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Dear UC Alum:

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) conducts a post-graduation alumni survey as part of our annual performance assessment plan. The information gathered from these surveys is used in conjunction with employer surveys to improve the CEE curricula. Specifically, we seek to identify the training needs of graduate students in order to better prepare them for entry into the professional marketplace. Recent graduates are especially well-positioned to evaluate the training needs of entry-level engineers and scientists and to flag deficiencies in the CEE curricula.

Perhaps you know that the Accreditation Board of Engineering (ABET) has revised its evaluation criteria, called ABET 2000, which requires each degree granting program to develop an assessment process with documented results ("outcomes-based assessment"). The Department is visited by the ABET team every six years. The results provided in your alumni survey will be used as a part of the assessment report that we prepare for ABET. **Thus, your feedback is very important.**

Because you are a graduate of the CEE program, we seek your input and candid responses to the questions on the enclosed alumni questionnaire. After completing it, please mail the alumni questionnaire back to us using the attached prepaid envelope. All information collected will be treated in a confidential manner. We welcome any additional comments that you may have.

In conjunction with the alumni questionnaire, we are also conducting a survey of employers of our graduates. Enclosed is an employer assessment questionnaire. We would like you to give it to your supervisor or appropriate person in-charge in your organization. Please ask them to complete and mail it back to us in the attached prepaid envelope. Be sure to let us know the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the person you have requested to complete the questionnaire. If you feel that we should mail the questionnaire directly to your employer, please send me the name and address of the contact person. My email address is given just below the signature line.

Thank you for your help in our annual assessment exercise. Best wishes to you for a great start on a productive career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Buchberger".

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Enclosures: Alumni Questionnaire with prepaid envelope  
Employer Questionnaire with prepaid envelope