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## Industry Relationships Making a Difference Defining the Future of Construction Higher Education

In partnership with the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), The American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) is inviting the construction industry to participate in a one-day workshop at various locations across the US, to help define the skills, knowledge and abilities that college and university students will have upon graduation from ACCE-accredited programs in Construction Management and Construction Technology.

ACCE is seeking construction industry volunteer participants who have some experience supervising and/or hiring recent graduates and understand the skills, knowledge, and abilities they should have obtained before starting professional employment in the construction industry.

This is a crucial project to help develop the next generation of industry employees by helping their colleges and universities provide them with the most relevant skills, knowledge and abilities that you — their future employer — are seeking.

The one-day workshop is free and open to industry practitioners. The workshop will be facilitated by ACCE. If you are interested in attending and having an impact, please plan to attend one of the sessions in your area. You can sign up by emailing [curiculum@agc.org](mailto:curiculum@agc.org) and letting us know which workshop you will attend.

Regional meetings will be held:

Atlanta — December 15, 2011  
Phoenix — February 21, 2012  
Washington, DC — TBD

Dallas — February 8, 2012  
Milwaukee — April 25, 2012

ACCE wishes to thank the industry in advance for your generosity, your time, and your commitment to helping shape the future of construction higher education for the next generation of constructors. This is another opportunity to make a difference.

## Industry Advisory Boards Impact Locally

All our programs have an Industry Advisory Board and the more active role they play, the more successful the graduates can become. All Advisory Boards operate independently and take different approaches to interacting with their programs to make them stronger. We encourage all graduates, supporters and interested industry individuals to take a hard look at getting involved with their local CM program. Understand the work that needs to be done and the great opportunity to enrich your company and the industry in general through your involvement. There are many students that will appreciate your effort. And through your local program, you can learn about accreditation and become involved with ACCE and support industry

education nationwide. We are proud to welcome the IAB from Clemson University as an Organization Member of ACCE and look forward to their member involvement in the mission of ACCE as we all work to provide the best educational experience possible and superior graduates.

ACCE is hosting the 3rd Annual Best Practices Workshop for IAB Boards in Phoenix, February 21, 2012. Come share what your IAB is doing successfully and take back ideas to make your IAB even stronger. Complete information on this event is on Page 8 of this newsletter—Hope to see YOU there!

# Focus On

A Message from Executive Vice President, Michael M. Holland

## Quality and Training ACCE Site-Visitor Commitment

In the world of education, the United States sets an admirable example of consistency in its ability to educate a vast group of individuals without a centralized government-lead effort. Many countries have a “Ministry of Education” or a differently named agency which overlays a great series of governmentally mandate controls, that many see as overwhelming the educators with rules and regulations and adding little if any ability for creativity. Some in the US believe we have that in our country; we have little to complain about compared with other nations around the globe.

One of the differences which allows the US educators to lead the world in the quality of its education is the peer-to-peer assessment process, or accreditation. With accreditation, both institutions and specialized programs allow themselves to be reviewed by peers and find strength in the process and the freedom to innovate and be creative in their current and future educational deliveries.

ACCE continues to support the peer review process and knows that ACCE’s continued commitment to quality must include continual improvement. As part of that commitment, the Council has begun improved and increased training for its site visitors. The need for consistency and improved knowledge and interpretation of the ACCE standards,

report writing and team professionalism is always present.

To provide our Visiting Team members with more information and training, we have taken our 2-part training and added an additional level of training. Starting at the July 2011 meeting, ACCE has established 3 levels of Visiting Team member training, to match the 3-levels of Visiting Team membership:

1) Initial Member Training is being reworked to provided the Member-in-Training a strong foundation for their first experience as a trainee. Certainly, there is a need to completely understand the process and the elements of a visit, including the structure of our standards and their application to a program’s criteria. This training is being offered at each of our meetings in both February and July.

