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Government Activities Committee Report

1. An all-day Career Survival Workshop is planned for October 23 at the Cocoa Civic Center in Cocoa Village, Florida. It will be presented by the IEEE-USA Career & Workforce Policy Committee with support from the Employment & Career Services Committee and the Region 3 Employment Assistance team. The primary target is engineers who are being displaced from NASA contractors with the end of the space shuttle program, but all interested members are invited to attend.

The topics covered will include:

- Globalization and your Career - how you can adapt
- Developing a Career Strategy - finding the right job opportunities; networking, informational interviewing, continuing education
- Careers in consulting – the Consultants' Network
- The Entrepreneurs' Village – starting your own company
- Resume development - how to identify your "value added" and market yourself; recasting your accomplishments
- Interviewing Skills - the process and networking
- Emerging Future Jobs - an overview
- Wrap-up and Program Evaluation

While the primary audience consists of the folks being separated from the Shuttle program as it winds down, the material is applicable to job searches by other engineers as well.

There will be a nominal registration fee - to cover the cost of breaks and a box lunch. Presentations will be provided to attendees in both a hard copy and a CD.

Further details will be provided as they become available - including the luncheon speaker and registration information.

2. Information about recent meetings of the Committee on Transportation & Aerospace Policy and the R&D Policy Committee can be provided on request. CTAP is following closely the evolving roles for NASA while RDPC is developing a position on Manufacturing and Innovation. Sixty percent of patents issued in the U.S. are for manufacturing technology so it is important that the trend toward shipping manufacturing offshore be reversed.

3. The next IEEE-USA Annual Meeting (March 3-6 in Austin, TX) will have a transportation theme and CTAP is making plans to support it.

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