



Idaho National Laboratory

EFCOG Cost Estimating Subgroup 2009 Annual Meeting

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**EFCOG PM Workgroup
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- **Held May 5th and 6th**
- **At the Idaho National Laboratory (INL)**
- **Speakers –**
 - **Bob Miklos, Director, PMO/INL Fac. Management**
 - **Barry Berkowitz, Director CF-70, DOE-HQ**
 - **Dave Pepson, Cost Analyst, CF-70, DOE-HQ**
 - **Frank Hall, Cost Analyst, CF-70, DOE-HQ**
 - **Mark Daley, Cost Analyst, CF-70, DOE-HQ**

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- **Attendance (total 25 people)**
 - **DOE-HQ CF-70**
 - **DOE-OECM**
 - **DOE-Field Offices**
 - **DOE Contractors**

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- **DOE – Topics**
 - **CF-70 Initiatives, Review Process, and Integration with the EFCOG Cost Estimating Group**
 - **DOE Cost Estimating Order and CFO Standard Operating Procedure**
 - **Update on DOE Escalation Rates and DOE Cost Database**
 - **DOE Standardized Cost Accounts and Results of Related CF-70 Cost Review**

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- **Open Discussion – What does EFCOG expect from CF-70**
 - **Give clear guidance**
 - **Define the CF-70 function and mission**
 - **Up-to-date communication**
 - **Continuous communication**
 - **Do not say how to estimate**
 - **Ensure consistency with other government groups**

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- **Open Discussion – What does EFCOG expect from CF-70 cont..**
 - **CF-70 needs to be understood and supported by Site DOE employees**
 - **How is CF-70 progressing against the other seven corrective actions?**
 - **More education on CAIG**
 - **The definition of “improving estimating accuracy”**
 - **Define how CF-70 will improve projects’ performance**

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- **Open Discussion – What does EFCOG expect from CF-70**
 - **What is the CF-70 standard operating procedure?**
 - **At what level of definition is an estimate ready for budget?**
 - **CF-70 will recognize and respect that the EFCOG estimators each work for different companies with different estimating procedures, processes, and types of work**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **2010 Annual EFCOG CES Meeting**
 - **Possible Sites – Oakridge TN or Aiken SC**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 1 – Sharing of CES resources**
 - **Problem Statement:**
 - **Qualified cost estimating resources in today's work force are very difficult to obtain. Due to shortage of qualified estimators available along with the unpredictable out year budgets, and cyclic work load demands produce many challenges for the DOE contractor estimating groups to maintain a consistent staff.**
 - **Possible Solution:**
 - **Establish a communication avenue to identify and make possible for the DOE contracting estimating groups to share resources.**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 1 – Sharing of CES resources cont..**
 - **Benefits:**
 - **The cost estimators would be already in the DOE badging system.**
 - **Cost estimators would be familiar with working within the DOE complex.**
 - **Cost estimators could support DOE sites experiencing peak work loads during their low demand period.**
 - **Task Team:**
 - **Lee Phillips (Team Lead) 925-442-9497**
 - **Gary Chadwick 509-420-0988**
 - **Daniel Ferguson 806-477-3283**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 2 – CES community communication tool**
 - **Problem Statement:**
 - **The CES is made of some of the top professionals and companies in the world. This group of professionals contains years of experience, problem solving skills and knowledge, and yet these valuable resources are not able to share or support other CES members in support of DOE projects.**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 2 – CES community communication tool cont..**
 - **Possible Solution:**
 - **Establish a DOE community communication tool possible using the EFCOG CES web-page to allow in a forum format the DOE complex cost estimating groups and DOE the ability to discuss and share communications to better the DOE cost estimates.**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 2 – CES community communication tool cont..**
 - **Benefits:**
 - **Real time open communication with the complex's contractor estimators and DOE. Currently the contractor's estimating efforts are made up of small groups spread throughout the DOE Complex, but collectively the CES makes up a large group of individuals with thousands of years of estimating experience.**

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- **CES Internal Topics**
 - **Topic 2 – CES community communication tool cont..**
 - **Task Team:**
 - **Grant Cook (Team Lead) 803-557-5381**
 - **Bruce Wallace 208-526-5896**
 - **Scott Wasley 208-526-6835**

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- **Path Forward –**
 - **Providing support to and partnering with the DOE CF-70 Office of Cost Analysis as it develops and matures. Development of:**
 - **DOE Cost Estimating order**
 - **DOE Cost Estimating manual**
 - **DOE project cost database**
 - **address any other complex emerging cost estimating issues**

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- **Path Forward cont..**
 - **2010 Subgroup Annual meeting**
 - **Oakridge National Laboratory (ORNL) or**
 - **Savannah River Site (SRS)**
 - **Late March or early April**

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- **Path Forward cont..**
 - **Continue to work on CES internal issues:**
 - **Sharing of EFCOG resources**
 - **Real time communications**

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