2) Advanced Member Training is a new element of ACCE’s training. This training is to be taken after the Member-in-Training experience has been completed and before an individual can participate as a full member on a Visiting Team. In order to improve our full member’s foundation, we have determined that both this 4-hour training, coupled with our Case-study segment is now required for both the first full-member experience and retraining required every five (5) years. It is the belief of the Council this increased training will provide for more consistency in the on-campus visit as well as the report-writing and interpretation of ACCE standards

across the board. Attendance to this training without the MiT experience does not allow an individual to become a full member; this training must be taken in the proper sequence. It is our plan to offer these training elements (advanced and case-study) at both our February and July meetings.

3) Visiting Team Chair Training continues to be an 8-hour session offered only at our July meeting. This training includes not only standards interpretation and report-writing elements, it also has the logistic and leadership of a team elements which are so important to a successful on-campus experience. We have added the case-study segment to the Chair training requirement. To be a Visiting Team Chair, one has to complete at least 3 visits as a full member (in addition to the MiT experience) and complete this training, along with the case-study segment noted in the Advance Training description.

We are greatly in debt to our volunteers who give of their talent and time to make this peer review process work. ACCE is committed to the peer review process and to providing a high quality Visiting Team for each of its accredited and candidate programs. We look forward to continuing our commitment to quality in every aspect of our accrediting process.



## Food for Thought

### The Lost Art of Face-to-Face Communication

From a recent article in *The NAWIC IMAGE*

“Communicating meaningfully is becoming more difficult than ever before. While technology has created an ever-increasing number of ways to communicate rapidly over great distances, many people are now so well insulated and protected by these devices we use that we are losing the skills and abilities to communicating in the most influential way—face-to-face.”

- If you become overly dependent on email or text, you focus on the object, not the person.
- Messages are short, sequential, controlled and direct – no interaction or connection that allows understanding tone, inflection or emotion that is carried with the words.
- Sender cannot express, recipient cannot perceive the elements of trust, confidence, credibility, warmth, empathy and concern that is crucial to developing and building a personal relationship.
- Meaningful communications that carry these powerful and important characteristics can only be achieved in face-to-face interactions.

You can access the complete article at this link: <http://www.nawic.org/images/nawic/mag/articles/Face%20to%20Face%20Communication.pdf>. Many thanks to NAWIC and Autumn Daughetee, NAWIC Image Editor.

# Changing of the Guard -- ACCE Board of Trustees

## James Goddard — President

**James Goddard**, Program Coordinator at Kansas State University, has been elected President for the coming 2 year term. Jim has long been the face of our Visiting Team Member Training Sessions, serving on Visiting Teams to 17 programs, 14 of which serving as the Team Chair. In addition, he has served on the Accreditation Committee, Training Committee, Student Learning Outcomes Task Force and chairing the Self Assessment Task Force, Training Committee, and Long Range Planning Committee. Jim has a deep commitment to our mission and strives to make the construction education process stronger and more accountable. Professor Goddard has been a faithful supporter of ACCE at our meetings. He is ready and willing to step forward whenever asked. ACCE is constantly changing, improving and moving forward, and we look forward to the strength in leadership that Jim offers ACCE in the next two years.



## New Association Board Trustee:

**Dr. Norma Jean Andersen** is the new AIC representative to our Board. Norma brings experience on both sides of our system — as a successful industry professional and dedicated educator. She brings experience as a former Board Member and is a enthusiastic supporter of ACCE. Welcome!



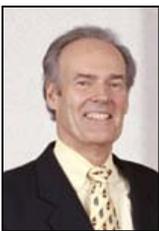
## Retiring from the Board:



- David Mattson** — AIC Representative
- Brett Christiansen** — MCAA Representative
- Steve Nellis** — NAHB Representative
- Professor Keith Bisharat** — Educator Trustee
- Dr. John Schaufelberger** — Educator Trustee

## Re-elected Board Trustees:

**Dr. Dianne Kay Slattery** and **Dr. Tom Burns** have been re-elected to their second term as Educator Trustees. They have each given a great deal of their time and energies to help ACCE grow in a positive manner, and we look forward to another 4 year commitment of their knowledge and experience. Each of these individuals provide leadership not only to the Board itself, but as Committee Chairs and other roles throughout the Council. We are pleased to be the recipients of their talents.



