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Topic:
Presenter:

Propose, Plan and Innovate – How to Unlock The Full Value of Your Engineering Skill Set
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Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015
Agenda: 6:00-6:30 p.m. CT – Dinner (\$5 Member / \$8 Nonmember) & Networking
6:30-6:45 p.m. CT – Introductions & Announcements
6:45-8:00 p.m. CT – Presentation and Q&A

Locations:

1. **Schaumburg, IL** – IBM, 10 N. Martingale Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173 (3rd Floor Conference Room)
2. **Lake Forest, IL** – Hospira, 375 N. Field Drive, Building H3, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (1st Floor R&D Innovation Conf Rm)
3. **Milwaukee, WI** – Astronautics, 4115 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209 (Engineering Conference Room 1)
4. **Madison, WI** – bb7, 5407 Fen Oak Ct., Madison, WI 53718 (Mendota Conference Room)

Abstract

We live in an era of nearly unlimited technology, possess the ability to alter matter to virtually any purpose, routinely play with the building blocks of life itself, and deploy systems that not only span our planet but extend well into space around us. Despite all of these accomplishments- in fact because of them - the role of the human mind has never been more important. Sophisticated tools like Systems Engineering can sometimes make the journey easier, but they can never select the destination. What was true 5,000 years ago is still just as true today: It is the purposeful application of intellect that ultimately determines the success or failure of any endeavor. Let's take a quick look at why, throughout your entire career, no Systems Engineering skill will be as valuable as learning to respect and direct the human mind.

About Our Speaker

Randall C. Iliff has over 30 years experience with developmental projects ranging from a few thousand to over a billion dollars, and has participated in all phases of project execution from proposal to close out. He is a seasoned large-project PM, and has managed a wide variety of developmental efforts in aerospace and purely commercial settings. That experience, as well as individual research, has resulted in unique insight on how to effectively run commercial sector developmental projects. Mr. Iliff is currently Vice President and Director of Strategy, Methods and Learning at bb7.

He holds a BS in Engineering / Industrial Design from Michigan State University, an MS in Systems Management, Research and Development from the University of Southern California, and received an Honorary Fellow appointment at the University of Wisconsin when he served as the Systems Engineering Manager for the ICECUBE project. Mr. Iliff is a charter member of the International Council On Systems Engineering (INCOSE), founder / prior Chairman of the INCOSE Commercial Practices Working Group, and a member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) and IEEE.

A frequent speaker, Mr. Iliff has developed and conducted thousands of hours of training covering all aspects of product development, particularly systems engineering and project management excellence. He is the developer, subject matter expert and master instructor for several PMI accredited courses conducted by Motorola. He has spoken before groups as large as 1,200 people and is a frequent presenter at conferences and professional meetings.

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