



FOR: THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

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**ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING  
(ACE) MENTOR PROGRAM IN SACRAMENTO  
RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION**

**Sacramento, CA** – August 6, 2009 – Jim Lambert, Executive Vice President of the Sacramento Builders Exchange and the founder of the Sacramento affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program, has received the 2009 Management Award from the association for International Builders Exchange Executives (IBEE).

The IBEE award was given to Mr. Lambert for his work in bringing the ACE Mentor Program to Sacramento. The award was based upon the criteria of a Builder Exchange manager bringing a new or unique management activity to an area.

The ACE Mentor Program was 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 of Sacramento is part of a nationwide program of outreach and mentoring for students in 136 markets across the country where ACE has a presence. The mentors are professionals from leading design and construction firms who volunteer their time and energy to engage, inform, and challenge youth.

Under Mr. Lambert's leadership, the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Sacramento received the Emerging Affiliate of the Year Award in 2009 for its unprecedented growth in the region. "We would like all of our members to copy what Jim has been able to do in Sacramento, it is a remarkable program," stated Ed Walsh, Executive Director of IBEE.

Mr. Lambert is a past recipient of the IBEE Management Award in both 1988 and 1995. He has received the award more times than any other recipient; only two other individuals in the organization's history have received the award more than once.

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**About the ACE Mentor Program**

The ACE Mentor Program is the fastest-growing high school mentoring program in the United States 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 construction 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](http://www.acementor.org).

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