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***Greetings National Capital Section Members, Friends, and
Colleagues and a Call for Volunteers.***

I hope you enjoyed our activities for the months of September and October. Our reception at the German Embassy provided a good networking opportunity with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers – Washington Section, the D.C. Society of Professional Engineers, and the Tau Beta Pi Washington Alumni Chapter. For our first meeting for the year at the Crystal City Offices of Project Time and Cost, our guest speaker provided an excellent seminar on the use of safety metrics in the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Program. Lastly, at our meeting on October 8th, our guest speaker provided an excellent overview lecture on the use of thermoelectric devices in vehicles.

I now seek the help of the membership of the NCS.

As a professional Organization we strive to provide the resources required to ensure continued development and success as professionals. To achieve this goal, we offer specialized education in the required skills and knowledge for cost engineering. We also encourage the NCS membership to develop their professional skills through the variety of accredited certification programs the AACE International offers.

The NCS is seeking volunteers who would be available to proctor the certification examination. This is a valuable service to the AACE International which is a rewarding means to serve the NCS. This activity is also compensated by points towards recertification.

These exams last for seven (7) hours (with several breaks). The upcoming exam dates are: Saturday, November 7, 2009, Saturday, March 6, 2010, and Saturday, July 10, 2010. All of the exams are given at the McDonough Bolyard Peck offices in Fairfax, Virginia.

If you are interested in serving as a proctor, please send me an e-mail at dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com

We are also interested in sponsoring certification training sessions to better develop our professional skills. These training sessions would range from a one to three hour seminar for a single evening. Also, if there is the need for more in-depth training session, the speaker (or a team of speakers) would provide several lectures over the space of a week.

If you are interested in participating in certification training by presenting an informal lecture, please send me an e-mail providing your contact information and your area(s) of expertise.

Thank you in advance for your help.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Dan Melamed, CCC
President NCS**

***The Next National Capital Section meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, November 19, 2009***

In November we have scheduled a dinner meeting, held jointly with the Washington Section of SAVE International, the Value Society.

Energy Savings Analysis for Facility Projects

Energy cost analysis during the design phase can lead to substantial life cycle savings in facility projects. Life cycle cost analyses on potential energy conservation measures should be conducted early in the design phase. It is also a good issue to be addressed by a Value Engineering (VE) team since it requires an interdisciplinary approach. A systematic understanding of energy cost analysis is helpful to develop quick, accurate, and versatile calculations of energy savings. This presentation will survey the different approaches for energy cost analysis (computer modeling, engineering calculations, and per square foot energy cost) and discuss the relative merits and drawbacks for each.

Presented by

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Benson Kwong is an independent consultant providing services in value engineering, energy analysis, sustainability design, and life cycle cost analysis. He holds master degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering, as well as in business administration. As the president of enVergie consulting, LLC, Benson Kwong provides consulting services to facility owners, designers, and contractors, to help achieve projects that are energy efficient, sustainable, and economical.

November 19, 2009 NCS Meeting Details

Time: Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Alfio's Cucina Italiana - Chevy Chase
4515 Willard Ave
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3622
(301) 657-9133
(Near the Friendship Heights Metro Stop on the Red Line)

For directions go to: <http://www.alfios.com>

Cost: About \$21.00 per Person (price varies according to entree, drinks, etc.)

Please send an e-mail to dan.melamed.dc@gmail.com before close of business on Tuesday November 17, 2009 to confirm attendance.

**Mechanical Cost Estimator
Position Available**

Senior Mechanical estimator needed for large scale local projects. Candidate must have extensive knowledge in estimating from conceptual stages through design and construction with strong emphasis on Mechanical for large scale projects. Experience with airports, roads and tunnels a plus. Candidate must have excellent written, oral and presentation skills. Candidate will have a constructive and positive personality, and the ability to communicate to other team members and contractors, both orally and in writing. Engineering degree is required.

Interested candidates should respond to:

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