

SAVE THE DATE ~ 21 February 2012

Fourth Annual Command Round Table



On behalf of the Seattle and Tacoma Posts of the Society of American Military Engineers, we invite you to meet and interact with Pacific Northwest Service Chiefs, Chief Engineers, and Contracting Officers representing the Seattle District, US Army Corps of Engineers; Naval Facilities Command Northwest; and US Coast Guard Sector Seattle.

Do you have technical or contracting questions for Services? This is an excellent opportunity to ask them anonymously and have them answered in a public forum, with time available for follow-up questions and interaction with the panelists. The Round Table is a great way to increase your knowledge about how our service agencies do business. Last year, almost 180 individuals representing over 90 firms attended and provided a very diverse and stimulating array of questions.

This year, we have invited member firms of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and American Public Works Association (APWA) to once again broaden our audience and gain different perspectives on the issues. We selected February for this event because it is sufficiently removed from the annual "Meet the Chiefs" event in June, and Service Agency budgets should be well established by now, allowing for realistic answers to questions about specific projects.

The event will be held at the Kitsap Conference Center on 21 February 2012. Doors open at 08:00, and the meeting will run from 09:00 to 11:30, allowing time to get to Bremerton on the 07:35 Seattle-Bremerton ferry and walk from the ferry dock to the adjacent Kitsap Conference Center. The SAME February luncheon will follow the event at the same location.

Attendance at the event will be limited to two senior-level representatives from each representative firm. Each attendee is requested to submit a single question for consideration by the Services. SAME will compile and organize the questions, distributing them to the Services ahead of the event. A member of SAME's Industrial Affairs Committee will moderate the 21 February discussion, structuring it around the submitted questions. Questions will be addressed one by one, with an opportunity for follow-up questions by the audience, leading to some lively discussion! If time allows, the final 30 minutes of the event will be opened for direct questions to the Service panelists.

Please submit your reservation request and questions to Ken Valder, the SAME Industrial Affairs Committee Chairperson (kenv@coopercm.com). Event cost is \$30 per individual, which will be collected at the door.

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