

## ASCE Nashville Branch Mentoring Program Interest Survey Issued by: Kevin McAlister July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

## <u>Background</u>

- 1. What is your age? (Optional)
  - o **18-25**
  - o **26-35**
  - o **36-45**
  - o **46-55**
  - >55
- 2. What is your gender? (Optional)
  - o Male
  - o Female
- 3. With regards to ASCE membership, which category do you fall into?
  - Student Chapter Member
  - Younger Member (Age 35 and younger)
  - o Member
  - $\circ$  Fellow
  - o Life Member
  - Distinguished Member
  - I am not a member of ASCE
- 4. What is your experience level (number of years in the engineering business)?
  - College Student (Skip Question 5)
  - o **0-5**
  - o **6-10**
  - o **11-20**
  - o **21-30**
  - o **>31**
- 5. Which discipline are you currently employed under?
  - o General Civil Engineering
  - Construction Engineering
  - Environmental Engineering
  - Water Resources Engineering
  - Geotechnical Engineering
  - Structural Engineering
  - Transportation Engineering
  - Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Have you participated in mentoring before?
  - o Yes
  - No (Proceed to Question 9)



- 7. Did it help your career?
  - Yes
  - o No
- 8. Have you participated as a mentor or as a protégé?
  - Mentor
  - o Protégé
- 9. Did you know ASCE has an online mentoring program, eCareerMentor, available?
  - Yes
  - o No
- 10. Have you ever visited the ASCE e-mentoring website? (http://careers.asce.org/ementor)
  - o Yes
  - o No

## Interests and Expectations

- 11. How much time can you commit in a mentoring program per month?
  - $\circ$  Two hours
  - Four hours
  - Eight hours
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. What type of mentoring appeals to you? (Check all that apply)
  - E-mentoring
  - Unstructured but in person
  - Structured and in person
- 13. Rate your mentoring type preference (1 being most preferred).
  - \_ E-mentoring
  - \_ Unstructured but in person
  - Structured and in person
- 14. What is an optimal duration for a formal mentoring program? (The long term relationship that is created between you and your mentor will likely continue informally beyond the formal term.)
  - o 1 day
  - o 3 months
  - o 6 months
  - o 1 year
- 15. If mentor meetings were structured, where would you prefer to meet?
  - Office Environment
  - Casual Environment (ex. restaurant, social club)
  - Networking Environment (ex. cocktail reception)



16. How much experience do you feel is needed to be a mentor?

- Less than 10 years
- More than 10 years
- More than 20 years
- o Depends on the experience level and goals of the protégé

17. In your opinion, what is the most important quality a good mentor should have?

- Many years of experience
- At the management level
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. How do you feel mentor pairs should meet for the first time?

- As a group
- Individually
- 19. In your opinion, who would be the best target protégé group? (Our program is a third party, formal mentoring program focused on young professionals who may not have a formal mentoring program offered within their place of employment.)
  - College students
  - Younger members
  - All members

## **Opinions and Suggestions**

- 20. Would you consider participating in a mentoring program if there was one available through the Section/Branch?
  - o Yes
  - o No
  - o Maybe
- 21. Do you feel a mentoring program would make having Section/Branch membership more appealing?
  - Yes
  - o No
- 22. What type of guidance are you seeking by participating in a mentoring program?

23. What barriers would prevent you from participating in a mentoring program?



24. Can you name some specific areas that you need mentoring on (or would like to mentor on)? Examples might include: Improving networking/communication skills, client interaction, business experiences, technical career path vs. management career path, PE licensure, how to sell yourself and your engineering skills, how to get noticed at your firm, public sector vs. private sector, etc.

25. Any suggestions or ideas?

By completing this interest form, you agree to the following terms, conditions and standards of the ASCE Nashville Branch mentoring program:

ASCE encourages an open exchange of information and ideas between members participating in the mentor program, however, ASCE cannot and does not review such communications and does not guaranty or endorse the accuracy of any information exchanged. You agree that you will participate in a 6 month formal mentoring term in a manner consistent with any and all applicable laws and regulations and the ASCE Code of Ethics. Upon completion of the formal 6 month term, you may continue meeting informally with your assigned mentor, or seek out a different mentor. You further agree to completely release ASCE, and its affiliates, organizational entities, directors, officers, members, employees and agents from any and all claims, judgments, demands, liabilities, and actions that you may have arising out of, or in any way relating to, your participation in the mentor program.

□ I agree with the above terms, conditions and standards of the ASCE Nashville Branch mentoring program.

Signature

Date

\*Upon completion of this survey, please email a copy to <u>kmcalister@nashvilleasce.org</u> to get started!