

CEA Donates \$1 Million to CM Grant

The Construction Employers' Association has donated over \$1 million to deserving universities as a part of its Construction Management University Grant Program. After 10 years, CEA reached this milestone in 2007 after awarding \$150,000 to universities offering programs in the field of Construction Management.

For the 2007 program year, the CEA Construction Management University Grant Program Committee evaluated grant applications from six universities based on the quality of their grant proposal and accompanying presentation to the committee, as well as their overall impact on the building construction industry. The objective of the program is to support and promote quality construction management education with the hope of developing long-term relationships with the participating universities.

"Our goal is to inspire achievement in the construction field and provide direct benefit to Construction Management students by funding programs that develop a tangible understanding of building construction," says Committee Chairman Jerry Overaa, CEO of C. Overaa & Co. "We are excited about reaching this milestone, and are pleased with the continued success of the university programs we have supported over the years."

CEA recognized the Stanford University Construction Engineering and Management Program with the 2007 Donald L. Warmby

Leadership Award given to the university with the best overall grant proposal. Stanford's proposal requested support for consulting instructors from the industry and field trips to active job sites. This funding allows Stanford to offer 13 courses taught by consulting instructors on topics varying from Building Systems to Career Skills.

Other grant awards for 2007 included funding for the following programs: University of California, Berkeley received support for student case studies of construction management issues and industry lecturers; California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo received support for the CEA/Cal Poly Co-op Education Partnership and student trips to construction competitions and conferences; California State University, Chico received support for expanding industry lecturer, internship, and field trip programs, as well as the development of a course in green and sustainable building practices; California State University, Fresno received support for internship and career placement programs, expansion of a high school recruiting program and development of hands-on lab activities; and California State University, Sacramento received funding for a job site based course in Construction Documents, and creation of instructional DVDs for classroom use. ■