The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Civil Engineering has been named a 2013 winner of the NCEES Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education. The 2013 Award is the third consecutive year the College has been recognized with this prestigious award. UTEP and Seattle University are the only universities to have won in three consecutive years.

UTEP’s project “The Multidisciplinary Design of a Sustainable, Environmentally Friendly and Affordable House” is the work of over forty graduate and undergraduate students from Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering who were challenged to design a sustainable house with three major objectives: sustainability based on energy efficiency, environmentally friendly and affordability. Students from Construction Management, Computer Science, Liberal Arts and Business were also part of the team that worked with professors from UTEP and Community College and licensed professional engineers and architects in the El Paso community.

“Working in this project, the students learned that engineers have a broader role than just providing solutions to technical problems. In a world that is constantly evolving, professional engineers are called to serve as stewards of our resources in order to preserve a healthy living community, and contribute to a better quality of life.” said Carlos Chang Albitres, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Professor - Civil Engineering and Director Engineering in Practice Program

The NCEES Award recognizes college engineering programs for engaging their students in collaborative projects with licensed professional engineers. The award was established in 2009 to promote understanding of the value of licensure and to encourage partnerships between the engineering profession and education. EAC/ABET accredited programs from all engineering disciplines throughout the nation were invited to submit projects that integrate professional practice and education.

“This third consecutive award validates the quality of our students work.” said Richard T. Schoephoerster, Ph.D., P.E., Dean - College of Engineering. “The NCEES projects reflect the College’s emphasis on engaging students in real-world, interdisciplinary experiences and the value of professional licensure.”
About NCEES
NCEES (the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing professional licensure for engineers and surveyors. It develops, administers, and scores the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure in the United States. It also facilitates professional mobility and promotes uniformity of the U.S. licensure processes through services for its member licensing boards and licensees. These services include the records program, study materials, credentials evaluations, exam administration, and more. For more information visit http://ncees.org

About UTEP College of Engineering
The College of Engineering is a national leader in engineering education and a leading producer of doctoral, masters and baccalaureate degreeed Hispanic engineers. The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) is the second oldest academic institution of The University of Texas System. Washington Monthly ranks UTEP as No. 12 in the nation in its annual College Guide and Rankings. The magazine’s rankings were based on a combination of social mobility, research production, commitment to service and cost-effectiveness of degree completion. For more information visit engineering.utep.edu