



# AGC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*Announcing the 30th Annual*

## 2012 James L. Allhands Essay Competition

**Deadline for Submission: November 15, 2011**

The James L. Allhands Essay was established by the late James L. Allhands, one of the founding members of AGC and a prolific writer of construction related works. The award recognizes a student essay on a specific topic that is deemed to be beneficial to the advancement of technological, educational, or vocational expertise in the construction industry.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any full-time student who has attained a four- or five year senior-level standing in a four-year ABET or ACCE-accredited (or candidate status) university construction or construction-related engineering program is eligible to compete for the Allhands Award. Class status and full-time registration of the student must be verified in a letter from the faculty sponsor of the student's major department. Each essay may have only one author, and each author may submit only one essay.

- List in priority and discuss the personal attributes and management skills required to distinguish the manager's performance.
- How does the project manager maximize the value added to the organization while working within the corporate culture to generate new ideas?

### ESSAY FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

- The essay must be written using Microsoft Word
- Times New Roman font; 12 point; double spaced
- Margins - top and bottom – 1"; Sides 1.25"
- Pages numbered at center bottom

The essay **MUST NOT** exceed ten (10) pages including charts, graphics and the bibliography page. The 10 page limit does not include the required cover title page and a one page abstract. The abstract **MUST NOT** exceed 100 words following the same page format.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

The subject relating to construction and/or general contracting will be general management-oriented rather than technical in nature, and will change for each Allhands Award competition.

### 2012 ALLHANDS ESSAY COMPETITION TOPIC

The topic for the 2012 Allhands Essay Competition is ***“Critical Components of being a Great Project Manager.”***

Construction Science students and those studying construction related management and engineering are preparing themselves for positions of leadership responsibility in many fields of construction. Candidates for degrees in these fields have very high expectations of the contribution they will be able to make once actively engaged in the industry and their employers have equally high expectations.

In your essay, please address, as a minimum, the following discussion points relating to the topic using research and examples to support your position:

### SUBMISSION

Students **MUST** email: Student checklist; 100-word abstract; essay; and faculty sponsor letter and checklist to Foundation Director Melinda Patrician at [patricianm@agc.org](mailto:patricianm@agc.org). Students will receive email notification of receipt.

### FACULTY SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

The faculty sponsor **MUST** confirm by a signed letter on university stationery the student's full time & class status. A signed checklist is also required to verify that the essay was proofed for grammar and technical errors, it is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized. The letter and checklist will be part of the student's submission in an adobe file. *Only five (5) submittals from each college or university will be accepted.*

### AWARDS

For qualified entries, prizes will be awarded as follows:

- **FIRST PRIZE, STUDENT:** \$1,000 and trip to the 2012 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes round-trip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.
- **FIRST PRIZE, FACULTY:** \$500 and a trip for the faculty sponsor to the 2012 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes round-trip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.
- **SECOND PRIZE, STUDENT:** \$500
- **THIRD PRIZE, STUDENT:** \$300

*Note: No cash substitutions will be provided if the first prize winning student or his/her faculty sponsor choose not to participate in the convention trips.*

*Allhands Essay winners will be notified by e-mail in Jan/Feb 2012. Public announcement will be made at the AGC Annual Convention in March 2012 by the AGC Foundation President.*

*In the event an essay is not deemed satisfactory, or does not comply with the essay requirements, the AGC Foundation Board may, at its sole discretion, find the essay unacceptable or limit the number of winners.*

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## *Student Checklist*

### **2012 James L. Allhands Essay Competition** **Deadline for Submission: November 15, 2011**

Complete and return this checklist with your e-mail essay submission for the 2012 James L. Allhands Essay Competition:

**ESSAY SUBMITTED BY:**

<b>Name:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>College or University:</b>
<b>Degree Program:</b>
<b>Expected Address in Feb./Mar. 2012:</b>
<b>Street:</b>
<b>City/State/ZIP:</b>
<b>Home Phone:</b>
<b>Mobile Phone:</b>
<b>Essay Word Count:</b>
<b>Essay Page Count:</b>

The following items are to be included with this application for the 2012 Allhands Competition:

1. Completed Checklist (this page)
2. A 100-word abstract (not included in 10-page essay maximum)
3. Double-spaced, typed essay, 10-pages maximum including charts and graphs (see Essay Format Requirements)
4. Letter and faculty sponsor checklist from faculty sponsor confirming student's status and class of author. The faculty sponsor checklist verifies that the essay has been proofed for grammar and technical errors, the essay is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized.

I hereby submit the enclosed essay for consideration in the James L. Allhands Essay Competition and attest that I am its sole author.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2012 James L. Allhands Essay Competition Criteria

All essays will be evaluated by a team of contractors and educators from the AGC Foundation Board of Directors. It should be noted that the following items are MAJOR considerations in judging the entries:

- Clarity
- Original, unique ideas
- Specific examples to support opinions
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Neatness
- Adherence to format and MLA standards
- Adherence to guidelines such as length, abstract, bibliography, submission deadline

### 2012 James L. Allhands Essay Competition Topic

#### *“Critical Components of being a Great Project Manager”*

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- List in priority and discuss the personal attributes and management skills required to distinguish the manager’s performance.
- How does the project manager maximize the value added to the organization while working within the corporate culture to effect new ideas?

Each essay should contain at least (3) three references to support the author's position. These references should be used minimally to support the author's unique position, rather than comprise the majority of the essay. You may use any available reference material as a resource, including the Internet, personal interviews with experts in the field, popular magazines, etc. Please use the Modern Language Association (MLA) bibliography format for any works cited:

#### MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Date: First page-last page.

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ACCESSED ONLINE Author. "Article." Periodical Date: Extent. Access Date URL.

#### ARTICLE FROM A REFERENCE BOOK

Author. "Title of Article." Book Title: Subtitle. Editor. Place: Publisher, Date. First page-last page.

#### WEBSITE OR WEBPAGE

Author. Title. Editor. Date. Institution. Access Date URL. Websites offering “user-generated content” should be noted as such.

Charts and graphical illustrations are welcomed, but should not comprise more than 1-2 pages of the entire essay. Full-color chart and graphs are not required; black and white versions are acceptable. Unless original, chart and graph sources should be supplied.



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# AGC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## *Faculty Sponsor Checklist*

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Complete and return this checklist along with your signed letter. The signed letter must be on university stationary verifying the student's full-time and class status. This checklist verifies that the essay was proofed for grammar and technical errors, is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized.

FACULTY SPONSOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

- Student's essay has been proofed for grammar and technical errors and is ready for publication.
- Student's essay follows award guidelines and is of no more than ten (10) total pages including charts and graphs.
- A 100 word abstract (not counted in the ten (10) page limit) is included.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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