

Alliance sponsors student competition

The Roofing Industry Alliance for Progress is sponsoring its second student competition that will culminate with presentations during the 2016 International Roofing Expo® (IRE).

The Alliance's 2016 Construction Management Student Competition is a hallmark competition that promotes careers in roofing industry management. In addition to providing a significant learning opportunity, the competition fosters an environment that is meant to bring out the best in each team, encourage dialogue among the students and foster team spirit.

The competition is designed to challenge students' roofing knowledge, construction management skills, time management, and organizational and presentation skills. This year, the Alliance has invited 11 schools to participate. Each team member must be an undergraduate enrolled in the college or university he or she represents at the time of the competition.

The teams will bid on installing a roof system on the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., the site of the 2016 IRE. They must research the project, review plan specifications, and assemble a full estimate and proposal to submit a qualified bid package. Teams must submit a written proposal; project bid; project schedule; project planning, equipment and methods; and materials that will be used. A roofing contracting company will be assigned to each team to serve as an industry mentor. The team also may consult with other roofing industry professionals and experts.

A panel of judges composed of roofing industry professionals representing the contractor and supplier communities will review all written materials and select four finalist teams to give their oral presentations in Orlando.

The presentations will take place Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016, from 7:45 to 11:15 a.m. at NRCA's 129th Annual Convention and 2016 IRE at the Orange County Convention Center. Each team will make

a maximum 15-minute presentation summarizing its proposal and management concepts. The judges will conduct a 10-minute question-and-answer period following each proposal presentation.



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The successful team solution will be based on the team's understanding of the project; realistic construction schedule and man-loading; financial proposal; written proposal; and presentation. The winning team will receive a team trophy and individual awards; a \$5,000 L.B. Conway scholarship for their school; recognition in press releases sent to local and national media and roofing industry trade press; and acknowledgement in *Professional Roofing* magazine and on the Alliance's website.

Following the oral presentations, the four teams will have the unique opportunity to visit the rooftop of the Orange County Convention Center with the roofing contractor and general contractor involved with the project. For more information, visit www.roofingindustryalliance.net/Student-Competition.

Report reveals worker injuries remain prevalent

Private-industry employers reported nearly 3 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in 2014, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The report also reveals the total recordable cases incidence rate decreased 0.1 cases per 100 full-time workers, but the rates for cases involving days away from work and the rates for cases of job transfer or restriction were unchanged.

"[The] Bureau of Labor Statistics report shows too many workers are still being injured or sickened on the job," says David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). "Every year, millions of workers are injured at work, and that is simply unacceptable. We must redouble our efforts to make sure employers provide workers with the protections and training they deserve.

"Everyone benefits when there are fewer injuries and illnesses," he continues. "OSHA is committed to continue increased efforts to ensure every employer is fulfilling its responsibility to protect the safety and health of its workers."