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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 totally 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

1st Place – North Dakota State University
2nd Place – Kansas State University

Commercial 2 – Sponsored by McCown Gordon

1st Place – Iowa State University
2nd Place – Missouri State University

Design/Build – Sponsored by Lusardi

1st Place – Iowa State University
2nd Place – Missouri State University

Heavy/Civil – Sponsored by Kiewit

1st Place – Missouri State University
2nd Place – Iowa State University
3rd Place – University of Nebraska – Omaha

Specialty (Mechanical) – Sponsored by MCA Kansas City

1st 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