



The Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

# Houston/Clear Lake Chapter

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Hi Everyone,

The Houston/Clear Lake Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month. Currently we have networking opportunities and lunch meeting at the Oriental Gourmet Restaurant (see meeting flyer on web site for directions and times).

A local SCEA Study Group kickoff meeting was held in June. CostProf will be utilized as a tool to help prepare for up coming certification exams as well as for those who are seeking to improve or gain new skills in the cost estimating and analysis profession. SCEA membership is a requirement to participate in the study group. The study group will be meeting after work at the NASA Gilruth Center. Heading up this project will be Carl Conder/Boeing. You may reach Carl for additional details via e-mail (Carl.V.Conder@boeing.com) or phone 281-226-8649.

We designed logos for Polo and/or T-shirts, have quotes and will soon be asking members to select which logo and shirt they prefer. All profit from the sale of these shirts will be used to support chapter functions.

We are receiving inquires to post jobs to our Chapter web site as well as inquiries about providing training in cost estimating and analysis. We will post these and future notices once we have finalized the details.

Local SCEA Chapter Membership is now available. The recently formed Houston/Clear Lake Chapter makes SCEA membership more personal and useful. We encourage those of you who have not yet joined SCEA and actively participate in the local chapter to do so now. Not only is SCEA growing, but now and in the future, the demand for those with the expertise to estimate and analyze cost proposals and projects and teach these skills will be growing. This is based on the fact that tighter fiscal policies are here to stay. Saving, improving cost efficiencies, reducing/eliminating cost over runs, reasonable and supportable costs projecting are highly desirable in every industry. Contact any chapter Board member for details.

The June Joint SCEA/ISPA Conference and Workshop held in New Orleans, LA was a success with about 400 participants. The handouts, Training Tracks, Lectures/Panels, networking opportunities were well worth the attending. We will be sharing this information with the study group and at our monthly luncheons.

Sincerely, Editor: Ella Hrabar