HACE INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES NEW CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE

In 2022, AACE International is launching the AACE International Certification Institute, an affiliated organization, to manage its renowned certification program and activities.

About AACE International

AACE International has been serving the total cost management community since 1956. It currently has over 7,000 members in 100 countries and is committed to the constructive exchange of ideas between members, development of technical guidance, and delivery of quality education. AACE members work in a variety of disciplines across many industries.

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The Institute will develop, oversee, and manage professional certification programs associated with Total Cost Management and related practices, and promote such certification programs to individuals and businesses in furtherance of the cost management profession.

The AACE International Certification Institute will function under its own volunteer Board of Directors and oversee the strategic direction of the certification program, which currently includes nine certifications: Certified Cost Professional (CCP), Certified Cost Technician (CCT), Certified Estimating Professional (CEP), Certified Forensic Claims Consultant (CFCC), Earned Value Professional (EVP), Decision and Risk Management Professional (DRMP), Project Risk Management Professional (PRMP), Certified Scheduling Technician (CST), and Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP). The CCP, CCT, CEP, CST, EVP, and PSP certifications are independently accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). There are currently over 4,000 AACE International certification holders worldwide.

The AACE International Board of Directors is embarking on this initiative for various reasons, including following the advice of legal counsel. The intent is to elevate the profile of its certification program and to align with association best practices, providing more autonomy between the certification program and AACE International.

AACE International Board President Jim Krebs, CCP, FAACE noted: "Since the CCP was first established in 1976, our certifications have been a highly valued AACE program with one goal in mind: to recognize skilled professionals in the cost engineering industry. The program will remain an integral part of the AACE family and we're very excited about this next chapter and the opportunities for growth."

AACE Certification Associate Board Chair Charlie Bolyard, PSP, CFCC, FAACE, Hon Life, CCM, FCMAA remarked: "It is exciting to witness and participate in the growth of AACE's certification program as it extends its global certification offerings to an even broader audience with the support and strategic guidance of a dedicated oversight board."