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

We have had a very interesting start to the new program year. In September we started the year with a reception and presentation held at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania as a joint event between us, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers – Washington Section, the D.C. Society of Professional Engineers, and the Tau Beta Pi Washington Alumni Chapter. We learned a great deal about Lithuania's technology, economics, and enjoyed a buffet of delicacies from their cuisine as we networked during the reception. Also, during September, we held our meeting at the DC offices of Hill International. At this meeting, Joseph S. Toole, PE, who recently retired from a successful 36-year career with the Federal Highway Administration, gave a very interesting description of the history of America's First Roads, Road Acts, as well as some eye-opening statistics about the interstate highway system. In October, we held our meeting in Silver Spring, where Desmond Bollers, the president of BMS Project Services, LLC, gave a very detailed presentation on the implementation of Earned value Management Systems. The session was concluded with a very interesting discussion which included an emphasis on the fact that AACE International has the only EVM certification (EVP) that is widely recognized world-wide and even called out in some requests for proposals.

Looking forward, in November, we will be holding a joint meeting with the US Green Building Council National Capital Region Chapter. In December, we will conclude the year with our traditional holiday party to be held at the offices of MBP in Fairfax, Virginia. We plan to start the new year with a joint meeting with the Baltimore Section on January 19, 2012 at the Columbia, Maryland offices of MBP, where Vance Tsiamis of RK&K will speak on the Purple Line rail project in Maryland. Thank you for your participation and support

I encourage you to contact me if you or a colleague would like to give a presentation at one of our meetings. We would also welcome suggestions for site visits, education events or networking opportunities.

We will continue to work on keeping our college and university members involved and we plan to visit some of them in 2012.

Details of upcoming events can be found on the following pages .I also encourage you to visit our website for more information:

www.aacei-ncs.org.

We will host the December 2011 certification examinations in Fairfax, Virginia and Columbia, Maryland at MBP's offices. Dates of upcoming examinations are on the AACE International and NCS websites. If you are interested in participating as a proctor in 2012, please contact me via email.

My sincere best wishes to each and every one for this new program year and I look forward to seeing you at the coming events!

**Niyi Ladipo, CCE, EVP, CCM
President NCS**

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Analyzing the Cost of Building Green Understanding Life Cycle Cost Analysis / Cost-Benefit Analysis in the Evaluation of Design Options for LEED Credits

held jointly with the USGBC National Capital Region Chapter

Thursday, November 17, 2011, Meeting Details

Time	5:30 to 8:00 PM
Location	Allsteel Showroom 1725 Eye Street NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20006 Nearest Metro: Farragut North and West Metro stations
Registration	www.usgbcncr.org by November 14, 2011.
Cost	\$30.00 per Person

The AACE International NCS December Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Time	5:30 to 8:00 PM
Location	MBP. 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22031 Nearest Metro is Dunn Loring-Merrifield but not within walking distance. Free parking is available at MBP.
Registration	Please send an e-mail to nladipo@mbpce.com before close of business on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 , to confirm your attendance.
Cost	Free

We look forward to seeing you!

Call for Proctors for 2012 Certification Examination

The NCS is looking for volunteers to serve as proctors for the AACE International certification examinations that will be given in 2012, at MBP offices in Fairfax, Virginia. If you are interested in serving as a proctor, please contact Niyi Ladipo at nladipo@mbpce.com. There are no examinations scheduled for MBP's Columbia Maryland offices in 2012.

PICTURE CORNER

From the September 2011 NCS meeting:



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