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North Central (4) Region of the Associated Schools of Construction

Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota

During October, the North Central Region (Region 4) of the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) conducted a virtual student competition. This was a change from previous years due to the limitations of travel and social distancing requirements that universities have implemented due to COVID-19. Eight of the sixteen universities in the seven-state region were represented. The participation included 20 university faculty and 19 teams totaling 112 students.

The following organizations sponsored the event:

- Mortenson
- McCown-Gordon
- Lusardi
- Alberici
- Kiewit
- Bluebeam
- Turner
- MCA of Kansas City
- Hensel Phelps
- Lithko
- Procore

Students competed in five divisions: Commercial 1, Commercial 2, Design-Build, Heavy-Civil and Specialty (Mechanical) Contracting. Students used real construction documents from projects that have already been or are currently under construction. The overall intent was to place students in “real life” project management situations. Over the course of 5 days, students were asked to schedule, estimate, cost analyze, and resolve several management issues that arose during the project planning phase. A panel of judges from industry reviewed and graded the team’s proposals. The proposals included the team’s plans for managing and construction the project. Students were asked to prepare and present their proposed ideas to a panel of judges via a virtual presentation. The unique situations created by a virtual competition allowed students to see how the construction industry has been forced to adjust to the limitations associated with COVID-19. In order to facilitate such an environment, the judging panels were comprised of representatives from all facets of the construction industry.

## **ASC Region 4 Competition Results**

### **Commercial 1 – Sponsored by Mortenson**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – North Dakota State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kansas State University

### **Commercial 2 – Sponsored by McCown Gordon**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Iowa State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Missouri State University

### **Design/Build – Sponsored by Lusardi**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Iowa State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Missouri State University

### **Heavy/Civil – Sponsored by Kiewit**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Missouri State University

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Iowa State University

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – University of Nebraska – Omaha

### **Specialty (Mechanical) – Sponsored by MCA Kansas City**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Iowa State University

## **ASC Region 4 Member Schools**

Dakota Count Technical College

Dunwoody College of Technology

Iowa State University

Kansas State University

Metropolitan Community College

Minnesota State University – Mankato

Minnesota State University – Moorhead

Missouri State University

North Dakota State University

Pittsburg State University

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Southeast Missouri State University

University of Central Missouri

University of Minnesota

University of Nebraska – Lincoln/Omaha

University of Northern Iowa