

Upstate SC Supply Chain Coalition

Coalition:
An alliance among entities, during which they cooperate in joint action, each in their own self-interest

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Use the calendar on page 2 to begin saving the dates for our future meetings!

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General Document Management

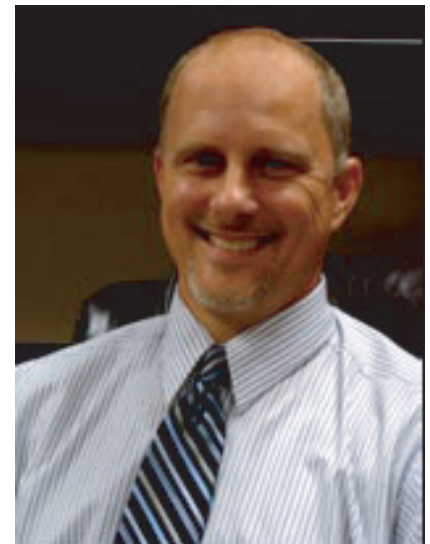
Mark Efird is the owner and CEO of AccessAbility Services Inc., which has been headquartered in Simpsonville South Carolina for over 15 years. AccessAbility Services provides document management solutions to businesses, both public and private, and government entities throughout the southeast. The focus is to help with retention policies, online document access and workflow processes to meet the demands of a growing global community.

Mark is certified by many industry leaders in the technology of document management. The knowledge he has acquired over the years separates him and AccessAbility from others in the business. Mark and his team are true leaders in the industry and continually look for new technologies to support the needs of businesses as they face demands from their customers and government agencies.

- Certified Document Imaging Architect (Industry recognized certification)
- Certified FileBound Certified Professional (FBCP) from Marex Group
- Certified on Kofax Capture 8 (KC8), Kofax Transformation Modules 4 (KTM4)
- Certified on NSi AutoStore, NSi AutoStore Express, NSi SMARTicket
- Certified on Open Text Document Server
- 1987 Clemson University Graduate: BS Computer Information Systems.

Professional Affiliations

• AIIM - the community that provides education, research, and best practices to help organizations find, control, and optimize their information.



Mark Efird CDIA

Event Details

What: May PDM

When: Tuesday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Hilton

Haywood Road

Cost: \$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members;

RSVP on the APICS website:

www.apics-sc.org

Please RSVP on or before May 7, 2009

CPIM Course Schedules

Piedmont Technical College

CPIM Module Instructor
 Frederick Cosby

We currently do not have any classes scheduled at Piedmont Technical College. Please contact Jeanne Hughston—Program Manager at Piedmont Technical College if you are interested in classes resuming at Piedmont Technical College.

We will send out an e-mail blast with future class dates as they get scheduled.

Registration Contact: Jeanne G. Hughston,
 Program Manager
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 www.ptc.edu

- Bachelor of Science from Limestone University
- 10 years of experience in Manufacturing and Packaging with an extensive background in Production and Inventory Control
- Experience in Management, Production Planning, Purchasing, Master Data, Inventory Control, Training, Project Coordination, Process Development, and Procedural Document Control
- Participated in a Lean/Sigma Six implementation and became the 7th member in an organization of over 4,000 to earn his Green Belt Certification
- Certified in Lean Office and Value Stream Mapping
- Received the 2002 U.S Air Force Reserve Security Forces Airman of the Year
- 12 Years experience as a trainer/instructor
- APICS Certified CPIM, and CSCP

CPIM Module Instructor
 Jeff Anderson

Spartanburg Community College Main Campus

- BA from Regis University; Denver, CO
- MBA from Wake Forest University; Winston-Salem, NC
- Over 20 years of experience in assisting companies in achieving manufacturing excellence
- Qualified APICS CPIM Instructor in all modules since 1995, assisting people across the Southeast gain their APICS CPIM Certification
- CFPIM— Certified at the Fellow level in Production & Inventory Management through APICS
- One of the first people in the nation to pass the CSCP exam
- Qualified APICS Train the Trainer Instructor
- Recognized by APICS at the local, regional, and national levels as an accomplished trainer and major contributor to the manufacturing body of knowledge
- Industry experience with world class corporations in the medical products, plastics, electronics, home furnishings, and packaging industries. Product lines include over 170,000 individual SKU numbers

