ACEIT E-News: User Conference

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The October ACEIT E-News focuses on the upcoming ACEIT User Conference. We hope that you will get a feel for the type of information that will be presented and the benefits to all level of ACEIT users and for managers that must direct cost analysis work and interpret the results. This month's Tip of the Month highlights the benefits of early conference registration. Our Downloads section has all the documents for you regarding the conference and our Call for Papers; it's not too late! This E-News is filled with all the benefits of this exciting event. Take a look at the latest training calendar and see what class is right for you. No new Support Alerts this month. How is 7.0 behaving for you? Email aceit_support@tecolote.com with your observations, we would appreciate more feedback.

Tip of the Month

Register Early for Discounted Registration

Register for the ACEIT User Conference by December 15th and save $100. The early registration fee is only $199. After December 15th the registration fee increases to $299. The hotel is booking up so make your reservation early. Use reservation code **TECOLOTE** to get the Conference/Government rate. Rooms must be booked by December 15th to ensure the rate. Don't miss out on the savings! A major film festival was recently announced for the week following the conference. This will quickly have an impact on hotel room availability.

ACEIT Highlight: User Conference Sessions

At the 1st Annual ACEIT User Conference, 23-25 January 2007 in Santa Barbara, CA, over a dozen different sessions will be presented including several by power ACEIT users in the field. Several of the presentations are highlighted for you here as a preview of what to expect at the conference.

➢ **Leveraging ACEIT 7.0 New Features**
Keeping up to date with the new features of a software release can be a challenge. This session will highlight several of the key features of the latest ACEIT release and provide users insight into how they can be applied in their work environment to enhance productivity, increase capability, or simplify an ACE model.

➢ **ACE Best Practices**
Many ACE users have models that were originally built in an older version of ACEIT and modified over time as new modeling capability was needed. In these cases, ACE modelers may be using techniques that were state-of-the-art when the model was first built but can be dramatically improved by using current methods. In reviewing models via our help desk and consulting support we have identified several common practices where implementing a modern ACE Best Practice improves the performance and flexibility of the cost model. Knowledge of these practices is helpful for both new developers and experienced users. This session will cover the identification, impact, and implementation of ACE best practices.

➢ **The Power of ACEIT Reporting**
The final result of any cost estimation effort culminates with conveying the results to managers, reviewers, cost analysts, and other decision makers in a meaningful format. In this session, learn how to leverage the full capability of ACE, POST, and POST Doc to simplify the creation of various tabular and graphical reports and dramatically improve your productivity. Learn how to create full Basis of Estimate narrative reports, graphical depictions of your cost estimate, custom executive summaries, and automate both the creation and most importantly updating of PowerPoint presentations.

➢ **Building Inflation Tables & CER Libraries**
A powerful new feature in ACEIT 7.0 is the Librarian. The Librarian is a powerful new utility to create, store and share custom inflation tables and CER (Cost Estimating Relationship) libraries. This session will demonstrate how a user can quickly build custom inflation tables or CER Libraries and directly implement them within an ACE session. This session will also demonstrate how users can leverage the Librarian to share CERs within their licensed site locations and rapidly implement alternative inflation indices.

➢ **Applying Air Force Cost Analysis Agency Cost Risk Handbook in ACE**
The Air Force Cost Analysis Agency (AFCAA) plans to publish a Cost Risk Handbook (CRH) to establish a standard for performing and reporting cost risk analysis. The guidance in the CRH was developed to be "tool independent". A primary author of this work will demonstrate how to implement the key steps outlined in the CRH within ACE. This is a great session for users interested in seeing how to implement cost risk analysis in ACEIT in general or interested in the USAF cost risk process.

These are just a few of the sessions that will be presented at this year's conference. A complete list of sessions can be found on the ACEIT Conference website.

Downloads

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ACEIT User Conference flyer – (PDF document) general information on the 1st Annual User Conference to be held 23-25 January 2007 in Santa Barbara, CA.

ACEIT User Conference Call for Papers – (PDF document) announcement of the 'Call for Papers' for the conference including preferred paper topics. Presentations rather than "papers" are acceptable.

Abstract Submission Form – (MS Word document) form for submitting with your abstract and author biographies. The abstract need only be a few sentences to give us a sense of you presentation goals.

Last Call

LAST CALL FOR PAPERS! We will be making our decision very soon on which user papers/presentations will be presented at this year's ACEIT User Conference. If you are still interested in submitting a paper or a presentation, it's not too late! Submit your Abstract Submission Form soon so you don't miss the November deadline.

For complete details about the 'Call for Papers' and to register for the User Conference visit the ACEIT User Conference website.

Training Schedule

Upcoming ACEIT Training

November 2006 – February 2007 classes are listed below. For a complete listing of all upcoming training, check the ACEIT training schedule.

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1st Annual User Conference 2007			23-25 SB, CA	
Advanced ACEIT (In Depth ACEIT/POST)			16-19 WDC	
Automated Reports and Presentations Using Excel (POST)			18-19 WDC	
Basic ACEIT 6.1 (Basic ACEIT)	13-16 Las Vegas, NV			
Basic ACEIT 7.0 (Basic ACEIT)		5-8 WDC		5-8 Las Vegas, NV

On-Site and **Mechanics Training** are available; contact our Training Coordinator for more information.

Support Alerts on ACEIT.com

There have been **0 New Support Alerts** posted since the last e-news.

Please see the Support Alert page of the ACEIT website for more information on recent alerts and to view other Warnings and Informational postings. You will need to login and have current DMS.

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