To Whom it may concern,

This letter is to invite you to participate in the 2nd Annual Colorado School of Mines (CSM) American Society of Civil Engineers/Associated General Contractors of America (ASCE/AGC) Student Chapter “Links to Success” Golf Tournament. This event will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at the West Woods Golf Club in Arvada, CO, the day after CSM’s Fall Career Day. By joining us on the green, you will not only enjoy a day out of the office, but you will also be contributing to one of the most successful professional student organizations at CSM. As a student-run collegiate chapter of the world’s largest and oldest professional organization, we strive to uphold its long-standing values by keeping our members active on local, regional, and national levels.

Every year, our student chapter organizes a number of activities for the CSM community. Each fall and spring, we host an “EIT Barbecue” for students taking the EIT/FE exam to relax and eat lunch during their break. Bi-weekly meetings are held during the year, and we sponsor lunch at each one for our student chapter members. Meeting topics include professional speakers on civil engineering topics, graduate school information, resume writing and networking methods, as well as talks spanning a range of civil engineering specialties. Our student chapter members also take field trips of local construction sites.

Our student chapter members also feel that outreach and community service are important. One of our annual events is Boy Scout Badge Day, where we demonstrate the use of survey equipment, our concrete canoe and steel bridge, how gears work, demonstrate the use of asphalt and even a trebuchet. This year, we teamed up with ASME and IEEE student chapter members to host these boy scouts. We also volunteered our surveying expertise to the Chatfield State Park in Littleton, CO as they have made improvements to their model airplane field. These events demonstrate to our student members how rewarding it is to be a civil engineer, and we feel fortunate to be able to continue our efforts year after year with the help of corporate sponsors.

Outside of Golden, we participate in the annual ASCE Rocky Mtn. Regional Student Conference, including student paper presentations, Pre-Design competition as well as the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions. We had an impressive turnout this year at regionals, and in addition to placing 3rd overall at the conference, the Concrete Canoe team placed 2nd and the Steel Bridge team placed 3rd, allowing the Steel Bridge team to advance to the 16th Annual AISC/ASCE National Student Steel Bridge Competition (NSSBBC) in Los Angeles, CA. We are excited to host the 2008 the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference here on the Mines campus next April!

By participating in the 2nd Annual ASCE “Links to Success” golf tournament, your company will be contributing to our members’ future success by helping encourage them to either gain internship experience or obtain their first job. It is our hope, through membership in ASCE/AGC, we can encourage our students to keep working hard and have some fun throughout their college experience, and your participation in our golf tournament will enhance this endeavor. Enclosed you will find a participant registration form and tournament flyer with further details on the event. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email at stokarz@mines.edu or by phone at 518-928-1941 or our faculty advisor, Candace Sulzbach, at 303-273-3662. We hope you can join us in September!

Sincerely,

Sean Tokarz
CSM AGC Vice-President, 2007