

# Atlanta Section



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**March guest speaker Anthony Dixon of IAC presenting an update on the new MH Jackson International Terminal**

If you missed last month's meeting with **Mr. Anthony Dixon** giving information about the new MH Jackson International Terminal that's not in the newspaper, don't miss this month with **Dr. Khalid Siddiqi** and the possible creation of a Student Chapter with Southern Polytechnic State University.

What's on the inside this month? Information for the growing number of women in project controls and project management; information on our first Certification Workshop to be held in April; a professional development opportunity with the Roof Consultant Institute Foundation and a reminder of an overseas employment with KBR.

## **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2005**

**6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social**

**6:30 – 8:15 PM - Dinner/Business/Program**

**RSVP to Atlanta Section Communication Director by April 12**

### **Cross Creek Café**

**1221 Cross Creek Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30327  
404-351-1550  
[www.crosscreekcafe.com](http://www.crosscreekcafe.com)**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*What makes the Atlanta Section grow and prosper? The involvement of its members.*

*Atlanta Section member **Marty Waterfill**, Facilities Engineer at Georgia State University came across an educational opportunity with Roof Consultants Institute Foundation and passed the information along to the Atlanta Section Board. Please check the Atlanta Section website under 'Events of Interest' for detailed information on the seminar. If you are interested in attending, thanks to Marty and all, Atlanta Sections members may register under the 'Member' rate and save \$100. **THANKS Marty!***

*As the attendance grew for our first Certification Workshop, Atlanta Section member **Pete Bredehoeft**, CH2M Hill, came to the aid of the committee and obtained the needed larger facilities at the CH2M Hill offices in Dunwoody. **Thanks to Pete and CH2M Hill!***

*Women hold a great number of Project Controls and Project Management positions but are generally not associated with AACE. Thanks to **Patricia Galloway** and Atlanta Section member **Susan Rogers**, AACE is stepping up our efforts to have these professionals become more involved with AACE, on the national and local levels. If you have cost control women in your organization but they are not members of AACE, please take a moment and pass a copy of this newsletter to them.*

*Don't forget the Annual Meeting in New Orleans on June 26-29 or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Certification Exam in Atlanta on July 16. And if interested in holding an elected position with the Atlanta Section, please contact me.*

*Albert Kwong CCE*

**April Guest Speaker**  
**Dr. Khalid M. Siddiqi**  
**Chairman of Construction Department**  
**Southern Polytechnic State University**  
**Topic: Opportunities in Construction Management Education**

**Dr. Siddiqi has been Chairman of the Construction Department at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) since 2001. Prior to joining SPSU in 1998, Dr. Siddiqi was with Georgia Tech's School of Civil and Environmental Engineering and worked on the development of Strategic Technology Policy for the US Army's Global Readiness for the US Army Environmental Policy Institute and has experience with Project Planning & Monitoring Consultant on the World Bank Projects as well as Director Master Plan for Karachi, Pakistan, a city of over 10 million people.**

**Dr. Siddiqi received his Ph.D from Georgia Institute of Technology with post-doctoral work on Assessment Technology for Sick Building Renewal. He completed his M.S. from the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand and received his B.S. from N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan.**

## **AACE International Headquarters Announces Task Force Committee Women in Project Controls & Project Management**

As an association, AACE International is nearly 50 years old! The make up of AACE has historically been predominately men. It is recognized that there are a great number of women who earn their livelihood working as project controls and project management professionals, planners and schedulers and function as experts in the claims and dispute resolution arena. For whatever the reason, many of these professional women are not members of AACE or in many cases not part of any professional organization.

Recognizing that women now contribute to the project controls and project management professions almost as equally as men, AACE has formed a task force committee to address the disproportionate number women members.

As the task force is in its formation stage, we are looking for additional volunteers to become members of the committee and who will assist in setting goals and objectives of the permanent committee that will be formed to address this very important issue of bring women into the project controls and project management professions and specifically to AACE. The following are the broad objectives of the Task Force

- Develop a plan to identify women who actively participate in project controls and project management and who are not members of AACE.
- Develop a plan to best approach the identified women in project controls and get them involved in AACE.
- Introduce the women to the benefits of AACE certification and provide the encouragement to become certified.

The task force is chaired by Patricia Galloway, PE, who has recently stepped down as the first woman President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Pat was also recently featured in the March 7, 2005, issue of *Time* magazine in the article “Bad Idea. You’ll Flunk Out” telling some of the difficulties she faced in achieving success in a male-dominated field.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member of this task force and working to increase our women membership in AACE while at the same time developing objectives going forward for our women members, please e-mail Pat Galloway at [patnwg@aol.com](mailto:patnwg@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

# Atlanta Section

# Certification Workshop



## Certification Workshop

### Guideline for Participants

#### **Schedule & Coverage:**

April 9, 2005 1:00-5:00pm	Part I –	Supporting Knowledge and Skills
April 16, 2005 1:00-5:00pm	Part II –	Cost Estimating and Control
April 23, 2005 1:00-5:00pm	Part III –	Project Management
April 30, 2005 1:00-5:00pm	Part IV –	Economic Analysis

#### **Study Materials:**

All participants are required to have a copy of at least the following certification references:

1. CCC/CCE Certification Study Guide 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Revised by AACEI
2. Skills & Knowledge of Cost Engineering 5<sup>th</sup> ed. by AACEI

#### **Format:**

**Test-Discuss.** Workshop participants should be ready to take a two-hour test at the start of each session. The leader will discuss and answer the questions for the remainder of the session.

