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NEF Unveils Latest Course

Excitement abounds for Bookkeeping 101.



information offered in this course will help them to do that.”

The purpose of Construction Bookkeeping 101 is two-fold. **First**, it will allow anyone to set up and operate a simple bookkeeping system for a construction company.

Second, it will allow individuals to work in both simple and complex bookkeeping systems as either a bookkeeper or under a bookkeeper in one part of the system. Whether you are an accounts payable clerk or a full charge bookkeeper, you will understand how to perform your job better by learning more about the whole system of

bookkeeping.

The course is divided by five chapters: general ledger, accounts payable, accounts receivables, payroll and job cost. The final section of the book includes tips on “Organizing the Bookkeeping System” to help make bookkeeping management easier.

The course costs \$180 and is available for purchase by calling the NEF Office at (866) 277-2883. The first certification exam will be conducted in February 2010, and the registration deadline for that exam is **Dec. 15, 2009**.

Students must score 75 or higher on the examination to earn their CCB – Certified Construction Bookkeeping certification.



To learn more about
**CONSTRUCTION
BOOKKEEPING 101,**
download the course
brochure at
www.nawiceducation.org

The NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF), through an educational partnership with Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., is offering a Construction Bookkeeping 101 course for the first time ever.

Sharon McGuinness, CCA, CIT, AFSB, NEF president, said the class has been one of NEF’s top priorities.

“Many people have been asking for this class for some time. It’s very gratifying to see that we are offering the construction industry valuable tools that will help businesses run more efficiently and successfully,” said McGuinness. “In this economy, people are looking for ways to run a leaner yet stronger company, and the

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Around NEF

Message from the President ... Sharon McGuinness

A letter to NEF supporters from the president.

Dear NEF Supporters,

In these tough economic times, non-profits struggle. We are very fortunate to have such loyal and generous supporters who not only give of their time, but of their money to keep the NAWIC Education Foundation going. To all those who have supported NEF this past year, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Hard Work Pays Off

Our executive committee members, trustees, committee chairs and volunteers worked very hard this year to accomplish many goals. This year just sped by and while we have not completed all the goals I had hoped to see finalized this year, we achieved many of them. Our Board worked hard at Midyear on our Strategic Plan and as a result we were focused on moving forward. We are looking into online testing, ACCE recognition of even more programs and partnering with other organizations to promote our programs. We have a lot of exciting challenges ahead of us and lots of new faces and voices to help us get there. What an exciting time to be a part of this Foundation.

Thanks to our Partners

Our K-12 programs are very popular, and we continue to introduce the industry to the youth of America in a very positive way. A special thanks to Autodesk Inc. for again giving us a grant to help subsidize our CAD/Drafting Competition. The Garden Shed Project (soon to be renamed "The Shed Project" so it is a little more universally accepted) is becoming very popular, and we look forward to it playing a more visible role in the K-12 programs.

A special thanks to S&B Engineers & Constructors (see page 4) that continues to sponsor NEF each year and for that we thank them. The National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) and Frances Jackson funded our raffle items again and we are extremely grateful. (For more info on NCCER, see page 3.) Mary Duffy, CPA, CCA, and Jackie Wszalek, both of Greater Phoenix Chapter, fed the Board this year at convention. Thank you ladies. And thank you to all the NAWIC chapters and individuals who have supported us financially this year.

A Winner!

Jeffrey C. Callahan, director of the Division of Construction Design and Technology at the Community of Technical College, University of Alaska, Anchorage was awarded the Carol A.

Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award this spring. See page 5 for more information on Jeffrey.

Bookkeeping 101

You asked for it and we delivered! We listened to the industry and determined the areas lacking in education. We rolled out Construction Bookkeeping 101 at convention this year to much success and warm reception! Thanks to the hard work of Susan Carson, CIT, and Linda Young, CIT, our newest certification is on its way to the industry. We fully expect to be offering a Certified Construction Bookkeeper (CCB) certification by February, 2010 (for more info, see page 1).

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the president of the NAWIC Education Foundation this year. We accomplished many more things than mentioned in this newsletter and are working hard on many more. I am looking forward to continuing the work to accomplish our goals and know we are here thanks to the past leadership of this Foundation. I am looking forward to working with Nancy Eaton, CCA, CDS, CIT, president-elect as we move forward in educating the Construction Industry of today ... and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

*Sharon McGuinness, CCA, CIT
NEF President 2008-2009*

2009-2010 NEF Officers

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 NEF Officers! They were installed in August at NAWIC's 54th Annual Meeting and Convention in Phoenix.

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Nancy A. Eaton,
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Trustee Spotlight

Q&A with Diane Greene, NCCER

Fifteen years of involvement in NEF underscores commitment to education.

Met Diane Greene, CIT, director of program support operations with the National Center for Construction Education and Research. She has been involved in the NAWIC Education Foundation for 15 years and serves as a trustee of NEF. Learn more about her involvement in NEF in this question-and-answer article:

Question: Do you hold any NEF certifications?

Answer: I hold a Construction Industry Technician (CIT) certification.

Why did you begin your involvement with NEF?

Answer: I became involved with NEF because of its commitment to construction education at all levels and for the strong programs it has in support of that commitment.

Question: How have you personally benefited from NEF?

Answer: The CIT certification has proven to be one of the many benefits of being involved with NEF. Another benefit is the wonderful networking opportunities and the great women I've come to know through this organization. Those relationships are treasures I would not have otherwise found. I learn and grow from each interaction with NEF members.

Question: Why do you believe in

construction education and support NEF's programs?

Answer: I support NEF programs and share in its vision because they are solid and effective. Education, in any form, is power and the more we know, the better equipped we are to make our industry better and more viable. The more we know, the more we can help others learn and grow.

