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### **MCAA Student Chapter at the Milwaukee School of Engineering Wins MCAA's 2010-2011 Student Chapter Competition**

*Three remaining finalists tie for second place in close competition*

ROCKVILLE, MD—The MCAA Student Chapter at the Milwaukee School of Engineering received top honors for their efforts in the Mechanical Contractors Association of America's (MCAA) 2010-2011 Student Chapter Competition. The winners were announced during the Annual Awards of Excellence Breakfast on March 9 at the association's annual convention in Wailea, Maui, Hawaii.

MCAA President Bob Armistead and Career Development Committee Chairman Brett Christiansen presented the award and a check for \$5,000 to the winning team. The scores for the remaining finalist teams were so close that the Career Development Committee declared a three-way tie. The University of Washington Mechanical Contractors Student Chapter, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of MCAA at Colorado State University and the Pittsburg State University MCA Student Chapter each received \$2,500.

During the competition, a record 29 teams submitted proposals for this year's project—the centerpiece of a 15,000 square-foot, two-story, high-end "green" building project in northern California that is to be the headquarters for an investment group. Half way through the response period, an addendum was announced that changed the project from a plan and spec

to a design-build RFP. Then, the engineer on the project declared bankruptcy, but the owner still wanted the project to continue.

In presenting the awards, MCAA President Armistead thanked Career Development Committee member John Powell of Marelich Mechanical for making the project available for this competition and for making possible a special website where chapter team members could access project drawings, forms and other competition information.

President Armistead also recognized six teams that just missed the finals, saying that they received official Certificates of Merit. These teams are from Northeastern University, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln; Purdue University; Illinois State University; Pennsylvania State University; and the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

The 2010-2011 Student Chapter Competition was MCAA's tenth such annual competition.

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