



The Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis

Houston/Clear Lake Chapter

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Hi Everyone,

The chapter continues to meet the third Wednesday of each month to network and discuss current events, like what's going on in the aerospace industry. My personal observations - many of us will be or are already personally affected and are in the process of determining what we will be doing in the future. With the Space Shuttle Program coming to an end and a new era beginning, companies are all busy pursuing business. This is a good time to enhance your skills by studying for certification or increasing your knowledge about cost estimating and analysis to better position yourself in the job market or within your own company.

The Houston/Clear Lake Chapter will be hosting a certification exam on Saturday, June 28, 2008. We have a proctor and are currently exploring numerous options of where to hold the exam. As plans mature, we will post date and time on our web site. Remember you will need to submit your application to the national SCEA ahead of time. National SCEA is also offering testing for certification at the 2008 Conference as well as at other dates - check out their web site for details.

We are forming a new study group to be taught by RK Jain/Boeing. He will teach the principles utilizing Cost Prof. In order to participate, you will need to be a member of SCEA. The classes will be after work once a month. Location and times will be announced shortly with class starting in April. For information contact RK Jain (rk.jain@boeing.com) or Ella Hrabar (ella.c.hrabar@usa-spaceops.com).

Polo shirts with the Clear Lake/Houston Chapter logo will be available soon. Look for information on the chapter web in the next few months. Sales will help generate income for the chapter.

The demand for those with the expertise to estimate and analyze cost proposals, projects, etc. as well as teach these skills will continue to grow. This is based on the fact that tighter fiscal policies are here to stay. Saving, improving cost efficiencies, reducing/eliminating cost over runs and good supportable cost projecting are highly desirable skills in every industry. Being certified is a plus. Contact any chapter Board member for details to join SCEA and take advantage of having a local chapter.

Sincerely, Editor: Ella Hrabar