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New Construction Book Co-Authored by ECU Construction Management Members Released

GREENVILLE (8/6/2008) – Members of ECU’s Construction Management department co-authored a book, *Quality & Construction: How to Develop a Quality Management System for Your Construction Firm* (BNi Building News, 2008).

Danny Morton, an instructor of construction management, and Katy Griffin, lab supervisor for ECU’s construction management lab, wrote the step-by-step book that outlines effective project management, administration, and effectiveness in construction management. Jack Patterson of Western Carolina University is also a co-author on the book.

The book is written in an easy-to-understand language, and includes details and examples, as well as a complete quality manual that focuses on construction companies but can be tweaked for any company seeking to define and control its processes. The book, also used in East Carolina University’s Construction Management Department classes, will help students understand the importance of a quality management system in the construction industry.

“The intention of the book is to simplify the beliefs and understanding about a quality management system and the requirements of the International Organization of Standardization (ISO),” said Morton. “The book primarily focuses on small- to mid-sized construction companies and contractors who need to implement a system to help them keep their company organized and profitable by streamlining and documenting work processes associated with construction.”

ECU’s Department of Construction Management is among the largest in the southeastern United States with students that are heavily recruited across the nation.