## John Gaver — Vice President

**John Gaver**, Executive Vice President of Wehr Constructors, Inc., has been elected Vice President for the coming 2 years. John has been a friend of ACCE for many years, serving on the Accreditation Committee, Guidance Committee, and Dupree Education Fund Committee. In addition, John has served on 6 Visiting Teams and chaired 3 of them. John is very versed in cost analysis, cash flow, systems budget analysis, manpower projections, quality control, scheduling, and estimating. John also has a passion for strong education standards and successful graduates. We look forward to his leadership with our strategic planning and Long Range Plan.

### Board Committee Leadership

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>
Accreditation	Dr. James Smith	Dr. Craig Capano Mr. Mike Cooley
Development	Mr. James Eugene Hogan	Mr. David Mendes Dr. Charles McIntyre Mr. Jason Hefley
Dupree Education Fund	Mr. Steve Lords	Dr. Daniel E. Dupree Ms Sharon McGuinness
Guidance	Dr. Dianne Kay Slattery	Professor Jim Carr Professor Greg Pakieser Dr. Hank Bray Mr. Robert T. Meyer
Finance	Mr. Robert T. Meyer	
Long Range Planning	Mr. John Gaver	
Nominating	Mr. Mark Benjamin	
Non Degree Recognition	Dr. Brian Moore	Ms Page Browning Dr. Tulio Sulbaran Dr. David Batie Professor John Buttlerwerth Professor Scott Sumner
Standards	Dr. Abdol Chini	
Training	Dr. Khalid Siddiqi	
Masters Degree Accreditation	Dr. Roger Liska	

### Board Caucus Leadership

Associate Degree Program Representatives	Professor Mike Cooley	Professor Mike DeMattei
Association/Industry Representatives	Mr. Charles Roeset	
Baccalaureate Degree Program Representatives	Dr. Mostafa Khattab	Professor Scott Sumner

# ACCE Awards and Recognition

## Founders Award 2011

### National Housing Endowment

The National Housing Endowment (NHE), the philanthropic arm of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to helping the housing industry develop more effective approaches to home building, enhancing education and training for future generations of leaders in residential construction and increasing the body of knowledge on housing issues. It does so by supporting innovative and effective programs that further education, training and research in the residential construction industry. Each year, the NHE awards grants to colleges and universities to help them create, expand and enhance existing residential construction management programs—and to enable them to provide programs that prepare for its future. Established in 2006, this endowment has awarded more than \$1.4 million in HELP grants to educational institutions. In addition, each year the NHE awards student travel scholarships to the NAHB International Builder's Show. Last year alone NHE awarded \$70,000 in travel scholarships to more than 440 students from 45 colleges, high schools and technical schools across the country. They have 13 home builders associations committed to more than \$23,900 in matching funds to help support students. Moreover, they oversee the Lee S. Evans Scholarship fund that annually awards approximately \$50,000 to 8-10 exemplary students majoring in construction related fields. Overall NHE awards more than \$300,000 each year to hundreds of students pursuing careers in residential construction and related fields. They have profoundly and positively affected construction education at 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities through their philanthropic efforts.

ACCE has enjoyed a long and productive relationship of enriching construction education and the industry in general. We were proud to honor their achievements at our Annual Meeting in July 2011.

### Dupree Education Scholarship Award—2010

### Dupree/National Housing Endowment Scholarship Award—2010

In August, ACCE was very pleased to award one Dupree Education Scholarship and one Dupree Education/National Housing Endowment Scholarship for Graduate Degree students interested in pursuing a career in teaching at an ACCE accredited program.

The Dupree Educational Scholarship was awarded to Manish Dixit. Manish is working toward his PhD at Texas A&M University, where he received his Masters of Science in Construction Management in August 2009. His plans include teaching at the college level and developing and applying innovative teaching techniques. Developing and establishing a nexus of interdisciplinary team that are focused on social, economic and environmental benefits of managing a construction project is his long term goal.