#### **Location:**

Heritage Conference Room at  
CH2M Hill  
115 Perimeter Center Place NE  
Suite 700  
Atlanta, GA 30346

Certification Workshop is limited to 15 participants, so please register now.  
To register: Send email to [gary.odivilas@atlanta-airport.com](mailto:gary.odivilas@atlanta-airport.com)

### Directions to CH2M HILL – Atlanta Office

#### If you are driving:

**Traveling I-285 East:** Take exit 29 and go left (north) on Ashford-Dunwoody Road. Turn left on Perimeter Center West (past Perimeter Mail). Our building (South Terraces) is on the right, just past the W Hotel. Free parking is available in the parking garage. Our office is Suite 700.

**Traveling I-285 West:** Take exit 29 and go right (north) on Ashford-Dunwoody Road. Turn left on Perimeter Center West (past Perimeter Mail). Our building (South Terraces) is on the right, just past the W Hotel. Free parking is available in the parking garage. Our office is Suite 700.

**Traveling GA 400 South:** Take exit 5A (labeled Dunwoody). This is Abernathy Road. Turn left from the exit ramp onto Abernathy Road. Go east. Abernathy turns into Perimeter Center West. Turn left of Perimeter Center Place. Take the first right into the 3rd level parking deck. Free parking is available in the parking deck. Our office is Suite 700.

**Traveling GA 400 North:** Take the first exit north of I-285 (Exit 5A). It is labeled Dunwoody. This is Abernathy Road. Turn right from the exit ramp onto Abernathy. Go east. Abernathy turns into Perimeter Center West. Turn left on Perimeter Center Place. Take the first right into the 3rd level parking deck. Free parking is available in the parking garage. Our office Suite is 700.

#### Driving from the Airport:

Take North through downtown Atlanta to GA 400 North (there is a \$. 50 toll charge). Take 285 east to exit 29 and go left (north) on Ashford-Dunwoody Road. Turn left on Perimeter Center West (past Perimeter Mall). Our building (South Terraces) is on the right, just past the W Hotel. Free parking is available in the parking garage. Our office is Suite 700.

#### Alternate Transportation from the Airport:

Rapid rail train (**MARTA**) station at the airport. Follow the sign from the baggage claim area to the station. Purchase a token from the booth or the token machines (\$1.75) and proceed up the escalator to the train platform. Be sure to take the northbound train marked **North Springs** (There is also a train marked **Doraville – do not take Doraville train**). During the day, the trains run at intervals of 4 to 8 minutes. In the evening (after rush hour), the trains run at intervals of 8 to 10 minutes. You will get off at the **Dunwoody Station** stop. The trip will take approximately 40 minutes. When you exit the train at Dunwoody, go down the stairs/elevator to lower level (parking area 0 where there are taxicabs available). The Airport Connection Shuttle/Equity Office Shuttle (a free service) is also available from MARTA to the offices and hotels in this area at 15-min. intervals. There are cabs waiting at the station at all times and the fare should cost you around \$6 plus tip. Also, your hotel may have a complimentary shuttle. Call upon arrival to arrange transportation to the office or the hotel.

*A special thanks to Pete Bredehoeft of CH2M Hill for obtaining and coordinating the CH2M Hill Heritage Conference Room for our first Atlanta Section Certification Workshop.*

*Gary Odivilas*

*Atlanta Section VP and Certification Workshop Chairperson*

**\*\*\*\*\* 2004-2005 PROGRAM SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\***

**Monthly Meetings**

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 8, 2004	Wade Martin	US-Cost	Value Engineering
October 13, 2004	Mark Rypel	Georgia Retaining Walls, Inc.	Estimating
November 10, 2004	Pete Bredehoeft	CH2MHill	Atlanta Sewage Project
December 8, 2004	N/A	N/A	AAACE Atlanta Section Holiday Social
January 12, 2005	Forrest White	Heery International	SPLOST Program, Forsyth County, GA
February 9, 2005	Tom Broadwell	Georgia Power Company	Environmental Care
March 9, 2005	Anthony Dixon	IAC	MHJ Int'l Terminal
April 13, 2005	Dr. Khalid Siddiqi	Southern Polytechnic University	Cost Management/Cost Engineering
May 11, 2005	David Buford	Alpha-Omega Visual Systems	3D Time, Cost and Asset Management

**MEETING LOCATION**

**Reservations are NOT mandatory but are strongly requested to assist in making proper arrangements for space and service. Please RSVP to: Chris Schamel @ 404-946-2446 or [cschamel@heery.com](mailto:cschamel@heery.com). If you were not planning on coming to a meeting, but late in the afternoon you find you can attend, do not hesitate to attend. **Please come to the meeting.****


