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

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this first issue of the Cost Forum for the 2011/2012 program year. I would like to start by thanking all of you for your participation and support during the last program year. Also, my sincere gratitude goes to our past president, Dan Melamed, and the entire board for their hard work during the past year. Our success as a section depends on each and every one of you.

As the new president of the NCS, it is indeed an honor to serve you and I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with you at our coming events. The new board has already begun working closely as we kick-start the year. We have several interesting events planned and are working on a few more to continue to stimulate professional development and networking among ourselves as well as with allied professional associations. Some of the events will include embassy receptions, field trips, happy hours, several interesting talks on cost engineering and management topics, and our usual holiday party in December. I encourage you to contact me if you have any suggestions for speaking events, site visits, or networking opportunities.

We will continue to work on keeping our college and university members involved. We do this through visits, whereby we enlighten them about our association and the benefits it offers as well as through our support of their professional development. One of the many ways the section and AACE International provides this support is through the scholarship program.

Highlights of our September 2011 events can be found on the following pages and I encourage you to visit our website for more information about these as well as other upcoming events. The website address is [www.aacei-ncs.org](http://www.aacei-ncs.org)

We continue to host the 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, 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  
President NCS**



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***A Reception at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania - held jointly with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Washington, D.C. Section; the D.C. Society of Professional Engineers; and the Tau Beta Pi Washington Alumni Chapter.***

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011, Meeting Details**

Time: 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Location: Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania  
2622 16th Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20009  
The closest Metro station is Columbia Heights on the Green Line (about a 10 min. walk).

Registration: *Andrea Gironda by phone at (703) 489-9503 or via e-mail at: agironda@verizon.net by September 14, 2011.*

Cost: \$25.00 per Person

***The September NCS meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011, with a seminar focused around transportation, presented by a seasoned expert in the field:***

*“Looking down the Road”: Factors impacting the future of transportation projects*

**by  
Joseph S. Toole, PE**

**Thursday, September 22, 2011, Meeting Details**

Time: Networking and refreshments: 5:00 PM  
Seminar begins at 6:00 PM

Location: Hill International, Inc.  
1225 I Street, N.W., Suite 601  
Washington, DC 20005  
[Near the Metro Center and McPherson Square Metro stations on the Orange and Blue Lines.]

Cost: \$25.00 per Person

Registration: Please send an e-mail to [nladipo@mbpce.com](mailto:nladipo@mbpce.com) before close of business on Wednesday September 14, 2011, to confirm your attendance.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**Call for Proctors for the December 2011 Certification Examination**

The NCS is looking for volunteers to serve as proctors for the AACE International certification examination that will be given on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at MBP offices in Fairfax, Virginia and Columbia, Maryland. If you are interested in serving as a proctor, please contact Niyi Ladipo at [nladipo@mbpce.com](mailto:nladipo@mbpce.com).

Picture Corner:  
From the May 2011 NCS meeting:



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