The Dupree Construction Education/National Housing Endowment Scholarship was awarded to James P. Smith. James is currently working toward his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University after receiving his MS in Construction Management from Brigham Young University, as well as his BS in Construction Management. In addition to his education endeavors, James was a self-employed construction manager in residential remodels in Salt Lake City and worked as an employee for Silver Creek Development Group and Del Webb Corporation. His future goals are to become a tenured professor and work to build relationships of trust with fellow faculty members and industry professionals in order to maximize the benefits that can be gained from partnerships between the two.

Congratulations to both of these young men. We wish them well in their future careers. We also look forward to seeing their participation with ACCE in the future.

# Around ACCE

- **Professor Jay Newitt** was recently honored at the Annual Alumni Dinner at Brigham Young University for his excellent service. After teaching at BUY for 35 years, Professor Jay Newitt is preparing to retire at the end of this year. He has been with the program since its inception, when he was hired in 1976. He also served as the Program Head, twice, for 17 years.



- Six students from the **BYU Construction Management Program** traveled to the Dominican Republic this past spring, making presentations to students at Santo Domingo Institute of Technology and at a professional seminar. They also participated in a SWOT analysis, an analysis to determine strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats of any project. They were able to go to a residential, an apartment building site and a heavy-civil site and present their findings to the project management at each site.



- **The Virginia Tech** chapter of Habitat for Humanity, in conjunction with Radford University, built a 10'x10' modular 'dream' playhouse. Using donated and discounted materials from local vendors, the playhouse featured laminate flooring, flower boxes, a fireplace with a tiled hearth, and a columned porch, which was raffled to support the mission of the Habitat for Humanity affiliate. For the 2011-12 school year they look forward to helping the affiliate grow. They hope to partner with the Blacksburg Mobile Kitchen Project to help construct the final design, which will be spotlighted at local and regional farmers' markets in the spring.

- In celebration of **Cal Poly's** Open House, the Emerging Green Professionals (EGP) club has displayed the BuildSmart trailer in the Construction Innovations Center's plaza. This 14 foot trailer is home to over 25 examples of sustainable building products that showcase eco-friendly alternatives to traditional building materials. Examples include insulation made of denim, paperless recycled-content drywall, recycled glass tile flooring, dual-flush toilet and a reclaimed water irrigation vault.



- **Purdue University** finished second in the Solar Decathlon 2011, a solar house competition in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. Purdue's INhome solar house earned a total of 931.390 points out of 1,000. Nineteen teams, including four from outside the US, designed and built affordable, energy-efficient, solar-powered homes for the competition.

- **Central Washington** celebrates the completion of the new 56,000-square-foot, LEED-certified Hogue Technology addition. Highlights of the new building include two complete construction management laboratory spaces, one for soils/asphalt and concrete and one electrical/mechanical. In addition, multiple student study areas will be located throughout the building.

- **CM Cares, Colorado State University**, is a service learning program whose goal is to infuse the traits of community service, leadership, team building, and ethics throughout the culture of the CM Program through CM-related community service projects that allow students to apply classroom skills in real-world applications. Current projects include: Noah's Project—assisting a young boy with Spinal Muscular Atrophy and his family in Ft. Collins. The project involves site survey, planning, design, permits, utility relocates, HOA approvals, construction of a bedroom addition, handicapped accessible restroom, and care giver bed area adjacent to bedroom. Amaro Project—involves completion of a two bedroom addition for a grandmother who is raising 4 kids (two of whom are special needs). She currently lives in a one bedroom house. Bennett Elementary School—Project involves the design and construction of a greenhouse for the school and its community. Save our Youth—Project involves demolition of a wall dividing offices from an open area in the lower level of the corporate offices. Also includes new partitions walls, interior windows, minor electrical, work permits, plans and specifications. And, Alternatives Pregnancy Centers—Project involves design and construction of a remodeled client bathroom. Design and construction of a base cabinet in their conference room. Design and construction of a wall closure feature at a staff person's office.
- **Kiewit Corporation** has been named to the list of the "Best Places to Work for Recent Grads" by Experience, Inc. The list recognizes 20 top organizations from a wide range of industries across the country for excellence in recruiting, hiring, training and retaining young professionals.
- The Del E. Webb School of Construction, **Arizona State University**, developed a design/construction competition titled Desert Doghouse as an educational challenge to Arizona high school students. The challenge was to design and construct a doghouse utilizing sustainable and environmentally conscious material and methods. This student competition was a unique way to bring industry, ASU, and high school students together by providing an opportunity to learn about career possibilities in construction and sustainability with the built environment and encourage high school students to continue their education. Meet the 3 award winners!



