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Professional Development Meeting

Thursday 18 Sep 2008

*North American Bus Industries
Plant Tour*

*106 National Drive
Anniston, Al. 36207
Time: 6:30*

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Noon on Tuesday, 16 Sep, 2008

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September Professional Development Meeting North American Bus Industries Plant Tour

North American Bus Industries, Inc. has become an innovative leader in the transportation industry. They offer the widest range of vehicles of any manufacturer. Not only are they producing vehicles made of different materials but they're on the cutting edge of styling as well as advancement in technology with propulsion systems ranging from clean diesel, hybrid, CNG and LNG.

The vision established by The Traxis Group, B.V. in 2006 brought together three distinct brands in the transportation industry—NABI, Optima and Blue Bird—thus forming North American Bus Industries, Inc. This partnering provides the ability to offer a complete line of standard and low-floor, heavy-duty transit buses ranging in size from 30' to 65'.

Greetings from the Chapter President

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and activities.

Your NEAL Chapter Board of Directors (BoD) is busy planning activities and events for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact any of us and let us know what you think might be of interest or value to you, the Chapter members.

One new course added to the APICS Inventory is the newly released Lean Enterprise Series. Our own Gary Landis will complete the training required to be able to deliver this new offering and we have a class scheduled in December (see the Education Calendar for details).

In addition to offering the CPIM series of CPIM review classes, we will offer the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) course this fall in time for the allow you to take the December CSCP Exam. The CSCP Certification is the most accepted Supply Chain certification currently available. The real value of the CSCP Class is the knowledge allowing you to improve your Supply Chain and increase revenue, improve order delivery, and work more effectively with your suppliers and your customers. If I may make a suggestion, an excellent way to begin the Supply Chain performance is to attend this class with other members of your supply chain. The ideas and methods explored in this class will spark discussion and provide a springboard to start you and your Supply Chain on the journey to improvement.

Another idea we are working on this summer in our planning is to hold joint events with the local Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). These joint events will broaden the topics we offer at Professional Development Meetings (PDMs) and expand the opportunities for networking.

All of us on the BoD look forward to seeing you at the September PDM and throughout the year at other PDMs, events, and classes.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Jerry W. Jones CSCP, CIERP
President, NEAL Chapter

Professional Development Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Speaker	Location
Sep 18, 2008	PDM	Plant Tour North American Bus Industries		106 National Drive Anniston, Al.
Oct 16, 2008	PDM	Global Supply Chain and Diversity	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Classic on Noble

Education Calendar

Date	Event	Topic	Instructor	Location
September 5, 6, 12, & 13 2008	CPIM Certification Review	CPIM - Detailed Scheduling and Planning	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
October 3, 4, 24 & 25, 2008 November 7 & 8 2008	CSCP Certification Review	CSCP - Certified Supply Chain Professional	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 2008	Seminar	Lean Manufacturing	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
January 9, 10, 16, 17 2009	CPIM Certification Review	CPIM - Execution and Control of Operations	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
February 27, 28 2009 & March 6, 7 2009	CPIM Certification Review	CPIM - Strategic Management of Resources	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
April 3, 4, 10, 11 2009	CPIM Certification Review	CPIM - Basics of Supply Chain Management	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge
May 22, 23, 29, 30 2009	CPIM Certification Review	CPIM - Master Planning of Resources	Dr. Gary Landis, CFPIM, CIRM, CSCP	Hager Hinge

2008 APICS CSCP Exam Dates and Deadlines

Exam Date	Eligibility Application Deadline	Exam Registration Deadline
March 21, 2009	January 23, 2009	February 6, 2009
June 20, 2009	April 24, 2009	May 8, 2009
December 2009	TBD	TBD

8:00 a.m. Report to the testing center

8:30 a.m. Exam begins (approximately) No candidates will be admitted after this time.

12:30 p.m. Exam ends (approximately)

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