



October 28, 2008

Dear Family and Friends,

On behalf of the members of UCSD's 2008 - 2009 Steel Bridge Team, we would like to thank you for taking the time to consider supporting us this year. The student steel bridge competition is part of the Pacific Southwest Regional Conference (PSWRC) conducted every year by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This year the conference will be held at the University of Hawaii at Manoa from April 2, 2009 to April 4, 2009. As many as seventeen schools compete annually in various events. The steel bridge competition poses a particular challenge, requiring the design of a 20-foot-long bridge that can support the required 2500 lb load with the minimum weight and deflection. More than sixty students have volunteered their time, energy, and ideas in bridge meetings so far this year.

Our team is proud to have represented UCSD in the National Student Steel Bridge Competition each of the past four years. Last year we took first place in construction economy and construction speed, and second place overall in the region. We have retained several members from the 2008-2009 team, giving us the experience and desire to improve upon last year's effort. As talented and motivated individuals, we know that we will design and fabricate a bridge that will do very well at the regional and national levels. The annual competition encourages students to experience engineering innovation and project management at its best, adding another dimension to their required university curriculum. These experiences and qualities are vital to the engineering job market and are a key component to an employer's future success.

Our team is asking for any financial support from businesses in our community to aid us in covering expenses associated with this project. These funds will be used only for the steel bridge project, particularly the cost of materials and the costs of shipping the completed bridge to Hawaii. All contributions will be greatly appreciated, and are completely tax-deductible. See the attached form for details on how to support our Steel Bridge project.

We would like to thank you for the support you have given us in the past and in the future to help make our college and career dreams possible!

Yours truly,

2008 – 2009 UCSD Steel Bridge Team

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We would be honored to sponsor the Society of Civil and Structural Engineers (SCSE) at the University of California, San Diego. We agree that it is important to reach out to the community and promote our industry. Because of this, we have decided to sponsor the event.

Sponsorship Level:

- \$100
- \$500
- \$1000
- Other Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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