People Choice



Most Sustainable



Most Innovative

## Visiting Team Agenda

### Spring 2011

*We would like to say a special "Thank You" to all our ACCE Visiting Team Members for sharing their time and expertise to complete our Mission.*

#### Arizona State University

Jim Goddard, Chair  
Neil Eldin  
Joe Slobojan  
Borinara Park & Marty Garza, MIT

#### Bowling Green State University

John Gaver, Chair  
Tom Logan  
James Hogan

#### Bradley University

Shawn Strong, Chair  
Carl Roegner  
Doug Carney

Basha, MIT

#### Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Chuck Matrosic, Chair

#### Louisiana State University

Sean Foley, Chair  
Blake Wentz  
Lee Orosco  
Steve McCrary & Hung Nguyen, MIT

#### Minnesota State, Mankato

Brad Sims, Chair  
Chris Gordon  
Charles Roesset

#### Roger Williams University

Charles Berryman, Chair  
Tulio Sulbaran  
Don McCollister  
Albert Bleakley & Kent Hikida, MIT

#### University of Central Missouri

Scott Seltveit, Chair  
Jim Caldwell  
Dwayne Fitzpatrick  
Edward Keeter — MIT

#### University of Cincinnati

Khalid Siddiqi, Chair  
David Gunderson  
David Goodloe  
Kevin Miller, MIT

#### University of North Florida

Richard Boser, Chair  
David Batie  
Tamara Crooks  
Laurie Robbins & Is-

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### Fall 2011

Ball State University  
Ferris State University

Georgia Institute of Technology  
North Dakota State University  
Texas A&M University

Indiana State University  
Northern Arizona University  
University of New Mexico

## Accreditations

At the July 25, 2011 meeting, the Board of Trustees granted the following accreditations:

### Renewal of Accreditation

#### Arizona State University

Del E. Webb School of Construction  
Dr. Avi Wiesel, Interim Program Coordinator

#### Bowling Green State University

Construction Management & Technology Program  
Professor Travis Chapin, Department Chair

#### Bradley University

Construction Program  
Dr. Amir Al-Khafaji, Chairman  
Professor Souhail Elhouar, Program Coordinator

#### Louisiana State University

Construction Management Program  
Dr. Craig Harvey, Interim Chair

#### Roger Williams University

School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction  
Management

Professor Frederick Gould, Program Coordinator

#### University of Central Missouri

Construction Management Program  
Dr. David McCandless, Program Coordinator

#### University of Cincinnati

Construction Management Program  
The School of Advanced Structures  
Dr. Hazem Elzarka, Program Coordinator

#### University of North Florida

Department of Construction Management  
Dr. Mag Malek, Department Chair

#### Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Department of Building Construction  
Dr. Walid Thabet, Department Head

### Initial Accreditations

# Around ACCE

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced a two-year \$363,475 grant award to the **Virginia Tech** Center for Housing Research to carry out research of green building practices. This grant was one of six awarded. The purpose is to support projects that fill data and information gaps in housing and community development research and aid policy-makers in decisions leading to strong, sustainable communities.
- Simpson Strong-Tie has been honored with the distinguished “Partners of Choice” Award for the seventh consecutive year, earning an “A” ranking in both quality and service. Sponsored by David Weekley Homes, the award program recognizes top performing suppliers in David Weekley’s comprehensive evaluation program, which is based on the “National Trading Partner Survey.” Through their actions, Simpson Strong-Tie has demonstrated they have properly identified their customer, and consistently delivered world-class quality and service.
- **Jefferson State Community College** students recently built the pictured 12’x12’ display booth at the Moss Rock Festival, using 90% recycled material, modular wall panels with R-25 insulation, home-made trusses and LED lighting using just 9.6 watts. The entire structure fits on a utility trailer and can be erected and/or dismantled in under an hour by two people. Now they can enjoy the fruits of their labors!



