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**February guest speaker Tom Broadwell
of Georgia Power Company**

To all interested in taking the AAACEI Certification Examination, the Atlanta Section will host the 2nd Quarter Certification Examination on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at the Atlanta offices of Heery International. Any questions about the certification process or Heery's office location, please contact Atlanta Section Certification Director Joe Bruscia CCE at 404-946-2013. While the clock is ticking, you still have three months to submit your application before the deadline. It's a challenging examination but success places you in a select and highly respected group of professionals known for their comprehensive knowledge of cost management.

Join us on March 9 to greet our guest speaker, Mr. Anthony Dixon of IAC. His presentation includes a 10-15 video on the new MH Jackson International terminal

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Social

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

RSVP to Atlanta Section Communication Director by March 8

Cross Creek Café

**1221 Cross Creek Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30327**

404-351-1550

www.crosscreekcafe.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Most of the year, we concentrate on activities on the Section level. But once a year we have the opportunity to go national. So, got plans for the end of June? Why not make plans to attend the AACEI Annual Meeting this year. Mark the calendar for June 26-29 for you to be in New Orleans. There will be dozens of exhibitors on the latest products and technologies, technical programs including Claims & Dispute Resolution, Estimating, Planning & Scheduling (see attached flyers) and innumerable ideas and relationships via peer-to-peer networking. Click on the AACEI website and register now at www.aacei.org.

We already know that New Orleans is a great city to visit. Attend the Annual Meeting and come home with a boat load of beads around your neck and new tools in your professional portfolio.

But before you pack your bags for New Orleans, we are approaching the end of our local program year so it's time to consider candidates for next year's Officers and Directors. If you would like to serve the Atlanta Section, and contribute to our continued growth, please contact me, or any Officer/Director. Nominations will be taken at the April meeting with elections during our May meeting. Floor nominations will be accepted at the May meeting. AACEI Certification is not required to serve as an officer or director.

We don't take your membership for granted. Thanks for being a member of AACEI and the Atlanta Section. See you at Cross Creek on March 9.

Albert Kwong CCE

******* 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 | AACE 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 |

March Guest Speaker
Anthony Dixon
International Aviation Consultants (IAC)
Topic: Manager-at-Risk Selection for
MH Jackson International Terminal

As a Senior Project Manager, Mr. Dixon is responsible for managing the operations of various construction projects. He is charged with formulating and implementing the latest state-of-the-art programs for program/construction management and engineering including personnel training, dispute avoidance, quality control and safety.

With over 30 years of construction experience, he has worked in all facets of field operations. His experience includes development of project schedules, execution of subcontracts, contracts, review and monitoring of shop drawings, processing and developing pay applications, monitoring contractor's schedule, project costs and updating owners on a monthly basis of project status.

Mr. Dixon has a Bachelor of Architecture from Tuskegee Institute School of Applied Science.

MEETING LOCATION

The meeting location for the 2004-2005 program year is the *Cross Creek Café* at 1221 Cross Creek Parkway, Atlanta on the 2nd Wednesday of each month September thru May excluding December. ***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**. 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.

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

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, reference requisition number for each job posted.

**“The upside is your future is in your hands.
And the downside is your future is in your hands.”**
Russ Myers

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******* NATIONAL ELECTION NOTICE *******

Please Do Not Forget to Vote

Ballots were mailed on or before February 15, 2005
Your completed ballot must be received at AACE Headquarters on or before **March 31, 2005**
Your Vote is Important to the future of AACE International.

Thank you for your participation!