



## Central Savannah River Section

### *Mark your Calendars:*

#### **UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS**

**10/28/2010 – Rodney Blackmon, Project Integration and Planning Manager, SRR**

**11/11/2010 – The Annual Member’s Appreciation Dinner**

**1/27/2011 – Tony Gilman, Director, Project Information Management Department, WGI**

#### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **Certification Exam**

**11/6/2010 – Exam - Augusta State University**

**1/22/2011 – SC Regional Future City Competition**

### *Members and Friends Spotlight*



### **Join us at the next AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting October 28, 2010**



**Rodney Blackmon  
Project Integration and Planning  
Manager, SRR**  
**“The Evaporating Cloud – A  
Tool for Systematic Thinking”**

*See page 3 for details*

***Be sure to mark your calendars now for the  
AACEI Annual Social Night on November 11,  
2010!***

#### **Additional Certification Exams**

**10/29/2010 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**

**11/13/2010 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**

**1/15/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**

**2/28/2011 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**

**3/15/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**

**5/14/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**

**8/29/2011 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam**

**9/13/2011 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam**

**11/12/2011 – Exam - Augusta State University**

***See page 5 for details on Arranged Exams***



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### President's Corner



**Kathy Roberson**  
AACEI-CSRA  
Section President

### **Have you sent in your RSVP for the November 11th Members Appreciation Night?**

**Please RSVP by November 5th, 2010**, for both you and your guest. This year we will once again gather in the Grand Ballroom of the North August Community Center for a fun filled night. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet and network with other fellow members and guests. The event is complimentary – Just our way of providing a means to socialize with fellow professionals and say "Thank You" for your support!

Thanks to the efforts of **Jim Hammond, Joe Knick, Rudy Jones, and Kathy Roberson**, the 2-day Earned Value Professional Certification Workshop held at the Augusta State University was a great success!



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### **AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting OCTOBER 28, 2010**

**Please RSVP by COB 10/25/10 to either:**  
**Laurel H. Wilson, 208-0656,**  
[laurel.wilson@srs.gov](mailto:laurel.wilson@srs.gov) **or**  
**Ronny McIver, 952-5942,**  
[ronny.mciver@srs.gov](mailto:ronny.mciver@srs.gov)

**Kathy Roberson will be out of town that week so please call one of our two board members listed above.**

**5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking  
6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program**

**Cost:**  
**Members \$15 per person  
Non-Members \$20 per person  
Guests/Spouses are welcome**

**Location:**  
**North Augusta Community Center  
495 Brookside Ave.  
North Augusta, SC**

#### **Experience**

As Project Integration and Planning Manager, Rodney Blackmon is responsible for the integration of project execution and support including project controls in all functional areas, planning necessary to meet contract scope, system interface with Savannah River Site (SRS) contractors and stakeholders, and ownership of the contract performance baseline.

Mr. Blackmon has a broad background in project management positions of increasing responsibility in the areas of project integration, project controls, risk management, systems integration, configuration management, controls and instrumentation, and training development. He has over 26 years experience in the commercial nuclear industry and with Department of Energy contracts.

Mr. Blackmon is returning to SRS after assignments at Hanford in Washington State and the Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) in Idaho.



**Rodney Blackmon**  
**Project Integration and Planning Manager, SRR**  
**“The Evaporating Cloud – A Tool for Systematic Thinking”**

Before returning to SRS, he was Project Planning, Monitoring, and Analysis Manager for Washington River Protection Systems at Hanford where he developed and implemented project reporting tools to ensure the Earned Value Management System (EVMS) was implemented and utilized. Also at Hanford, he was the Technology Risk Manager for the Waste Treatment Plant Project.

At Idaho, Mr. Blackmon was the Project Controls Manager for the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU). He led the IWTU portion of the EVMS certification effort and managed the project controls group through the CD-3 milestone.

Before joining Savannah River Remediation, he led the successful EVMS certification process for the project.

Mr. Blackmon is a Certified Project Management Professional.

He resides in Aiken County with his wife, Tina, and children.

