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

As I write the last issue of the Cost Forum for my first year as president of the NCS, I believe we can look back upon a very good and productive year. We have had a number of meetings, an embassy reception, a field trip, and a happy hour. We met in Columbia, Maryland; Fairfax, Virginia, and many points in between. We were pleased to see that the change in venue has allowed a greater variety of members to join us. These meetings helped us to develop our professional skills as well as offer the opportunity to network with fellow professionals within the AACE International (ACEi) and other professional communities in the greater capital region.

I am also happy to announce that we had our first field trip for the NCS this past year to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Site at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. In May, we will have our last meeting for this year: a joint meeting with SAVE, the Value Engineering Society where Mr. Gene Layne of McDonough Bolyard Peck (MBP) will discuss the role of Value Management.

I would also like to point out that this year's EVM World conference will be held in Naples, Florida, where Niyi Ladipo of MBP will be leading a workshop on the application of Earned Value Management (EVM) in construction projects. The panel consists of other prominent members of the ACEi.

After that, we will be looking forward to the National Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. I hope that many of you will be attending and that we will have many opportunities to network and have fun with our ACEi colleagues from across the country and around the world.

When we return, we will be continuing our efforts and activities as we keep working with our members to continue our activities throughout the capital region.

I am looking for volunteers to serve as proctors for the ACEi certification examination that will be given on July 10, 2010 at the MBP offices in Fairfax, Virginia. If you are interested in serving as a proctor, please send me an e-mail.

After the summer (and I hope everyone has a good summer vacation) we will start the new year with two events planned for September: an embassy reception along with a field trip to the Dulles Metrorail extension project, which is being engineered and built by Dulles Transit Partners. Details for both events will be coming soon.

Lastly, we are very interested in hearing from our members about potential topics for upcoming seminars. If you are interested in giving a seminar in the coming year, please send me an e-mail.

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

**Dan Melamed, CCC
President NCS**

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***The May NCS meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, May 20, 2010***

Value Management: Getting the Best Value

Value Management provides a connection between strategic thinking and project goals. In this presentation, Mr. Layne will explain what it takes to realize Value through Analysis, by exploring the process of the Value Management Study and how the results can be maximized.

Value Management is a team effort, which includes the owner, designer, and the VM team's input. Mr. Layne will unveil each team member's role in the Value Management study and illustrate what each should do to enhance its success.

**Presented by
Mr. Gene Layne, CCM**

Mr. Layne has facilitated key growth through his role as Project Manager for the BRAC expansion projects at Fort Lee Army Base. He has more than 30 years of extensive construction management experience in support of the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has extensive program management experience for large scale programs for Healthcare facilities and has been a participant and leader on multiple Value Management studies for the Commonwealth of Virginia's Higher Education system.

Thursday, May 20, 2010 Meeting Details

Time: Networking: 6:15 p.m.
Refreshments and Talk at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Faithful+Gould Offices
Main Conference Room
1725 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.684.6550

(Near King Street Metro Stop on the Yellow/ Blue Line)

Cost: \$10.00 per Person

Registration: Please send an e-mail to dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com before close of business on Tuesday May 18, 2010 to confirm attendance

**Cost Estimator
Position Sought**

Project Manager / Senior Contracts Cost Manager with over twenty five years of experience, as well as international experience with the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Libya seeks possible professional opportunities. Interested parties should contact Steve Mukherjee

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**Cost Estimator
Position Available**

M.A. + Associates LLC is searching for a Cost Estimator with a degree in Economics. Interested parties should contact Mike Withers:

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***Upcoming Workshop at EVM World 2010
June 2-4, 2010 at the Naples Grande Hotel in Naples, Florida***

***Workshop on EVM Implementation on Construction Projects
Panel workshop session on Lessons Learned***

This session will identify the opportunities and challenges that arise when owners and contractors implement Earned Value Management (EVM) on their projects. It will examine and discuss the best practices, issues and lessons learned from the perspective of all parties to the project team, with a goal of increasing awareness of all in both commercial and government sectors. It will examine the expectations of the team, and discuss how to overcome some of the stumbling blocks that can keep the team from successfully implementing EVM. It will utilize a moderated panel, question and answer, and breakout discussion session. The moderator, Niyi Ladipo and the panelists will discuss typical contract forms and the EVM approaches utilized, and compare EVM in construction with the A & D industry.

**Panel Moderated by
Ms. Niyi Ladipo, CCE, EVP**

**Panel Members
Tony Barrett, PE, EVP, PMP, Eleanor Haupt, EVP, Michael Nosbisch, CCC PSP, and Gregg Hughes, PMP**

**Details for this meeting may be found at the following website:
http://www.pmi-cpm.org/pages/events/EVM10/conf_program.html**

Photo Corner

In April the National Capital Section visited the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Site at the National Naval Medical Center. This is a design-build project consisting of two new buildings, a parking structure and 390,000 square feet of renovations to existing facilities totaling approximately \$450 million construction cost, resulting in a world class national military medical center consolidating services from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center into one medical center location in Bethesda, Maryland.

In the photo the NCS visitors are walking towards the site.

