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MEASUREMENT TECHNICIAN TRAINING INITIATIVE UPDATE NO. 3 DECEMBER 3, 2007

Supporters of the Measurement Technician Training Initiative:

Here are the latest activities in our effort to develop an industry-sanctioned measurement technician training program.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Letton-Hall Group

In the last update (Update No. 2, October 22, 2007) I mentioned that as technical subject matter experts, we can define the course technical content, but to develop an effective course, we should involve an Instructional Designer, with experience in adult education. To that end, I have had ongoing conversations with three instructional design companies who may assist in the development of the course. Each has submitted a preliminary estimate. I will use the information to prepare a budgetary estimate for the course development.

- Southern Gas Association

As you know, a meeting to discuss additional details of the training concept is scheduled for December 13th and 14th (**see link for details, including hotel and registration information**). This is a closed meeting, meaning that only SGA, LHG and industry operating companies may attend. **There is no registration fee**, but please contact Pat Turman, of SGA (pturman@southerngas.org) if you plan to attend.

The following companies have confirmed their attendance:

- CenterPoint Energy
- Chesapeake Energy
- El Paso Corporation
- Gulf South Pipeline/Boardwalk Pipelines
- Southern Star Pipeline
- Trunkline/Southern Union

Several more organizations have expressed interest, but have not yet confirmed with SGA. **If you plan on attending, please confirm with SGA as soon as possible.**

<http://www.sgalink.org/forum/messageview.cfm?catid=20&threadid=469>

Here are some items to think about as you prepare for the meeting:

- Approximately how many technicians per year would your organization send through the course?

- How much continuous time away from work are you willing to provide to technicians for training?
- Is it important that some of the course be on a part-time basis, so that technicians can work part-time?
- Is portability (i.e. the ability to take the class to other locations, or to deliver the class in a DVD or web-based format) important to you?
- What is a fair price for the course as currently conceived?
- What are the boundaries of the course? Should it include regulators? How about control valves?
- Does your organization have existing training materials that could be incorporated into the program?

FINAL THOUGHTS

As I have said before, this course will be industry-sanctioned, with the curriculum reviewed and approved by a standing committee. However, this isn't enough to maintain an effective training course. The same committee will also review the course operator's performance from time to time to ensure high quality course delivery.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to a productive meeting on the 13th and 14th.

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