

November 8, 2004

To: Chapter Presidents  
National Directors

From: National Certification Committee

Re: Certification for PCEA members

Members of PCEA now have the ability to become certified estimators. We are able to do this through an agreement with the American Society for Professional Estimators (ASPE). ASPE has been certifying estimators since 1976.

The ASPE certification process requires the candidate to write a 2500 word technical paper and to take two examinations, a General Knowledge Exam (4 hours) and a Discipline Specific Test (8 hours). Currently there are Discipline specific Tests in the following categories: General Estimating, Earthwork, Concrete, Roofing, Drywall Systems, Painting, Plumbing, HVAC Piping, HVAC Sheet Metal, and Electrical.

The certification program is open to estimators with a minimum of five (5) years experience.

To begin the certification process, a PCEA member should go to the ASPE website, [www.aspenational.com](http://www.aspenational.com), and click on ASPE Certification. Print out the Member Workshop Registration form, fill it out and send it, with a check for \$125.00, to Kevin Jackson, Chairman - PCEA Certification Committee, c/o Barnhill Contracting Company, P.O. Box 31765, Raleigh, NC 27622. I will verify that the information is correct, that the individual has the proper experience, and forward the application to the ASPE National Office.

The ASPE Certification Board will then contact the candidate with information on proceeding in the program, including accessing the On-Line Workshop. The workshop must be completed by December 31, 2004.

If you have any questions about certification, feel free to contact me. My telephone number is 919-781-7210. My e-mail is [kjackson@barnhillcontracting.com](mailto:kjackson@barnhillcontracting.com).

Sincerely,

Kevin Jackson  
Chairman, Certification Committee