

# NOTICE



## GENERAL INTEREST NIGHT

**Date** Thursday September 18, 2008

**Location** Sheraton Cavalier Hotel

**Time** 6:30 p.m.

**Speaker** David Myers, P. Eng., is the 2008-09 Chairman of the CES Board of Directors. David has served on the Board for 5 years, initially as a Director then as secretary-treasurer in 2006-07 and Vice Chairman in 2007-08.

**Bio** David graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering in 1991 and M.Sc. in 2000. He has been employed by Kilborn Western in Saskatoon, Atomic Energy of Canada in Ontario and Saskatoon, and currently works as a Project Manager for AMEC Americas Limited in Saskatoon. During his 13 years with AMEC, David has been involved in many mining industry projects in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and worldwide. Recent assignments include potash expansion projects at PCS Allan and PCS Rocanville, uranium mill expansion studies for Cameco Key Lake, and coal handling facility upgrades for SaskPower Boundary Dam.

**Presentation** **Recommended Best Practice for Hiring A Professional Consultant**

The National Guide to Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure (InfraGuide) has released a Best Practice for Selecting a Professional Consultant. This Best Practice promotes the principles of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) rather than price-based selection as the best method for selecting professional engineers and other consultants. The Best Practice is intended to encourage creativity and innovation that can result in better value to taxpayers by selecting the right engineering team. In developing the current Best Practice for procurement, InfraGuide concluded that the long-term savings that can be gained from selecting engineering services using the principles of QBS are far more significant than short-term savings provided by the lowest-price design. Decisions made during project planning and design have ramifications over the entire service life of a project. The owner will have to live with those decisions for the life of the asset. An appropriate investment in professional services at the onset of a project can potentially reduce capital, maintenance and operating costs while improving reliability and extending service life. Conversely, reducing that investment at the design stage can result in significantly higher capital, operating and maintenance costs throughout the service life of the project.

This presentation will provide an overview of the Best Practice for Selecting a Professional Consultant, the process by which it was developed, and the potential benefits to the asset owner in its application.

The presentation will also include a brief introduction to Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan and some of its current activities. CES represents most engineering consulting firms in the Province currently employing over 1200 engineers, geoscientists, technologists and support staff.

**Important Information & RSVP** Those planning to attend are asked to email or phone and leave a message with Stephanie Oleniuk (by Noon Wednesday, September 17, 2008) to confirm attendance. **Annual dues are \$30** (to be paid at the first meeting you attend) and a meeting fee of \$20 will also be charged to cover the cost of the meal. Students pay \$10/meeting and will be required to sign an attendance sheet. In order to be eligible for the CIM Scholarship, student members need to have attended at least 3 meetings prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The registration desk is open meeting nights from 6:00-7:00 so please be punctual. Dues and fees can be paid by cash or cheque.

Please forward this notice to others in your firm or to any others that you think may be interested. To have your name on the mailing list please email all contact information to the address below.

Sincerely,  
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