

Moodle your way to better supervisory skills

The Roads Scholar program is hitting the highway—the information superhighway, that is.

Beginning this spring, some Roads Scholar courses will be available in a new online format

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through Engineering Distance Education at Iowa State University. The first course to be offered online will be Supervisory Techniques and Skills (formerly called

Successful Management), one of the core courses required to achieve the level of Senior Roads Scholar.

The Supervisory Techniques and Skills course is designed for city, county, and state transportation

personnel, as well as other public works employees in supervisory positions. The course covers basic supervisory and management techniques to help supervisors motivate employees, communicate effectively, and handle disciplinary issues.

Offered through an online system called Moodle, the Supervisory Techniques and Skills course will allow participants to view informational videos, conduct self-assessment inventories, and review course materials at their own pace. On completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion and six hours of credit in the Roads Scholar program.

The course is expected to be available in early March; participants can register online at that time. The \$75 registration fee covers all course materials. Participants will have six months from the time of registration in which to complete the course.

For more information, contact Engineering Distance Education at Iowa State, 515-294-7470, ede@iastate.edu, or visit the website, www.ede.iastate.edu/Non-Credit/Successful-Management.html. ■

Snow Roadeo winners 2007

Several teams and individuals demonstrated their prowess with snow-removal equipment at the fall 2007 Snow Roadeo, held this year at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Winners and

losers alike are getting a workout this winter of 2007–2008! We hope everybody's keeping up and staying safe. ■



Snow plow truck competition: Left to right, 1st place winners Jim Case and Lewis Lintz, Des Moines; 2nd place winners Justin Maschke and John Evans, Des Moines; and 3rd place winners Brett Connelly and Kevin Decker, Des Moines



Motor grader competition: Left to right, 1st place winner Kary Obman, Sac County; 2nd place winner William Messerschmitt, Keokuk County; and 3rd place winner Matt Dolan, W. Des Moines



Loader competition: Left to right, 1st place winner Josh Reynolds of W. Des Moines; 2nd place winner John Hughes, W. Des Moines; and 3rd place winner Steve Caylor, Des Moines