

August 8, 2023

Re: Sponsorship of the Central Ohio Miniature Bridge Building Competition

Dear Friend,

This year marks the fourth, Central Ohio Miniature Bridge Building Competition (COhMBBC). Last year's event was a fantastic success even with teams from 14 different schools. The event is being hosted by the Central Ohio Association of Bridge Construction and Design (ABCD), The Franklin County Engineer (FCEO), The Ohio State University (OSU ASCE Student Chapter, the OSU AISC Student Chapter and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Practice materials are prepared to be sent out to teams as they register. **The event will take place on Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Franklin County Engineer's West Outpost and we hope to present the awards to the winners at the E-week luncheon.**

The roots of civil engineering are likely the oldest form of engineering and may be traced back to the first time a tree trunk was laid across a river to access the other side. The built environment created by civil engineers encompasses much of what defines modern civilization. As leaders in our industry and community we want to not only support and promote the importance of this field, but also want to encourage our children to explore the possibility of a promising career in civil engineering.

Our goal with the COhMBBC is to provide our local students an opportunity to learn while also providing access to practicing engineers and engineering faculty and students. This type of learning experience carries great value that cannot be measured. **To successfully foster the future of our industry, we are asking for your help**. We respectfully request your consideration to help sponsor this event through monetary support. Eliminating fiscal burdens on schools and participants of all socioeconomic status is crucial to providing a fair competition to all future engineers. Therefore, we are attempting to provide all materials necessary. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated as they contribute to the purchase of all bridge building supplies, loading apparatus and participant prizes, as well as T-shirts and food and drinks for participating students and judges. Your donation will give your company positive exposure and you will also be influencing the future of our students and our community. Our children are the future and deserve every advantage possible to grow into successful adults.

Last year, we had 84 student teams participate with about 225 students in total.

The individuals or companies making the 4 highest monetary donations to this year's event will have the awards named after them for this competition year. The awards consist of **1st Place in Structural Efficiency, 2nd Place in Structural Efficiency, 3rd Place in Structural Efficiency, and Aesthetics Award.** If multiple sponsorship donations of the same amount are among the four highest, the first received will be used in the higher place award or before other similar donations. Please click the link below to donate.

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We are also looking for volunteers to visit with the teams and discuss Civil Engineering with a focus on bridges and to assist the day of the event. Please reach out to Ed Herrick (<u>eherrick@franklincountyengineer.org</u>) if you are interested in volunteering.

Sponsorship Tiers:

Tier 1 - \$50	Bronze Sponsor	Name recognition on event website (individual name or company logo displayed)
Tier 2 - \$200	Silver Sponsor	Tier 1 recognition & company logo on general Sponsorship Display at loading event
Tier 3 - \$500	Gold Sponsor	Tier 2 recognition & company name on T-shirt
Tier 4 - \$750	Platinum Sponsor	Tier 3 recognition & Large Logo Display at Loading Stage
Tier 5 - \$1000+	Diamond Sponsor	r Tier 4 recognition, Special Recognition at the Award Presentation.
Any monies not spent towards this year's event will be held for next year's event.		

Thank you for your support!

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