AGC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Announcing the 31st Annual

James L. Allhands Essay Competition

Deadline for Submission: November 15, 2012

The James L. Allhands Essay was established by the late James L. Allhands, one of the founding members of AGC and a prolific writer of construction related works. The award recognizes a student essay on a specific topic that is deemed to be beneficial to the advancement of technological, educational, or vocational expertise in the construction industry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE
Any full-time student who has attained a four- or five year senior-level standing in a four-year ABET or ACCE-accredited (or candidate status) university construction or construction-related engineering program is eligible to compete for the Allhands Award. Class status and full-time registration of the student must be verified in a letter from the faculty sponsor of the student's major department. Each essay may have only one author, and each author may submit only one essay.

ESSAY FORMAT REQUIREMENTS
- The essay must be written using Microsoft Word
- Times New Roman font; 12 point; double spaced
- Margins - top and bottom – 1”; Sides 1.25”
- Pages numbered at center bottom

The essay MUST NOT exceed ten (10) pages including charts, graphics and the bibliography page. The 10 page limit does not include the required cover title page and a one page abstract. The abstract MUST NOT exceed 100 words following the same page format.

TARGET AUDIENCE
The subject relating to construction and/or general contracting will be general management-oriented rather than technical in nature, and will change for each Allhands Award competition.

2013 ALLHANDS ESSAY COMPETITION TOPIC
The topic for the 2013 Allhands Essay Competition is “Setting the Standard for Ethical Behavior and Legal Compliance.”

Construction and construction-related engineering students are preparing themselves for leadership positions in the management of construction projects. A key responsibility of a leader is to set the example, and this year’s essay topic focuses on ethical behavior and legal compliance and the project manager’s role in setting the example.

In your essay, please address, as a minimum, the following discussion points related to the topic using research and examples to support your position:
- As a project manager on a complex project with a demanding owner, what is your role in establishing the standard for ethical behavior and legal compliance?

SUBMISSION
Students MUST email: Student checklist; 100-word abstract; essay; and faculty sponsor letter and checklist to Foundation Director Melinda Patrician at patricianm@agc.org. Students will receive email notification of receipt.

FACULTY SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS
The faculty sponsor MUST confirm by a signed letter on university stationary the student’s full time & class status. A signed checklist is also required to verify that the essay was proofed for grammar and technical errors, it is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized. The letter and checklist will be part of the student’s submission in an adobe file. Only five (5) submittals from each college or university will be accepted.

AWARDS
For qualified entries, prizes will be awarded as follows:
- FIRST PRIZE, STUDENT: $1,000 and trip to the 2013 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes round-trip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.
- FIRST PRIZE, FACULTY: $500 and a trip for the faculty sponsor to the 2013 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes round-trip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.
- SECOND PRIZE, STUDENT: $500
- THIRD PRIZE, STUDENT: $300

Note: No cash substitutions will be provided if the first prize winning student or his/her faculty sponsor choose not to participate in the convention trips. Allhands Essay winners will be notified by e-mail in Jan/Feb 2013. Public announcement will be made at the AGC Annual Convention in March 2013 by the AGC Foundation President. In the event an essay is not deemed satisfactory, or does not comply with the essay requirements, the AGC Foundation Board may, at its sole discretion, find the essay unacceptable or limit the number of winners.

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2013 James L. Allhands Essay Competition

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Complete and return this checklist with your e-mail essay submission for the 2013 James L. Allhands Essay Competition:

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The following items are to be included with this application for the 2013 Allhands Competition:

1. Completed Checklist (this page)
2. A 100-word abstract (not included in 10-page essay maximum)
3. Double-spaced, typed essay, 10-pages maximum including charts and graphs (see Essay Format Requirements)
4. Letter and faculty sponsor checklist from faculty sponsor confirming student’s status and class of author. The faculty sponsor checklist verifies that the essay has been proofed for grammar and technical errors, the essay is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized.

I hereby submit the enclosed essay for consideration in the James L. Allhands Essay Competition and attest that I am its sole author.

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ___________________________
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2013 James L. Allhands Essay Competition Criteria

All essays will be evaluated by a team of contractors and educators from the AGC Foundation Board of Directors. It should be noted that the following items are MAJOR considerations in judging the entries:

- Clarity
- Original, unique ideas
- Specific examples to support opinions
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Neatness
- Adherence to format and MLA standards
- Adherence to guidelines such as length, abstract, bibliography, submission deadline

2013 James L. Allhands Essay Competition Topic

Setting the Standard for Ethical Behavior and Legal Compliance

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In your essay, please address, as a minimum, the following discussion points related to the topic using research and examples to support your position:

- As a project manager on a complex project with a demanding owner, what is your role in establishing the standard for ethical behavior and legal compliance?
- Why is this important to the reputation of your employer?
- Why is it important to the image of the construction industry?
- What techniques would you employ to create a culture of ethical behavior and legal compliance on the project?
- How has your educational experience prepared you to perform this role?

Each essay should contain at least (3) three references to support the author’s position. These references should be used minimally to support the author’s unique position, rather than comprise the majority of the essay. You may use any available reference material as a resource, including the Internet, personal interviews with experts in the field, popular magazines, etc. Please use the Modern Language Association (MLA) bibliography format for any works cited:

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WEBSITE OR WEBPAGE
Author. Title. Editor. Date. Institution. Access Date URL. Websites offering “user-generated content” should be noted as such.

Charts and graphical illustrations are welcomed, but should not comprise more than 1-2 pages of the entire essay. Full-color chart and graphs are not required; black and white versions are acceptable. Unless original, chart and graph sources should be supplied.
Faculty Sponsor Checklist

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Complete and return this checklist along with your signed letter. The signed letter must be on university stationary verifying the student’s full-time and class status. This checklist verifies that the essay was proofed for grammar and technical errors, is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized.

FACULTY SPONSOR NAME ________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS _________________________________________

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ____________________________________

DEPARTMENT ____________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP _________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____________________________________

NAME OF STUDENT _______________________________________

- Student’s essay has been proofed for grammar and technical errors and is ready for publication.
- Student’s essay follows award guidelines and is of no more than ten (10) total pages including charts and graphs.
- A 100 word abstract (not counted in the ten (10) page limit) is included.

Signature _______________________________ Date _____________