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## This Month's Letter from the Atlanta Section President

*“The election for 2008-2009 Officers and Directors will be held at our regular section meeting April 15, 2008.*

*I have here a slate of nominees but if you are interested in serving the Section; please contact me [akwong@uscost.com](mailto:akwong@uscost.com)*

*Floor nominations will be taken at the meeting.*

**President – Pat Ray**

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**Certification Director – Andreas Kristanto**

**Scholarship Director – Mike Horowitz**

**Membership Director – Yolanda Franklin**

### Regional Director – Bob Hannen

*Please be sure to come to our April 15, 2008 meeting to cast your vote. If you are not able to attend; members can email me your vote prior to the meeting.*

*Are you going to the Annual Meeting at Toronto? It is a bargain package: you can learn some new ideas, meet new friends and see a great city at the same time.”*

*Albert Kwong, CCE*



## MEETING NOTES & INFORMATION

At the April 2008 meeting Michael C. Ray PE, CCE, PSP, PMP (Managing Principal) and Patrick S. Ray JD, CCC, PMP (Vice President – Principal) of Legis Consultancy presented on the topic

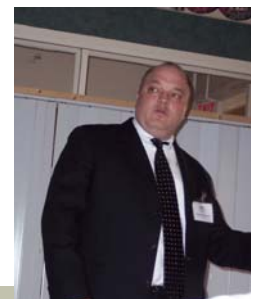
### “Modified Total Cost Methods in Claims”

Their joint presentation focused on the form, format and particulars of “Total Cost” and “Modified Total Cost” claim methodology and various corresponding strengths and weaknesses.

Mike was instrumental in the development of AACEI's PSP Certification examination and has many years of experience in construction,

construction claims and dispute resolution. Patrick also shared his considerable experience and expertise during the presentation and both participated in a lively question and answer session which concluded the night.

Thanks to both for an outstanding evening.!



## UPCOMING APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> , SECTION MEETING

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### APRIL SPEAKER TOPIC:

#### **“Cost Related Issues for St. Regis Hotel & Construction Cost Outlook”**

Guest Speaker – April 15, 2008

Joseph Bruscia, CCE, VMP, Leed AP  
Preconstruction Manager  
Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.

Mr. Bruscia has over twenty-five years of construction industry experience in project budgeting, cost estimating and value engineering. In addition to his formal education in engineering, Mr. Bruscia holds a Value Engineering Certificate from Auburn University is a Certified Cost Engineer (A.A.E.I.), is a Certified Value Methodology Practitioner (S.A.V.E.), and is a Leed Accredited Professional.

Mr. Bruscia will be discussing two topics as our guest speaker this month. The first will be a discussion about the construction market outlook for 2008 and beyond. This will include the driving issues behind the current “Credit Crunch”, and its current impact on the construction market. Mr. Bruscia will also review published information and its impact on projected costs in the construction industry.

Mr. Bruscia will also give a cost overview and progress report on the St. Regis Hotel and Residences project currently under construction by Bovis Lend Lease here in Atlanta. The St. Regis Hotel is one of only two five star hotels that will be in the Atlanta area when it is completed.

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Mr. Bruscia was recently asked to be a guest speaker at a construction round table discussion on the construction market outlook and was part of the Preconstruction Team for the St. Regis Hotel and Residences project. As such, over the last several months, he has followed both the cost impact of current market conditions and the construction of the St. Regis Hotel and Residences Project. Mr. Bruscia will be providing some “real world” cost information about a project of this type and will provide insight on key items to consider when preparing a budget or cost estimate on a high rise project

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**AACE 2007 - 2008 Guest Speaker Schedule**

Date	Speaker	Organization	Topic
September 18, 2007	George Bradshaw	PT&C	Nuclear Power - Learning from History to Understand Costs & Mitigate Risks
October 16, 2007	Mike Bartoli	US Cost	Integration of BIMS & Estimating
November 20, 2007	William Kraus	International Aviation Consultant	Future Directions of AACE
December 18, 2007			Christmas Party @ US Cost
January 15, 2008	Kurt Nolte	US Cost	Web Based Estimating
February 19, 2008	Wade Martin	US Cost	Setting Contingency Using Risk Analysis
March 18, 2008	Mike Ray & Patrick Ray	Legis Consultancy Inc	Modified Total Cost Methods in Claims
April 15, 2008	Joe Bruscia	Bovis Lend Lease	Cost Related Issues for St. Regis Hotel & Construction Cost Outlook
May 20, 2008	Jim Johnson	Heery International	Reinventing Yourself as a Total Cost Engineer



**A Thank You from SPSU's AACEI Chapter**

On behalf of my co-officers at SPSU's AACEI chapter, me and all those in attendance at March 19<sup>th</sup>'s meeting; we would like to extend to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for presenting US Cost's Success software at our kick-off campus meeting. With the help of industry professionals such as you, we hope to enhance our students' knowledge of cost estimating and the resources available to them. Special thanks as well to Rendy for coordinating internally with US Cost and to Bill Kraus and Albert Kwong for their continued direction and support.

