

McKenney's Assistant Project Developer Helps Win National MCAA Competition

It's always encouraging to see young talent excel and receive industry recognition for their efforts.

Daniel Epps, an assistant project developer for McKenney's, Inc., and his teammates recently earned first place in a highly regarded Student Chapter competition sponsored by the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA).

Daniel was part of a nine-member student team that attended Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Ga. Other schools reaching the "final four" included the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Illinois State University and California State University at Sacramento.

The competition began in October 2011 with a field of 27 teams and was based on the Asian Art Museum HVAC and plumbing renovation project in San Francisco. Each team developed a proposal to retrofit the 165,000 square-foot historic building, and in January 2012 the four best submissions were selected. In March, the finalists presented their bids to a three-judge panel. Proposals were evaluated on overall quality, project management and organization, feasibility of construction, schedules, conceptual design and accuracy/feasibility of conceptual costs.

