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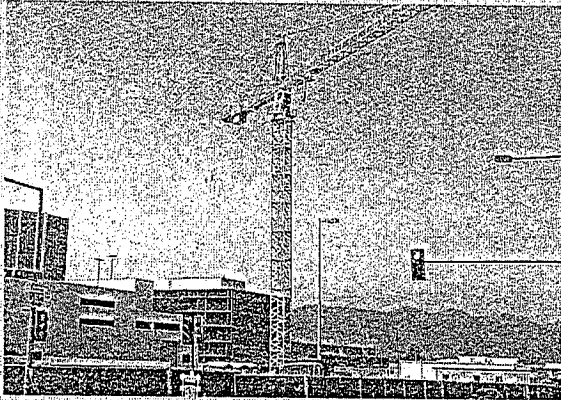
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CEA Awards \$165,000 in Grants to Seven University Construction Management Programs

For the 17th straight year, the Construction Employers' Association (CEA) awarded grant funding to seven top university programs as part of the organization's Construction Management University Grant Program. Awards for the 2014 program year totaled \$165,000, bringing the total amount contributed to over \$2 million since the program began in 1998.



In an effort to support and promote quality construction management education, CEA says it funds innovative programs that directly benefit students.

CEA's grant committee consists of ten executives from prominent Northern California building construction firms, with seven firms in business for 100 years or more. Using that expertise, the committee evaluates applications with a special focus on building better future construction managers through hands-on education and as much field experience as possible.

The committee also looks for programs that promote Construction Management as a career path and create opportunities for the universities to partner with CEA member firms.

"Developing future leaders is critical to the future of the building construction industry," says Committee Chairman Jerry Overaa, chief executive officer of Richmond, CA-based C. Overaa & Company. "Through these annual grants, CEA strives to provide construction management students with the practical education necessary to be successful in the field. We want to inspire these future leaders to excel in our industry."

For the eighth time in their 17 years participating in the program, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo's Construction Management

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Program earned the 2014 Donald L. Warmby Leadership Award for the best overall grant proposal. CEA's grant will support student participation in field trips to jobsites, construction competitions and industry internships as well as support Cal Poly's CMAC program which will help streamline external relations for their expanding program.

The funds provided by CEA will also allow for the hiring of part-time faculty to support the growing student population in their Construction Management Program.

California State University, Fresno; University of California, Berkeley; California State University, Chico; California State University, Sacramento; and Stanford University also participated in the program and were awarded funds to benefit their students. In addition to these esteemed programs, CEA announced the addition of a new participating program: Cal State University, East Bay.

CEA is comprised of over 100 mid- to large-sized unionized commercial building contractors performing work in Northern California. Its members collectively perform over \$15 billion in public and private building construction volume annually and employ over 15,000 employees in the State of California. For more information, visit: www.cea-ca.org