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### **ACE Academy Receives \$10,000 Grant from PGE Foundation**

Portland, OR – The PGE Foundation, in demonstration of its continual commitment to the community and education, has provided the Oregon Building Congress Academy for Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) with a \$10,000 grant in support of the high school's innovative educational model.

Upon receipt of the grant application, Portland General Electric and PGE Foundation leaders investigated the grant request in person. Jeff Wheeler, PGE General Manager, Electrical Maintenance and Construction and ACE Board Member, invited a team of PGE executives to visit ACE Academy and witness first-hand how the monies will make a significant impact to the students. They walked away with a deep appreciation for the powerful learning that takes place at ACE.

ACE's unique model integrates students' learning through a technically-sophisticated, project-based (and proficiency-based) environment. To be effective, this model requires additional funding to provide an engaging, industry-relevant educational experience. The ACE/PGE Foundation partnership affords students the resources they need to succeed in the workplace and in higher education.

ACE Academy serves as a gateway for students to launch their career explorations in the design-build industry. Graduates have an accurate and meaningful understanding of all three career paths: architecture, construction and engineering. ACE graduates are better prepared, both academically and technically, for post-secondary training opportunities in a broad range of construction-related fields than any other group of students in the region. ACE graduates have the skills they need to be highly successful in jobs that offer family-wage salaries, impressive benefits and exciting opportunities. In this way, ACE is a contributor in the state's efforts for positive economic change.

The PGE Foundation has supported ACE Academy in the past with their financial support of the school's Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering Lab. Together, ACE and The PGE Foundation are leading the way in bringing relevant and rigorous education to the next generation. ACE has proven itself as a , transformative educational institution that, if funded, will continue to improve the quality of life for its students, staff and community for years to come.

To learn how you can support ACE Academy, please visit: [www.acecharterschool.org](http://www.acecharterschool.org), or to learn more about The PGE Foundation, please visit: [www.pgefoundation.org](http://www.pgefoundation.org).

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