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S&D PARTNERS WITH ABC METRO WASHINGTON'S XYZ YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP FOR 2ND YEAR TO FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY



S&D sent out a group of young professionals from their accounting, business development, special projects and engineering departments to help assist ABC Metro Washington's goal to fight against hunger in Montgomery County. The team was excited get out of the office for the day, however they were unprepared for July's torrential down pours. Wet muddy but still eager to weed, pick tomatoes and peel onions, the team completed a weeks worth of work on the farm in one day. Special thanks to Justin Fanning from Golden & Stafford, Inc. and ABC's XYZ Chair for organizing the event at Chocolate and Tomatoes Farm in Poolesville, MD.



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S&D EMPLOYEES MENTOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN PREPARATION FOR SOLAR DECATHLON 2017 COMPETITION IN DENVER, COLORADO



Shapiro & Duncan employees provide mentorship, HVAC equipment and installation support to the University of Maryland Engineering students participating in the [2017 U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competition](#). President Jerry Shapiro, CEO Sheldon Shapiro and Mechanical Engineer Dan Zimmerman, all alumni from University of Maryland, took the lead in counseling the students and making sure material was available on-time.

Special Projects Superintendent Dan Shupe led the HVAC and Plumbing installation team. Foreman Rich Gove reviewed drawings, assisted with the installation and reviewed the Owner's Manual for constructability with the students. Director of Purchasing John Wildasin coordinated the donation of refrigerant piping and insulation with Ferguson Enterprises. Bryan Smink, Bobby Casteel, Carols Rivera, Chris Gove and Jose Montano assisted the students with the HVAC system on site.



The solar house 'reACT' is intended to serve as a seminal prototype for a "house as a kit of parts" design concept with the kit consisting of separate components and systems parts that can be efficiently manufactured, transported, assembled and disassembled. This opportunity allowed our installation team to share their experiences and knowledge of HVAC with the engineering students, who eagerly helped with the systems installation. This year's competition will take place at the University of Colorado in Denver from October 5 –15, 2017. MTech, our peer mechanical contractor will be helping the team once in Denver. Learn more about the planned features and technologies on the University of Maryland's team page [here](#).