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## AGC's Second Annual Construction BITS Contest Review



The second annual Construction BITS Contest was held at the 84th AGC Annual Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii on Friday, March 21, 2003. Six finalists, chosen by AGC's Electronic Information Systems committee, demonstrated how their Construction BITS are working for their company's.

Each contestant was given 10 minutes to explain the technology that they had implemented in their Construction company to solve a particular business problem. Within that time limit, they also were required to identify the hardware, software, cabling, connections, and cost necessary to operate their BITS. Each participant was given high speed internet access and connection to a LCD to present their BITS.

Gary Newell, Chairman of the EIS Committee, presented the contest in front of an excited crowd. BITS was also broadcast live over the Internet through the EIS Committee's AGC eMeeting. Many of the contestants colleagues back home were joining the audience in Honolulu from their computer screens. The judges included **Judy Schriener**, Editor-in-Chief for construction.com, **Chris Matthews**, President of Chris Matthews Construction, Inc., and **Tary Carlson**, Project Manager of Emerick Construction.

AGC would like to thank the [Oregon State Student Chapter](#) for their assistance with presenting BITS. Thanks to all of our presenters for doing an excellent job of presenting and educating the audience on their Construction BITS. In alphabetical order, our presenters were:

<u>Company</u>	<u>City, ST</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>
<b>Blach Construction Co.</b>	Santa Clara, CA	Blach Integration Framework	Tom Kobayashi
<b>Bostleman Corporation</b>	Maumee, OH	Project Village Mark	Mark Bostleman William Bostleman
<b>Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.</b>	New York, NY	Constructware	Mark Napier
<b>Cal-Custom Construction</b>	Novato, CA	Bid List Connection	Marisa Remak
<b>Martin K Eby Construction Co.</b>	Wichita, KS	Invoice Router	Adam Dunn
<b>Messer Construction Co.</b>	Cincinnati, OH	Dragon Naturally Speaking	David Miller Adam Tingle Jim Brady