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SEPTEMBER 13 PROGRAM



FEATURED SPEAKER; JAMES BENHAM
Founder and President of JBKnowledge & Technologies

PRESENTATION: **“Technology in Construction: The Estimator’s Technology Toolkit”**

About our Speaker:

James Benham is founder and president of JBKnowledge Technologies Inc. He started his company during his final year in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Science in Management Information Systems. Established with the aim of

providing high quality technology solutions to the North American marketplace, James' company has since grown to provide premier technology services to companies large and small across the Western Hemisphere, specializing in the construction, insurance, and real estate industries.

Along with software, database

Today’s professional estimator understands that technology has a prominent role in solving construction industry hassles and inefficiencies. This presentation shows how new technologies help reduce ITB and plan room problems, how social networking tools allow more flexibility; and where augmented reality comes into play. Finally, this presentation looks at the future of estimating where these ground-breaking technologies are converging to change the face of the construction industry.

Topics Discussed:

- ITB and plan room headaches -- and solutions
- Innovative Google freeware and what it can do for you
- Social networking and how the construction industry can get involved
- Augmented reality and the convergence of technologies

and web development, JBKnowledge's user-friendly software products – such as SmartBidNet and SmartCompliance – allow companies to streamline enterprise management, data interchange, compliance and document workflow processes via secure, web-based platforms.

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HGCS MONTHLY TECHNICAL MEETING TIME AND LOCATION



When: September 13, 2011

Time: 5:30 pm Registration
6:15 pm Buffet Dinner
7:00 pm Speaker
8:00 pm Adjourn

RSVP: by end of business Monday,
September 12, 2011
Reply back to email address
houstonaace@aol.com for your
registration

Cost: \$30 Member / Non-Member
Cash or Checks, no credit cards
(pay at the door)

Location: HESS CLUB BUILDING
5430 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056

AACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE -- NOVEMBER 12, 2011

MAGNOLIA HOTEL—HOUSTON, TEXAS

FEATURED SPEAKER: LINDA TARR-WHELAN is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos, a US national progressive think tank and Author of an award-winning book, *Women Lead the Way: Your Guide to Stepping up to Leadership and Changing the World* (Berrett-Koehler, 2009 and 2011). She is also Chair of the National Women's Advisory Council for Pax World Resources. Linda served as Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women during the Clinton Administration, Deputy

Assistant to President Jimmy Carter for Women's Concerns in the White House and a member of the President's Advisory Council on Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Named as one of the 50 most powerful women in Washington by *Ladies Home Journal*, her career has included government, business, unions and NGO's including as President/CEO of the Center for Policy Alternatives, and as Managing Partner of Tarr-Whelan & Associates, Inc, an international

management consultancy. She appears frequently nationally and internationally as a speaker, writer, media commentator and blogger (www.lindatarrwhelan.com) on *Huffington Post*, the *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *NPR* and *Newsday*.

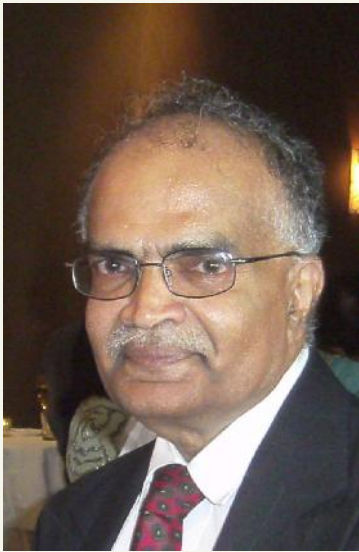
Join us on November 12 to hear this exciting speaker and share knowledge and experiences with fellow co-workers and other Professionals in our industries.

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Visit Houston Gulf Coast Website

www.aacei-hgcs.org



Vic Bhat
2011-2012 HGCS President .

Hello everyone, my name is Vic Bhat and I am honored to be your 2011-2012 AACE International's Houston Gulf Coast Section (HGCS) President. This is the second time I have had this privilege of being the President of one of the best Sections of the AACE International. Kudos to the last years HGCS Board, whose untiring efforts lead to a President's award at the National Convention in June of this year. Liz Heuermann and her team did an outstanding job and I am sure this year's Board members are ready for a repeat performance.

I hope everyone has had a good summer and is ready to get into the new HGCS program year and hear the great speakers that have been scheduled. The Board has been busy planning the 2011-2012 meeting schedule.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The meeting dates are as follows:

Sept. 13th 2011

Oct. 11th 2011

Nov. 8th 2011

Dec. 13th 2011

Jan. 10th 2012

Feb. 7th 2012

Mar 13th 2012

Apr. 10th 2012

May 8th 2012

January and February meetings will be focused on the Young Professional. Both speakers are up and coming Young Professionals from our area. These two meetings will be very exciting and I hope to have a room full of our local Young Professionals.

Active member participation is key to success to any organization and we are not an exception to this rule. The September 13 meeting is our first meeting for this program year. John Benham of JBKnowledge Technologies Inc. is our speaker. His presentation is titled "Technology in Construction:

The Estimator's Technology Toolkit".

We would encourage you to attend this meeting with your co-workers and colleagues. Let them be introduced to AACE International-HGCS and see what we can offer. We do have very interesting speakers and topics lined up for this program year.

As the new program year starts, I encourage our members to check our website often at <http://www.aacei-hgcs.org/> . The employment section has a number of job openings listed. In addition, if your company has openings they wish to post, please feel free to forward them to your HGCS Board for posting on our web site.

Again, I thank you all for electing me one more time as this year's President of AACE International's greatest local section.

See you at the meetings

Vic Bhat

President

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HOUSTON GULF COAST SECTION FOR WINNING
THE **PRESIDENT CIRCLE SECTION AWARD** AT THE
2011 AACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR HOUSTON GULF COAST SECTION

September 16 - HGCS hosts “Arranged Certification Exams”

October 27 - HGCS/AACE, YPTF, RICS, Texas A&M University sponsors a Young Professional Event to be held at Texas A&M University in College Station,

November 12 - AACE Leadership Conference at the Magnolia Hotel in
Houston, Texas

A joint effort of the ACE Diversity Task Force (DTF), Women in Project Controls Committee (WPC), and the Young Professional Task Force (YPTF).

Registration now open at www.aacei.org