



Engineering Entrepreneurship Development

Entrepreneurship Contest

Winners

From University of Bahir Dar and Debra Berhan

ASC Engineering Entrepreneurship Development of San Francisco issued an invitation to five major Universities in Ethiopia that included University of Bahir Dar, University of Debra Berhan, Adama University, University of Arba Minch and University of Hawassa. Two out of the five universities Debra Berhan and Bahir Dar Universities made the deadline to compete in the Entrepreneurship competition.

We visited both Universities in Bahir Dar and Debra Berhan to give an overview on the program intent and expected results to the 2016 graduating engineering students from both campus late last year.

Over the past few month, we were engaged in reviewing the proposals submitted from the students to determine the best candidates for the program. Perhaps because of the unfamiliarity of such program, we felt that a great number of students did not participate as a result it was difficult to select the best proposal for the contest. The purpose of this program is to launch pad for students and graduates in the Ethiopian college/University communities to act on their talent, ideas and energy to produce tomorrow's leading firms. The year-long competition was to award 2 qualified applicants from each institution and award each winner a total of \$100,000.00 bir per project team.

From the start, ASC's Engineering Entrepreneurship aspiring entrepreneurs were to be carefully selected by reviewing their ideas and the fully-fledged business plan with promising results and far-reaching impact to them and the community of residence. The Entrepreneurship Competition is designed so that the student (group) who comes up with a brilliant idea(s) are

encouraged and rewarded to be pioneers in technical and business achievement.

After carefully reviewing the proposal, we have selected three projects that deemed worthy of satisfying the organization intents and objectives. Therefore, we have selected the following three proposals as winners of the 1st ASC Engineering Entrepreneurship Development.

1. Proposal 1 Modern Teff Seeder Machine

From: Bahir Dar University Participants:

- a. Abreham Molla
- b. Nitsuh Damtie
- c. Assefa Negash
- d. Wsihun Adgeh
- e. Sisaye Darichaw

2. Proposal 2: Manufacturing Improved Concret Block

From: Debra Berhan University Participants:

- a. Alemu Assaye
- b. Nigus Temesgen
- c. Ayenew Desibelew
- d. Yohanes Kibru
- e. Mengistu Zeleke

3. Proposal 3: Bright Future for Blinds

From: Debra Berhan University Participants:

- a. Andargatchew Gizaw
- b. Yinebeb Gizaw
- c. Melaku Gizaw
- d. Metaferia Gizaw
- e. Habtamu Gizaw



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I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for the two facilitators of this contest from University of Bahir Dar and Debra Berhan:

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I hope that more students will participate in the future to take advantage of opportunity provided by our organization to create entrepreneurship, innovation and independence to build the future technology within the country to overcome the challenges and shortcomings of our country.

Thanks

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