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## CPM and AACEI® Sign Cooperative Agreement

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The College of Performance Management and the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering, International (AACEI) have signed a cooperative agreement to provide benefits to members of both organizations. AACEI is the organization that created and administers the Earned Value Professional™ (EVP™) certification.

The agreement provides, among other mutual benefits, cooperation regarding AACEI's Annual Meeting and CPM's EVM World™. Member benefits include reduced registration fees for both events. In addition, each organization will have complementary exhibit booth space at these events. Both AACEI and CPM will jointly publish calls for papers and event announcements in their respective publications.

CPM has traditionally, but not exclusively, addressed the project/program management and EVM interests of organizations involved in federal projects, aerospace, defense, energy, and technology.

AACEI's largest industry represented is the design-build construction industry. AACEI International was formed in 1956 as a professional society for cost estimators, cost engineers, schedulers, project managers, and project control specialists. AACEI has more than 7,000 members worldwide and members in 80 countries and 80 local sections. Their web site is [www.aacei.org](http://www.aacei.org).

By bringing these two organizations into closer contact, the use of EVM and lessons learned from each other's communities should bring new ideas, and opportunities for members to network into new areas.

The board members of each organization will remain in close contact to look for more opportunities to give members benefits from the agreement and relationship.