#### **Education**

Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.  
Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Engineering

## CSRA College Night – 9/14/2010 – James Brown Arena

The AACEI-CSRA section sponsors an informational booth and a door drawing scholarship to an attendee every year at the CSRA College Night event. The event is the largest gathering of Colleges and University representatives in the two-state region. September's event had over 7,000 Junior-Seniors attending and dozens of career counselors, mentors, and advisers from high schools and colleges.

Given the timing of this event and the age of the students, it is recognized that many students are about to make some critical decisions concerning their future careers, degrees, and colleges they plan to attend. We introduce the students to how project controls can fit into their career and educational goals. We explain to them the relationship of project controls careers in fields like computer science (Information Technology), engineering, and business. We show how this benefits them by enhancing their marketability out of college, maintaining jobs, and accelerating their career growth potential.

Not only did we speak with students, we spoke to the colleges and high school officials. We spend time speaking to and providing materials to high school guidance advisors and career counselors to let them know about Project Controls and other related career fields.

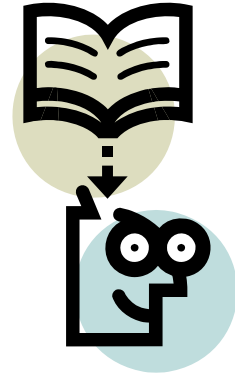




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### EVMS QUIZ

The answers are in red.



1. Earned Value Management (EVM) is a systematic approach to the integration and measurement of cost, schedule, and technical (scope) accomplishments on a project or task. It provides both the government and contractors the ability to examine detailed schedule information, critical program and technical milestones, and cost data.

- A) True
- B) False

2. One common way to compute Estimate at Completion (EAC) is to take the project budgeted-at-completion and:

- A) divide it by the schedule performance index
- B) multiply it by the schedule performance index
- C) multiply it by the cost performance index
- D) divide it by the cost performance index

3. During the six month update on a 1 year, \$50,000 project, the analysis shows that the PV is \$25,000; the EV is \$20,000 and the AC is \$15,000. What can be determined from these figures?

- A) The project is behind schedule and over cost
- B) The project is ahead of schedule and under cost
- C) The project is ahead of schedule and over cost
- D) The project is behind schedule and under cost

### What is an Arranged Exam?

With the increasing demand for AACE certifications, domestically and internationally, the Certification Board of AACE has developed and approved "Arranged Exams" as an option for potential exam candidates.

An Arranged Exam is an alternative for potential exam candidates pursuing AACE certification, which may or may not be near an active AACE Section that regularly hosts exams. An Arranged Exam will also afford candidates wanting to pursue multiple certifications the flexibility and opportunity to accomplish their goals during an exam cycle.

An Arranged Exam must be requested in advance by completing the [Arranged Exam Request Application](#) and submitted to the Certification Manager for review and approval. After the request has been approved, the candidate will be notified with registration instructions. AACE reserves the right to refuse a request for an Arranged Exam for any reason and at any time.



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### Highlights from the September Dinner Meeting



**Patrick A. McMaster**  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer  
and Founder  
Lifeline Management Systems  
“Accountability in  
Business”

**Life-Line [lahyf-lahyn] – Assistance at a critical time.** Patrick McMaster wasn’t able to attend the meeting due to a last minute family emergency but we still had a good turnout, enjoyed a great meal and then played some videos of interviews that Mr. McMaster gave discussing his company’s asset management system.

The Lifeline Real Time Wireless Enterprise System is currently employed by a long list of government and private organizations that are experiencing a much greater level of accountability.

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Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

For further information, please contact us at [aaceicsra.org@gmail.com](mailto:aaceicsra.org@gmail.com).



You are cordially invited to the  
 2010 AAACEI Member's Appreciation Dinner  
 November 11, 2010  
 at 6:30pm

North Augusta Community Center Ballroom  
 495 Brookside Ave.  
 North Augusta, SC

★ ★ Events
6:30 Social Hour
7:30 Welcome ★
7:45 Complimentary Buffet

RSVP  
 November 5, 2010 ★

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