**Directions to Cross Creek Café can be found on their website – [www.crosscreekcafe.com](http://www.crosscreekcafe.com).**

Alternate directions traveling from downtown Atlanta: *Cross Creek Café* is located just north of the I-75/I-85 intersection at Brookwood/Atlantic Station – Take I-75 North to exit 252B (Howell Mill Road). Turn right at the exit of I-75 and Howell Mill Road and travel 0.5 miles north on Howell Mill Road to Collier Road. Turn left (west) at the first traffic signal onto Collier Road. Follow Collier Road, crossing under I-75, approximately 1.3 miles until you reach Defoors Ferry Road. Just past the Citgo Station on Collier Road, bear right onto Defoors Ferry Road and travel 0.4 mile to Bohler Road. (This is a ‘T’ intersection with speed bumps) Turn right on Bohler Road and travel approximately 1.0 mile to Cross Creek Parkway. Turn right on Cross Creek Parkway and the Café will be on your left.


**Reminder: Sign In at Meetings for Certification Credit**

**The sign-in log, available at Section meetings, is the official record of attendance and is submitted to HQ for attendance credits for certified members. Don't forget to sign in**

The RCI Foundation Presents:



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THE EDUCATIONAL EVENT OF 2005


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May 12 & 13, 2005  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA

*Roof Consultants Institute Foundation*  
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Oak Ridge National Laboratory



National Research  
Council Canada  
Institute for  
Research in  
Construction

**For complete information – See Atlanta Section website, click on ‘Events of Interest’.**

As the Atlanta Section continues to network with fellow AACEI Sections and work on providing expanded professional development and employment opportunities to our membership, we are listing an overseas employment opportunity this month. We join the Southern California Division Newsletter and the AACEI website in offering the following positions in Basrah, Iraq.



*KBR is a global engineering, procurement and services company.*

*They are currently seeking personnel for overseas opportunities at our South Project Office in Basrah, Iraq for the following positions*

**Senior Cost Engineer #101855 & 126594**

Responsible for applying advanced cost control techniques and analysis within the discipline, requiring extensive experience. May supervise a small team of less experienced Cost Specialists. Provides support to Lead Cost Engineer and Project Manager. Develops cost reports, performs cost analysis and prepares presentation materials working level proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint is required proficiency with Access or other database applications would be a plus. Proficiency in working with numbers is required a university degree in a technical or business discipline and five years of relevant experience in the engineering/construction industry is required although additional relevant work experience can be substituted for formal education. Experience with accounting and cost control work processes is required experience in the oil field or process plant industry would be a plus. Ability to work many tasks simultaneously and excellence in spoken and written English is required ability to work overtime for peak production periods would be a plus ability to supervise others would be a plus.

**Change Management Coordinator #100034**

Reports to the Senior Project Controls Manager at our South Project Office in Basrah, Iraq. Provides administrative and supervisory responsibility on multiple projects. Directs Cost Specialists in reviewing project cost incurred to-date by category, and in predicting future costs based on labor productivity, material price increases, subcontract, wage rates, risk and other related factors. Responsible for the personal development of direct reports on a project. This is a high visibility position. The position would involve the facilitation and management of the change control process involving interface with the project team and the client.

**Senior Cost Estimator #63514**

Provides support to Lead Cost Estimator and Project Manager. Prepare and present cost estimates. Working level proficiency with MS Excel is required. Proficiency with MS Word, PowerPoint and MS Access would be a plus. Proficiency in organizing data is required. A university degree in a technical or business discipline and five years of relevant experience in the engineering/construction industry is required although additional relevant work experience can be substituted for formal education. Knowledge of construction industry terminology and ability to read construction drawings is required. Knowledge of cost estimating work processes is required. Experience in the oil field or process plant industry would be a plus. Ability to work many tasks simultaneously and excellence in spoken and written English is

required. Ability to work overtime for peak production periods would be a plus. Ability to supervise others would be a plus. Responsible for independently applying advanced estimating techniques and analysis within the discipline, requiring extensive experience. May supervise a small group of Estimators.

**Principal Planner/Scheduler Engineer #126354**

Provides support to Lead Planning and Scheduling Engineer and Project Manager. Prepares schedules and presentation materials working level proficiency with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Primavera Project Planner is required proficiency with Microsoft PowerPoint and Access would be a plus. Proficiency in organizing data is required a university degree in a technical or business discipline and five years of relevant experience in the engineering/construction industry is required although additional relevant work experience can be substituted for formal education knowledge of planning and scheduling work processes is required experience in the oil field or process plant industry and plant outages would be a plus. Ability to work many tasks simultaneously and excellence in spoken and written English is required ability to work overtime for peak production periods would be a plus...ability to supervise others would be a plus. Responsible for independently applying advanced scheduling and planning techniques and analysis within a project environment, requiring extensive experience. May supervise a small group of Scheduler/Planners in developing, maintaining, and analyzing critical path plans and related schedules on projects of moderate size and complexity.

*Please email your resume, with detailed work history in chronological date order to:*  
***debra.malone@halliburton.com***

*For resume tracking purposes please also apply online at [www.kbrjobs.com](http://www.kbrjobs.com), reference requisition number for each job posted.*

