 entries (representing 21 of 57 ACE affiliates) from across the country competed in this fifth year of the CIRT-ACE competition's existence. The theme of the competition is to promote innovation in the design and construction community in order to improve the quality of life, while also understanding issues and challenges unique to the industry. This year's design challenges instructed teams to create one of the following designs as if they were responding to an RFP:

- The "Ideal" School
- Retirement Village for Military Families
- Health Clinic

Judging was conducted by a committee of top CEOs and principals in the design and construction industry. Aspects evaluated included site and context; constructability; strategies for sustainability; quality of furniture, fixtures and equipment; and surrounding landscape.

The winner will be selected after the three finalist teams have presented their projects before a panel of judges during the spring CIRT conference in Washington, DC. All are encouraged to attend on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 9-11am in the Ballroom Level Executive Forum at The Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M Street, Washington D.C., DC 20037.

To learn more about the preliminary judging round and the three finalist teams, visit:

http://www.acementor.org/wsc_content/pics/user_upload/Nat%20Competition%20judging%20first%20round.pdf

About the ACE Mentor Program – DC/MD/VA

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The ACE Mentor Program of DC/MD/VA is an award-winning, nonprofit organization whose mission is to enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering – as well as other related areas of the design and construction industry – through mentoring and scholarship awards. The program makes a special attempt to reach students of all demographics; and those currently underrepresented in the industry.

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