My Best Regards,

Assaf Newmark  
 SPSU Master's Student; Construction Management  
 SPSU AACEI Chapter President

**Dear AACE Atlanta Section Members,**

Rendy Tendean, AACE SPSU Student Chapter member. is conducting a research survey for graduate degree program in Construction Management.

Could you please help him by taking several minutes to answer the attached survey, and email it back to him at [rtendean@uscost.com](mailto:rtendean@uscost.com)?

Your participation and professional opinion is very important to this research, and greatly appreciated.

The purpose of the research and survey is to see whether Web Based Collaborative Project Management System or Project Specific Web Sites could improve document coordination or sharing between extended project team members (between Owners, Architects, Engineers, PM, CM, Estimator, Scheduler, GC, and other participant involved from design to construction process) compared to conventional method (FTP, email, FEDEX, hardcopy, phone).

For further information or introduction to the research, please look at the introduction of the survey.

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### INTRODUCTION:

This survey is part of Construction Management Research on how Web Based Collaborative Project Management System (WBCPMS) or Project Specific Web Site (PSWS) can improve project document coordination. The purpose of the research and survey is to see whether WBCPMS or PSWS could improve document coordination between extended project team members (between Owners, Architects, Engineers, PM, CM, Estimator, Scheduler, GC, and other participant involved from design to construction process) compared to conventional method (FTP, email, FEDEX, hardcopy, phone).

The research was based on the push vs. pull information method theory. Information push method is where one team member has to push or forward information to other team member (Owner>Architect>Engineer>PM>CM>...). On the contrary, information pull method is where all the information are centralized in one place, and project team members has controlled access to upload or share project information or documents, or to get the information they need, and whenever they need it.

Several vendors such as, Project Dow, e-Builder, Autodesk Buzzsaw, Prolog / Project Talk, Share Point 360, etc., has offered this technology with various additional capabilities from online RFI forms and management, document viewer, 3D model viewer, to online bid submission. Yet, the adoption rate of this technology in A/E/C industry is very slow, with only large firms or companies as the early adopter. The survey is to find what A/E/C professional think of WBCPMS or PSWS in coordinating project documents or information.

### SURVEY:

1. Which industry are you in?
  - A. Architectural / Design
  - B. Engineering
  - C. Construction
  - D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many years of experience do you have in your industry?
  - A. 1 – 5 years
  - B. 6 – 10 years
  - C. More than 10 years
3. What is the common method of project document / information delivery method used to share project documents or information with your extended project team members?
  - A. WBCPMS / PSWS
  - B. FTP / Email
  - C. FEDEX (Hardcopy, CD, etc.)
  - D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How often do you encounter problems or difficulties of cannot get documents / information to the right person in timely manner when using conventional delivery method?
  - A. Never
  - B. Rarely
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Often
  - E. Every time

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5. How often do you encounter problems or difficulties of cannot get or find the documents / information you need when you need it?  
A. Never      B. Rarely      C. Sometimes      D. Often      E. Every time
  
6. Have you ever heard, know or have experience in using a Web Based Collaborative Project Management Systems / Project Specific Web Sites?  
A. Have hear about it      B. Know about it, but never used it      C. Have experience using it  
D. Never heard / No knowledge about it
  
7. Which WBCPMS or PSWS product do you currently use?  
A. Do not use      B. Project Dox      C. e-Builder      D. Prolog / Project Talk / Proliance  
D. Autodesk Buzzsaw      E. Constructware      F. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. In your opinion, could WBCPMS or PSWS technology help to improve the project document / information coordination between extended project team member in the A/E/C industry?  
A. Not at all      B. Very little      C. Substantial      D. Very substantial
  
9. In your experience / opinion, how do / would you rate improvement in project documents / information coordination with WBPCMS or PSWS compared to conventional method?  
A. Very little      B. Substantial      C. Very substantial  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
10. In your experience / opinion, what significant improvement do / would you see in project documents / information coordination with WBPCMS or PSWS compared to conventional method?  
A. Speed of Delivery      B. Controlled access      C. Anytime / anywhere accessibility  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. In your experience / opinion, how does WBCPMS or PSWS improve project documents / information coordination for all of the parties involved in the project?  
A. Very little      B. Substantial      C. Very substantial  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. In your experience / opinion, how do / would you rate the speed of project documents information delivery / response time using WBCPMS or PSWS compared to conventional method?
- A. Slow      B. Same      C. Faster      D. On-Demand (instantaneously)
13. In your experience / opinion, what other feature benefits that is most useful in WBCPMS or PSWS other than project document / information coordination?
- A. Documents or Plans viewer with various files compatibility, overlay, and markup tool.  
B. Online RFI forms and management  
C. 3D model viewer  
D. Maintain, control, and protect intellectual property ownership  
E. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Some WBCPMS or PSWS vendors have developed or incorporate 3D model viewer interface as part of the system so that team members do not have to purchase expensive CAD software or to have knowledge in operating CAD software. In your opinion, do you think this interface would help in promoting the adoption and development of BIM (Building Information Modeling) throughout the A/E/C industry?
- A. Don't know      B. Maybe      C. Absolutely      D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. In the future, when combined with 3D model viewer, web based scheduling and web based estimating, in your opinion, do you think WBCPMS or PSWS could be the underlying delivery method for BIM throughout the A/E/C industry?
- A. Don't know      B. Maybe      C. Absolutely  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. In your opinion, should the A/E/C industry adopt or utilize more of the WBCPMS or PSWS technology as the project documents or information delivery method?
- A. Don't know      B. Maybe      C. Absolutely  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. In your opinion, what is the biggest barrier of the adoption and implementation of WBCPMS or PSWS technology into the A/E/C industry?
- A. Implementation Cost      B. People resistant to change  
C. Unfamiliarity with the product      D. No need for such product or technology  
D. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To answer the survey, simply use the following numerical format and email your responses back to: [rtendean@uscost.com](mailto:rtendean@uscost.com). Reference AACEI Management Research Survey:

