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ACE International – MONTREAL SECTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2009

TCM: Improving Decision Making in a Green World **Highlights from the 2009 ACE International Annual Meeting**

The 53rd ACEI Annual Meeting was held in Seattle, Washington, USA from June 28th to July 1st with the theme “*TCM: Improving Decision making in a Green World*”. Find out what you missed! A special presentation has been arranged with several of the Montreal attendees of the conference. The presenters will summarize the following presentations:

1. ***Top Ten Scheduling Mistakes and How to Prevent Them*** by Joseph Arthur Lukas PE, CCE will be highlighted by Marie-Helene Biffi, Chief of Planning and Cost Controls at Dessau. This talk will present the top ten mistakes people make with project schedules, and describe how these mistakes can make a schedule very misleading and incorrect. If you believe you are a skilled scheduler, see whether you are making any of the common scheduling errors. You may be surprised!
2. ***Estimating Today's Mega Projects*** by Mr. Waymon Lofton, shares how to meet the estimating demands for projects in multi-billion dollar mega-projects and the organization required as a key to successful estimating for projects of this magnitude. Find out what estimates often catch the team by surprise, what to be prepared for and other issues you will face on these mega-projects. Learn how to get it right with tips highlighted by Marlene Rafla, Chief Estimator with SNC-Lavalin Inc.
3. ***Application of Monte Carlo Simulations in Dispute Resolution and Claims Work*** Who couldn't use more tools in the area of dispute resolution? This paper by Mr. Rod Charles Carter and Mr. Richard J. Long will be recounted by Chantale Germain, Project Controls Engineer at Hydro-Quebec. It provides an interesting look at the use of Monte Carlo simulations to calculate uncertainties in the dispute resolution and claims process. This paper provides a brief overview of the mechanics of Monte Carlo simulations, outlines its potential uses in the dispute resolution and claims process, and provides examples from real world projects.
4. ***Do you suffer managing Multiple Projects?*** In today's business world it is not uncommon to see project managers handling multiple projects simultaneously, despite their complexities, tight schedules and often tight budgets as well. This presentation by Ali Mohamed Farouk Kortam CCE, PSP, offers a solution for the overtaxed project manager with an effective but simplified approach and model for overall project key indicators. Keep your multiple projects under control with highlights by Les McMullan, VP Project Services of SNC-Lavalin Inc.

**Come out and join your colleagues, exchange ideas and expand your network.
ACEI Door Prizes!**

Refreshments at 5:30 pm Meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Location: SNC-LAVALIN – 455 René Lévesque West, Room 304A – Montreal
Presentations in French and English

Cost: ACEI and PMI Members: \$ 20 Students: \$ 10 Non-Members: \$ 25

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