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***Greetings to all National Capital Section Members, Friends,
and Colleagues.***

As November comes to a close, I would like to thank everybody for their time and efforts to contribute to the activities of the National Capital Section. We fully appreciate the volunteers who had contributed from their personal time on the weekend to proctor the certification examinations for November. Also, this past week, we completed our first meeting where we had two speakers discussing aspects focused on the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED). It was a rewarding set of seminars with active discussions.

Now, as the holiday season approaches, I would like to invite the members of the National Capital Section to join us for our annual holiday party, where we can reflect on all that we have completed so far, and reflect, before we begin our activities in January.

Following the holiday party, we will have the January meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2011 at the AECOM offices in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. John Claypool will discuss the uses of how parametric estimating tools were used and adapted to estimate construction costs. I also regret to say that the cost for NCS meetings will be raised from \$10 a meeting to \$30 a meeting. This is a necessary result of increased costs over the past several years.

Details for these and other events can be discussed in this newsletter, as well as on the NCS website: www.aacei-ncs.org Also, anyone interested in giving a talk for an NCS meeting should contact me.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Dan Melamed, CCC
President NCS**

A Call for Nominations of NCS Officers for the Next Year

I would ask that our members look towards the coming year and think about the officer's for the National Capital Section for the coming year. The current set of officers have been working hard for the success of the NCS, however, it is time for us to look for volunteers and nominations for the next set of officers. We are currently looking for nominations for the following officers:

1. President;
2. Vice-President;
3. Secretary; and
4. Treasurer

Please send an e-mail to dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com providing the name of the NCS member you wish to nominate, as well as the officer. After reviewing the nominations (and checking with the nominees), we will hold elections sometime in the spring. The results of the election will be announced before the National AACE International Meeting. After the AACE International meeting, the new officers will be expected to take their positions

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An NCS Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010

As the calendar year 2010 winds down, we continue a National Capital Section tradition. For our December meeting time to have a social night for our members: an opportunity for us to get to know ourselves better as professionals with a wide variety of skills brought together by the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International.

I invite all of you to our Holiday Season Social event to enjoy have fun with no formal speeches or presentation. It is important to note that we are providing this social event at no cost to our membership for their contribution and commitment to the success of the Section.

This year, we will also take time to recognize some of the contributions from our members as we present awards for some of the many accomplishments of our members and the friends of our section. We will also be awarding door prizes.

Thursday, December 9, 2010 Details

Time: Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Location: McDonough Bolyard Peck Offices
3040 Williams Drive, Suite 300
Fairfax, VA 22031

Cost: FREE
[There will also be door prizes.]

Please send and e-mail to dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 7, 2010 to confirm attendance.

Driving Directions:

From I-495 (Capital Beltway)

From I-66, from Tyson Corner, and points north – take I-495 South
From Springfield, take I-495 North

- From I-495, take exit #50A (Route 50 West)
- Merge onto Route 50 West
- At first traffic light turn right onto Williams Drive
- Second building on left, visitor parking in front of building

From Route 50 – Inside the Beltway

- Take Route 50 West (Arlington Boulevard) outside beltway to first traffic signal – Williams Drive.
- Turn right at first traffic light; proceed to second building on left. Visitor parking in front of building.

From Washington:

- Take I-395 South towards Richmond.
- Take Exit 1 to I-495 North (towards Frederick).
- Take Exit 50A (Route 50 West/Arlington Blvd)
- Merge onto Route 50 West
- Take a right at the first traffic light onto Williams Drive.
- Second Building on Left, visitor parking in front of building

From Maryland:

- Take I-495 towards Richmond.
- Take Exit 50A Route 50 West/Arlington Boulevard, towards Fairfax.
- Turn right at first traffic light onto Williams Drive
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***The January NCS meeting will be scheduled for
Thursday, January 20, 2011***

***Validation of Military Construction Costs in Afghanistan Using the
Parametric Cost Engineering System (PACES™)***

The U.S. military has developed master plans calling for a large number of new military construction (MILCON) projects at forward operating bases (FOBs) in Afghanistan. The Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment (AFCEE) tasked AECOM with validating and refining the requirements for the new MILCON projects through an on-site charrette process. In addition, the assignment included preparing an independent cost estimate for each project to determine whether the previously-committed funding was sufficient to execute the construction work as planned (or whether the project could be rescoped to fit within the available funding). This presentation will discuss how parametric estimating tools were used and adapted to estimate construction costs for expeditionary FOBs.

***Presented by
Mr. John Claypool
AECOM***

John is a senior cost engineer with AECOM in Denver, CO. His 30-year career spans cost estimating, cost management and financial risk analysis for facility construction and renovation, environmental restoration, transportation and utility infrastructure projects. He specializes in designing, developing, deploying and using information technology solutions for estimating costs and analyzing financial risks for major capital improvement and asset management programs throughout the world.

Thursday, January 20, 2011 meeting Details

Time: Networking: 6:00 p.m.
 Refreshments and Talk at 7:00 p.m.

Location: AECOM
 3101 Wilson Boulevard
 Arlington, VA 22201
 [Directly across the street from Clarendon Metro]

Cost: \$30.00 per Person
 [Note new cost.]

Registration: Please send an e-mail to dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com before close of business on Tuesday January 18, 2011 to confirm attendance

EVM Newsletter from Management Technologies

The EVM Newsletter(tm) is now in its second year of monthly email distribution. Over 2,000 subscribers get EVM implementation knowledge, EVM community news, upcoming conference information, public training schedules, job announcements, and more. It's free. Past issues and opt-in sign up information is at www.mgmt-technologies.com/newsletters.html.

Future EVP Preparation Workshop Announcement

Management Technologies has published their public EVM training dates and venues through July 2011, including seven in the greater DC area. Both the Earned Value Experience (tm) and EVPrep(tm) workshops are scheduled. Visit www.mgmt-technologies.com/pubevents.html for the dates and sites. Management Technologies is an AACE AEP and PMI REP. Each workshop provides 14 AACE recertification points or 14 PMI PDUs.