ANSWER:

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Thank you for your time and professional opinion.

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## AACEI – Atlanta Section **HOT TOPIC !!!!!!!**

### Upcoming Atlanta Section 2008 AACE Certification Exams

On behalf of AACE Atlanta Section; we want to say thank **U.S Cost** for hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Certificate Exam. We have received several inquires in the past few months from potential members/candidates about our certification exam. The Atlanta Section will be hosting both certificate exams.

#### Here is the line up for the Certification Exam

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Certification Exam – Will be hosted by **Project Time & Cost**. The contact person is **John Larson**. Previously PTC has hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Exam and have been able to accommodate up to 22 candidates. They have added a new training facility and can accommodate even more now. Saturday June 14, 2008.

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Certification Exam – Will be hosted by **Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport Management** and the contact person is **Bill Kraus**. Saturday Dec 6, 2008.

The exams will begin at approximately 8:00AM and end around 5:45 PM, for those sections that will be hosting it. This schedule can vary if all participants agree to alter the break times designated.

### Upcoming International 2008 AACE Certification Exams

Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008 Certification Exam will be held on:

Saturday, June 14, 2008

(Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Arabian Gulf – Dhahran only and

Friday, June 13, 2008 at the Arabian Gulf – Dubai only locations)

and the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 Certification Exam will be held on:

Saturday, December 6, 2008

(Friday, December 5, 2008 at the Arabian Gulf – Dubai only location)

This schedule can vary if all participants agree to alter the break times designated.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Subject:** Sr. Scheduler Position

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#### ESSENTIALS:

- Requires 4-year degree in Engineering or Construction Management or Business (or related field).
- Requires 10 + years planning & scheduling experience in engineering, procurement, construction, and construction management using PRIMAVERA software.
- Requires proficient PC skills including proficiency in other software used in the Project Controls Department -- such as MSOffice (Excel, Word, Powerpoint, Project). Requires strong written and verbal skills
- Requires leadership and good client relationship skills.

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## **Upcoming Construction Claims Seminar: AAACEI East TN Section**

**Greetings fellow Region 3  
Sections!!!!**

**from the East Tennessee Section of  
the Association for the Advancement  
of Cost Engineering (AAACE)  
International.**

The East Tennessee Section is offering  
a 2-day Construction Claims seminar on  
May 15-16, 2008, in west Knoxville.

Leading the seminar will be Mr. James  
G. Zack, Jr., Executive Director of  
Corporate Claims Management for Fluor  
Corporation.

Full details, and online registration forms  
are now available on the East  
Tennessee Section website--  
<http://www.aaace-ets.org/>.

Class size is limited to 35 persons.  
Prospective attendees are urged to sign  
up early.

Please pass this information along to all  
members of your respective sections.

Thank you,

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**Professional Development** - increase your knowledge and professional expertise by joining one of AACE's many technical committees, subcommittees, and special interest groups (SIGs) in their effort to develop new and improved techniques for the profession and in standardizing the practice of total cost management.

**Certification** - AACE has been certifying individuals as Certified Cost Consultants (CCC)/Certified Cost Engineers (CCE) since 1976, Interim Cost Consultants (ICC) since 2000, Planning & Scheduling Professionals (PSP) since 2004, and Earned Value Professionals (EVP) since 2005. At the 2007 Annual Meeting, AACE will hold its first public offering of the Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC). AACE is also working diligently to create the Certified Portfolio, Program, & Project Management Manager (C3PM) and the Certified Estimating Professional (CEP). Accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB), CCE and CCC are the only internationally-recognized certifications for cost management professionals.

**Networking and Contacts** - take advantage of numerous opportunities to network with your peers and expand your circle of valuable business contacts; join a local section and participate in local activities, attend the annual meeting, or join one of our several technical committees and special interest groups.

**Annual Meeting** - see and hear outstanding technical presentations, panel discussions, workshops, tours, and guest speakers at the AACE International Annual Meeting.

The Atlanta Section would also like to thank Legis Consultancy for hosting the ACEI Atlanta Section Website throughout the 2007-2008 year.



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