Sacramento State’s Construction Management team placed second in the 2014 Associated Schools of Construction’s (ASC) Region 3 national healthcare preconstruction student competition last weekend in Downers Grove, Ill., bringing home a check for $750.

The Sac State team finished with 83 points. The Milwaukee School of Engineering was the winner with 90 points, and Ohio State University came in third with 74 points.

Seven teams from across the country were given a real healthcare project as their challenge: a four-story hospital in a crowded Chicago neighborhood that would be built on a contaminated site with limited laydown space. The teams had just 15 hours to complete a full proposal, which included a work plan, project schedule, cost estimate, logistics plan and LEED credits. They presented their proposals to a panel of industry judges the following day.

“I’m particularly proud of our students because they worked very hard, meeting once a week during the summer and then pounding it out for the last couple of weeks,” says Justin Reginato, a professor in Sac State’s Department of Construction Management and team coach. “They traveled a long way to face off against some nationally ranked schools and proved once again that Sacramento State has one of the best Construction Management programs in the country.”

Representing Sacramento State were students Nathan “Teddy” Hanford, Mike DeGroot, Scott Davis, Adam Leon, Ray Pippin and Andrey Dzyuba.

They also were coached by three industry professionals who are graduates of Sac State’s Construction Management program: Adam Della Monica, an engineer with Turner Construction; Henry Meier, project executive with Swinerton Builders and past president of the Sacramento Construction Management Education Foundation (SCMEF); and Alyssa Zayas, who landed a job with Swinerton as a project engineer before graduating in May 2014. Zayas was a member of the Sac State CM team that won ASC’s inaugural healthcare preconstruction competition in 2013.

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