During October 28-31, 2009, the North Central Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) - Region IV met at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, Nebraska for its annual conference. Thirteen of the fourteen universities in the seven-state region were represented. In attendance were 25 university faculty and 29 teams which included nearly 200 students. Events included this year were the ACS Region IV Midyear Meeting, Career Fair, a presentation from Dave Mchandless (University of Central Missouri), and the 17th Annual Construction Management Student Competition. Students, faculty and industry met for lunch during the Career Fair. The AGC of Iowa helped support the competition by donating $1,000. We thank them very much. Their assistance in sponsoring the student competition is very much appreciated.

The number of Construction Companies in attendance was down this year due to the economy. The following firm attended:

- TIC – The Industrial Company, Englewood, Colorado
- Kiewit Engineering Co. – Omaha, Nebraska
- McCarthy Building Companies – Tempe, Arizona
- Hawkins Construction Co. – Omaha, Nebraska
- Missouri State University – Springfield, Missouri

Twenty-nine Construction Management teams from thirteen different universities competed in the Commercial, Heavy Civil, Design Build, and Residential divisions. They used real plans and specifications from projects that have already been or are currently under construction. The overall intent is to place students in the “real life” project management situations. In an 18-hour period, they must schedule, estimate, run cost analysis, and resolve several issues that arise as the project is being built. A panel of judges from industry review and grade the team proposals that are prepared in the 18-hr time period by the students. The proposals included the team’s plans for managing and constructing the project. Students are asked to prepare and present their proposed ideas to the panel of judges. This part of the competition brings to light student’s knowledge and ability to work together in an active environment that closely emulates project management reality. In order to facilitate such an environment, the judging panel is comprised of representatives from all facets of the construction industry. The panel from each division may include owners, architects, contractors, and engineers.

This year’s competition division winners are as follows:

**Design Build Division Sponsored by Hensel Phelps Construction Co.**

- 1st place – Iowa State University
  - Peter Kataras
  - Jimmy Hilton
Angela Rohde  
Rob Cotan  
Anthony Brown  
Beau Artist

Mr. Larry Cormicle, Coach

- **2nd place – North Dakota State University**  
  Chris Prude  
  Jacob Nygaard  
  Anthony Hennon  
  Ryan Larson  
  Zach Kollman  
  Dane Kinney

- **3rd place – Missouri State University**  
  Kate Scannel  
  Andrew Windisch  
  Nick Lange  
  Aaron Riddle  
  Lance Persell  
  Ryan Ketsenburg

Dr. Dianne Slattery, Coach

**Commercial Division Sponsored by Hawkins Construction Company**

- **1st place – Iowa State University**  
  Matt Karns  
  Austin Davis  
  Nate Stevenson  
  Luke Daugherty  
  Tyler Kumm  
  Kathryn Kern

Mr. Larry Cormicle, Coach

- **2nd place – University of Nebraska – Lincoln**  
  Ben McMillan  
  Paul Rahfeldt  
  Darren Thomas  
  Matt Ramm  
  Brandon Engler
Derrick Krienert
Dr. Kevin Grosskopf, Coach

- 3rd place – Minnesota State University Moorhead
  Jesse Turner
  Corey Bronczyk
  Ryan Klick
  Nathan Paveck
  Sarah Braton
  Alex Sweep

  Mr. Scott Seltveit, Coach

Heavy Civil Division Sponsored by Kiewit Construction Inc.

- 1st place – Iowa State University
  Tanner Wilks
  Nick Roberts
  Scott Hoskins
  Andrew Trible
  Cole Van Ryswyk
  Ryan Noteboom

  Mr. Larry Cormicle, Coach

- 2nd place – South Dakota State University
  Glenn Johnson
  Kimberly Kaup
  Landon Lembitz
  Mitchell Reker
  Richard Steffen
  Michael Zebill

  Mr. Pat Panell, Coach

- 3rd place – Missouri State University
  Kevin Schaefer
  Luke Spangler
  James Trigg
  Ryan Fordyce
  Alicyn Quinn
  Jeff Creamer

  Dr. Kerry Slattery, Coach
Residential Division Sponsored by Hearthstone Homes

- **1st place – Iowa State University**
  Mike Pokorney  
  Dave Warning  
  Blake Pratt  
  Branton Smith  
  Wes Hazelett  
  Rachel Rottinghaus  
  Mr. Larry Cormicle, Coach

- **2nd place – University of Nebraska – Lincoln**
  Joe Jelden  
  Sean Yahnke  
  Ryan Chamberlain  
  Nick Pearce  
  Adam Sawyer  
  Joe Reiter  
  Dr. Charles Berryman, Coach

- **3rd place – Missouri State University**
  Andrew Wilde  
  Jeffery Souza  
  Derek Sisel  
  Daniel Rathe  
  Tara Miley  
  Cory Paschen  
  Dr. Richard Gebken, Coach

ASC Region IV Member Schools

- University of Central Missouri  
- Kansas State University  
- Iowa State University  
- Minnesota State University - Moorhead  
- Minnesota State University - Mankato  
- North Dakota State University  
- Pittsburgh State University  
- Missouri State University  
- Southeast Missouri State University  
- University of Nebraska - Kearney  
- University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
- University of Nebraska - Lincoln (Omaha)  
- South Dakota State University  
- University of Kansas