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JANUARY DINNER MEETING
January 8th, 2008 6:00 PM
2008 ECONOMIC FORECAST
Tim Duy, Oregon Economic Forum
Brice's Restaurant
2560 19th St. SE
Salem, OR
Dinner will be served.
Guests are welcome!

Timothy A. Duy, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Director, Oregon Economic Forum
Professor Duy received his B.A. in Economics in 1991 from the University of Puget Sound, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Economics in 1998 from the University of Oregon. Following graduate school, Tim worked in Washington, D.C. for the United States Department of Treasury as an economist in the International Affairs division and later with the G7 Group, a political and economic consultancy for clients in the financial industry. In the latter position, he was responsible for monitoring the activities of the Federal Reserve and currency markets. Tim returned to the University of Oregon in 2002. He is the Director of the Oregon Economic Forum and the author of the University of Oregon Index of Economic Indicators. Tim has published in the Journal of Economics and Business.

OMV Presidents Message

Hopefully you were one of the fortunate members who joined us at our December dinner meeting where we had the opportunity to hear an excellent educational presentation from Aaron Howell of OSU on "Contract Administration with Limited Resources". In January we will be privileged to listen to an "**Economic Forecast**" presentation by Timothy A. Duy, UO Adjunct Assistant Professor and Director of the Oregon Economic Forum. This should be a very interesting and timely presentation for everyone in our profession. Each of you should consider bringing your boss to this meaningful presentation.

If you haven't already done so, you need to mark your calendars for another outstanding educational seminar scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Shilo Inn in Salem. The seminar topic will be "**Fundamentals of Purchasing Law - What you need to know to successfully negotiate contracts**", followed by our regular monthly dinner meeting program on "**Supplier Business Reviews & Vender Audits – How to effectively conduct vender audits and reviews**". Both of these programs will be presented by Gary L. Hopper, C.P.M. of Total Cost Solutions.

Our members should be especially excited about our price for the seminar since you can register for this seminar **at one-third (1/3) the price** for the same seminar held in the Portland area. What a bargain....and you will receive Continuous Education Hours (CEH), too! Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for the rest of the educational programs scheduled for the remainder of this meeting year.

Just a reminder.....for those of you still wanting to get your C.P.M. certification, your time is starting to run out. Your last day to be able to register for the C.P.M. testing is December 31, 2008, although the test can actually be taken during 2009 (*caution: should you fail a test taken in 2009, you will not be able to register for another test*). After that, as most of you already know, ISM will only be offering their new Certified Professional in Supply Management designation which requires all candidates to have a college degree, a stipulation which has not been a requirement of the C.P.M. designation. Ed Taylor, C.P.M., is committed to continue leading his training classes on preparing our members for taking the certification tests as long as there are a sufficient number of members who are interested....but again I caution you, time is running out. If you are interested, you need to make sure that you contact both Ed (etaylor04@msn.com) and me (sidbrown@aol.com) as soon as possible.

December 31st is the due date for payment of your annual association dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you need to do so immediately or you will be dropped from our membership and ISM will require you to pay an additional \$20 administrative fee if you decide to rejoin at a later date.

Your OMV Board hopes each of you are taking full advantage of the continuous learning educational programs that are being offered to you again this year. We are always interested in your suggestions on how we can better serve your educational needs in the future, so please do not be hesitate to contact any board member and share your thoughts on how we may better provide educational assistance to you and others in our profession.

I hope each of You and Your Families have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Y2008!!!

Sid Brown, C.P.M., A.P.P.
OMV President

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL DINNER MEETINGS

Your Board Members have worked hard to develop a schedule full of valuable educational opportunities for Professional Development. Hope to see you there!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM TITLE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1/8/2008	6:00pm	Economic forecast for 2008	Tim Duy, Director, Oregon Economic Forum	Brice's
2/12/2008	6:00pm	How Changes in Global Logistics Affect Your Company	Ron Williams, Columbia Grain, PSU	Brice's
3/11/2008	6:00pm	Purchasing Law seminar		
4/8/2008	6:00pm	Joint meeting NAPM-WV	TBD	TBD
5/13/2008	6:00pm	Awards Banquet	Howard Baker	Salem Golf Club

OMV Vice-President's Message

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. I must say I'm a little disappointed as it has been a month since my last article about our need for volunteers to step up and volunteer for one of the soon to be vacated OMV Board positions. So far, none of the OMV Board members have been contacted. The only comment anyone has heard is "you are not serious about not continuing". Trust me, several current OMV Board members that have said they can not continue, are NOT going to be in their positions next year. If you want this association to dissolve, continue with this thinking. We will not have a choice. Please believe me; we desperately need members to volunteer for these positions. The positions needed to be filled are: President, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Membership Officer and Marketing Officer.

Again, I request you to please contact myself or any of our current OMV Board members if you have any questions regarding the positions which will be unfilled for our next meeting year (June 2008 – May 2009).

Bob Bunn
OMV Vice-President

News Nuggets form the Education Corner

I hope all of you are enjoying the New Year. I would like to take this time to remind everyone of the sun setting dates for the C.P.M. exams. The last day to register is December 31, 2008 and the last day to take the exam is December 31,2009. I encourage every one who is interested to study up and go take the four exams. I do have all four diagnostic exam CDs that I will loan out to help you prepare. Also I have many publications from Sid Brown that he has saved over the years (thanks Sid). There also many sources of study material on the ISM web site.

Good luck have a great 2008! Steve

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 11TH

Your OMV Board is pleased to announce that we have planned another educational seminar during National Supply Management Month in March 2008. Responding to the high level of interest from our members, we have selected a one-day seminar titled “**Fundamentals of Purchasing Law - What you need to know to successfully negotiate contracts**”, with Gary Hopper, C.P.M. from Total Cost Solutions as the presenter. Gary has 25+ years of purchasing expertise and 2,000+ hours in training and facilitating purchasing coursed and workshops.

This seminar will be made available to our members at a price which is “less than a third” of what the very same seminar would cost in the Portland area. You do not want to miss this continuous learning opportunity, so you need to register immediately on the registration form recently e-mailed to you. CEH (Continuous Education Hours) certificates will be issued to all attendees in the process of collecting CEH's for recertification.

We are looking forward to providing our members with another top rated learning experience. So, **mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 11, 2008** at the Shilo Inn in Salem!!!

NOTICE – ANNUAL DUES BILLING – WHAT A BARGAIN!!!

Your annual membership dues billing is attached to this newsletter. You will notice that in spite of the fact that our association's operational costs continue to rise, your OMV Board is holding our members annual dues cost again this year. Our affiliate dues are less than any other affiliate in this area and, in fact, less than the majority of all the affiliates throughout the ISM organization, including less than the cost of direct membership with ISM. So the educational programs, along with the opportunity to regularly network with your professional peers, makes membership in our association the best bargain you'll ever buy.

Please pay your membership dues by December 31st, 2007 so that your name does not get dropped from both OMV's and ISM's membership rosters. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Sharick (carmen.sharick@sme.akzonobel.com) or Sid Brown (sidbrown@aol.com) immediately. Also, please fill out and include the renewal information form with your check. **Your Association Thanks You!!!**

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