- **Dr. Roger Liska** was awarded the **American Institute of Constructors** Life Time Achievement Award and was given a Lifetime Membership within the AIC. Dr. Liska was recognized for his extensive service to AIC and the Constructor Certification Commission (CCC). He has been a member of AIC for 38 years and was one of the first individuals to be named a Certified Professional Constructor (CPC). Roger has served as both President of AIC and Chairman of the CCC. He is currently serving as secretary of the CCC while also spearheading the AIC’s efforts in earning its AC and CPC Constructor Certification ANSI Accreditation. Congratulations to Roger on this recognition of his commitment and leadership.

- **Steve Lords** is the 2011 Debra Hahn Memorial Award from CFMA. Steve was recognized for his enthusiasm



in the promotion of CFMA, his contributions at both the local and national levels, his activities in support of CFMA’s Core Purpose and Values, and his consideration for and service to fellow CFMA members.

- **Gordon Marshall** was presented the CFMA’s Chairman award for his tireless work in the development of



CFMA’s first eLearning course, Revenue Recognition. “Bringing this course to our members and profession was no small task and even though it was a team effort, Gordon was truly the driving force behind it. His work will be the framework for all future eLearning.”

Reminder: Visiting Team Training, Advanced and Initial, is held at the Mid Year Meeting in February and at the Annual Meeting in July. Training requirements to be an active member on the Visiting Team Member Roster are listed below.



 <b>American Council for Construction Education</b>		
Training Requirements for Visiting Team Members and Chairs <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">Rev. Nov. 2011</span>		
<b>I.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Initial Training</div>	Held at all ACCE Mid-year and Annual Meetings for all new visitors. Training is good for 5 years.
<b>II.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">MIT Visit</div>	After completing Initial Training, you will participate on a team visit as a Member-in-Training.
<b>III.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Advanced Training + Case Studies</div>	Held at both ACCE Mid-year and Annual Meetings. Required <b>AFTEER</b> , everyone completing an MIT Visit, <b>BEFORE</b> being a full VT member. Also for all Full Members needing to retrain. <b>MUST</b> include the Case study segment.
<b>IV.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Full Member</div>	Participation in Team visits as a Full member. <b>MUST RETRAIN EVERY 5 YEARS</b>
<b>V.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Chair with 3 full member visits</div>	All full members who have participated as such on 3 Visiting Teams become eligible to participate as Chairs.
<b>VI.</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Chair Training + Case Studies</div>	Held only at the Annual Meeting. Required of all newly qualified chairs, prior to chairing a Team. <b>ALL CHAIRS MUST RETRAIN EVERY 3 YEARS.</b>



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**American Council for Construction Education  
Spring 2012 Meetings**

**Mid Year Meeting 2012  
Phoenix, Arizona  
February 22—25**

*ACCE Mid Year Meeting Registration  
Deadline is January 31  
Please encourage your colleagues in*



**Construction Programs  
Industry Advisory Board  
Best Practices Workshop  
Phoenix, Arizona  
February 22**

*Early Registration Deadline is December 15*



**Embassy Suites Phoenix  
Biltmore**

Hotel Reservation Deadline  
**January 31, 2012**

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**ACCE Founder's Award** nominations for the year Janu-  
ary 1, 2011–December 31, 2011 must be received no later than  
May 20, 2012. For further information check the Awards button  
on our website or call 210.495.6161



**Dupree Education Scholarship and Dupree Construction/NHE Education Scholarship**  
ACCE will offer a scholarship of at least \$5,000 to a practitioner who is enrolled in a post-  
graduate program with the intent to enter into a career as a faculty member in an ACCE-  
accredited construction management program. Information is available on the website or the  
ACCE national office. **Deadline is May 3, 2012, with notification by August 2012.**