Question: What are some of the rewards that you have gotten from your participation?

Answer: The rewards from my participation in NEF are many. From watching children learn and build confidence through the Block-Kids program, to watching women grow in their careers (and have a deeper confidence in their abilities). The experiences have been rewarding and worth every volunteer hour spent.

Question: What would you like to see NEF accomplish in its near future? Distant future?

Answer: I would like to see NEF continue on its path of offering excellent construction educational opportunities to those it currently serves and continue to maintain and keep the programs current and meaningful. In the future, I would like to see NEF extend its reach to other segments within the construction industry and develop new programs as the need arises.



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– Diane Greene, CIT, NCCER

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NEF Sponsorship

S&B Shows Support for NEF

S&B Constructors and Engineers is an industry leader in supporting women.



Mike Stilley may not be the official voice for women at S&B Engineers & Constructors, but he is sure a strong supporter! Mike is the manager of training and development for S&B Engineers and Constructors.

S&B Engineers & Constructors is a Leadership Level (\$5,000) sponsor of the NAWIC Education Foundation. It is an employee owned, fully integrated engineering, procurement and construction company founded in 1967 that services a diverse set of industries. Its home office is in Houston but has additional offices in other parts of Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina and India.

Stilley said that women serve in all areas of the company from administrative duties to project management.

He firmly believes that women have a lot to offer the construction world.

“Women are detail oriented and they have excellent eye-hand coordination,” he said. “They’re a great fit for welding and electrical work.”

He also believes that if the position is available and the person is qualified, it doesn’t matter what gender they are.

One of the reasons that S&B supports NAWIC and NEF, Stilley said, is that it wants to be the most successful company possible, and in striving for that goal, it

wants to explore every possible resource to meet its work needs and that includes hiring women.

“Women are an untapped resource for the construction industry,” he said. “Only 3 percent of women serve in the construction trades. Women are capable of doing trades work. Look at what happened during World War II and the Rosie the Riveter era. Women broke production records in this country during that time that haven’t been met since.”

He also said that S&B Constructors and Engineers supports NEF because the company believes in education. “We’re one of the few large contractors that offer training on the job and on site. You don’t have to go somewhere else to get the training. We provide it,” said Stilley.

The NAWIC Education Foundation would like to salute S&B Constructors and Engineers for their continued support to educate the construction industry today ... and tomorrow.



To learn more about S&B Constructors and Engineers, please visit www.sbec.com.

Alaskan Receives 2009 NEF Visionary Award

NEF award recognizes individuals for their passion and dedication to construction education.



The NAWIC Education Foundation (NEF) awarded the 2009 Carol A. Kueker Construction Visionary Award to Jeffrey C. Callahan, director of the Division of Construction Design and Technology at the Community of Technical College, University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA). Callahan was given the award for his exemplary efforts to promote construction education at the collegiate level.

The Carol A. Kueker memorial award recognizes nonmembers of NAWIC for their passion and dedication to NEF programs and the promotion of construction education through a variety of avenues. It is named in honor of the late Carol A. Kueker, a long-time trustee and volunteer who served as president of NEF.

Callahan has invested many decades in the construction industry. Working his way up the career ladder, he started as an apprentice and moved up to superintendent, project manager, estimator and general contractor. Along the way, he gained invaluable insight and experience, which would serve him well later as an instructor of construction education.

Callahan earned his AAS in Architectural and Engineering Technology (AET) through UAA. Embracing his love and calling for teaching, he served as an instructor in the AET department at UAA. In 1999, he was promoted to assistant professor in the AET department for his excellent leadership in turning around an academic department that was in need of

reorganization and an updated curriculum. Callahan rose to the challenge and co-authored the complete revision of UAA's AET curriculum. Callahan's educational imprint at UAA continued as he worked to develop the construction management program. The program began as an applied science degree in 2004 and then grew into a bachelor's program in 2007 when it began accepting students.

Outside the classroom, Callahan served a key role in establishing the UAA Construction Management/Alaska AGC Student Chapter. Earlier this year, the UAA Sea Wolves CM/AGC Student Chapter earned second place in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Student Competition, which was an impressive accomplishment for such a young chapter. The student chapter's strong finish was a testament to Callahan's strong leadership and vision in crafting a quality program in such a short amount of time.

"Modern construction processes are best served by an empowered workforce of men and women who are highly skilled, technically savvy, and well educated. I believe that it is by advancing and supporting construction education at every level that this vision will be achieved," said Callahan in discussing his vision for the construction industry.

To read the press release on the award in its entirety, please visit the Press Room at www.nawiceducation.org

NEF Announces Annual Block-Kids, National CAD/Drafting Winners

Contests continue to increase in popularity and participation levels.



NEF announced the 2009 winners of its National Block-Kids and CAD/Design/Drafting Competition in the spring.

Congratulations to these Block-Kids and drafting winners in 2009!

First-place:
Samantha Farb
5th Grade
Region 6 - Kansas City
Chapter No. 100

Second-place:
Christopher Rocco
6th Grade
Region 5 - Mississippi Gulf
Coast Chapter No. 256

Third-place:
Ross Winston
6th Grade
Region 11 - Charlotte, N.C.
Chapter No. 121

HAND-DRAFTING COMPETITION

First-place
Christopher Crosley
Roncalli High School
Region 4 - Indianapolis, Ind.
Chapter 34

CAD/DRAFTING COMPETITION

First-place
Noah Kramer
Kalamazoo Christian H.S.
Region 4 - Lansing, Mich.
Chapter No. 177

Second-place
Russell Watters
Advanced Technologies
Academy
Region 12 - Las Vegas
Chapter No. 74

Third-place
Jonathan Chang
North Garland High School
Region 7 - Dallas Chapter
No. 2



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