Class	Dates	Time	Days
Execution and Control of Operations	April 26, 2010— May 27, 2010	6:00-9:00 pm	Monday & Thursday
Strategic Management of Resources	June 14, 2010 - July 15, 2010	6:00-9:00 pm	Monday & Thursday
Complete Slate of CPIM Classes	Fall 2010 - Spring 2011	6:00— 9:00pm	Mondays & Thursdays

Registration Deadline: At least one week prior to the start of the class
 Registration Contact: Tina Upton
 Phone Number: (864) 592-4997
 Email: UptonT@sccsc.edu
 Online Registration: <http://spartanburg.augusoft.net/index.cfm?FuseAction=I071>
 Phone Registration: (864) 592-4408

Upstate SC Supply Chain Coalition 2009 Calendar of Events



Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals

Event	Date	Time	Location	Price (Member/Nonmember)
Mark Efirm Accessibility Services General Document Management	May 11, 2010	6:00 P.M.	The Hilton Haywood Road Greenville, SC	\$25 Members \$30 Non-Members
Fred Tolbert	September 7, 2010	6:00 P.M.	TBD	\$25 Members \$30 Non-Members
TBD	October 12, 2010	6:00 P.M.		\$25 Members \$30 Non-Members
Thirsty Thursday RJ Rockers Brewery	November 4, 2010	6:00 P.M.	TBD	
	November 9, 2010	6:00 P.M.	TBD	

Also at the May PDM: We will be recognizing the Company of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, as well as the Board of Directors election for the 2010—2011 year!!!

Please visit the APICS society homepage at www.apics.org.

Find important and up to date information on your local Southeast APICS district at www.apicssoutheast.org.

Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)

Earning an APICS certification can take you from a qualified candidate to a sought-after expert. Around the world, APICS certification designees are recognized, promoted, hired, and paid more.

Especially in today's growing and changing supply chain management field, to maintain your competitive edge, you must continuously increase your knowledge, skills, and expertise. Stay competitive with the APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional certification.

CSCP Classes

Classes will be led by a certified instructor at a date and location that will coincide with the registration and testing schedule established by APICS.

What is the APICS CSCP?

The APICS CSCP brings your company's entire value chain into perspective. By giving you a truly end-to-end view of the supply chain, you become the expert, not just within your organization's walls—you become the global expert.

From manufacturing to service, in business and consumer markets, the increasingly important role of effective supply chain management affects all organizations. Customer expectations are high—with the APICS CSCP, you can ensure that your company not only meets, but exceeds them.

Who are APICS CSCP Designees?

- Professionals seeking in-depth knowledge and understanding of their entire supply chain.
- Employees hoping to boost productivity and collaboration.
- Innovators promoting **global** supply chain management.
- Managers working to affect lead time, inventory, productivity, and the bottom line.
- Hard workers trying to move forward in their careers

THE New APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series

The most successful individuals and organizations map out their goals to ensure they are achieved. When organizations decide to go lean, they need a skilled team to lead them. Build your skills and become a lean leader at your organization with the new APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series.

The APICS Lean Enterprise Workshop Series is organized to enable you to approach the lean transformation process systematically. Using scenarios from a fictitious company, Murphy's Toys, you will be tasked with finding lean solutions to a myriad of challenges. This method will provide you with the flexibility to immediately customize what you've learned and implement it at your own organization.

Workshops include: Introduction, Lean Culture, Value Stream Mapping, Stability and Process Improvements, Just-in-Time, Measuring and Sustaining

The Lean Enterprise Workshop is only available through your local chapter. **NEW—Check our web-site for the upcoming Lean Enterprise Workshop!!**

Lean Enterprise Workshop Classes

Classes will be led by a certified instructor at a date and location to be announced.

Message from the President

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This message has a two fold objective. One objective is to share a great example of the content within the APICS "Operations Management Now" published as a benefit to APICS members. The second objective is to re-enforce your knowledge of the value of APICS certification and the importance of certification maintenance. The message below is a reprint from the April issue:

APICS certifications make a difference:

Since its inception in 1973, APICS has endorsed nearly 93,000 APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) designees worldwide. Although APICS began its APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program in 2006, we have steadily increased our penetration into this market, and nearly 7,500 individuals hold the APICS CSCP designation.

The APICS CPIM and APICS CSCP exams fall into the category of high-stakes testing. This means that achieving the designations reward professionals with important benefits. For example, 40 percent of all operations management job listings in Career Builder, Monster.com, and the APICS Career Center require or prefer candidates to have one of the APICS certifications. Also, according to our quarterly APICS Operations Management Employment Outlook surveys, APICS CPIM designees earn, on average, 9 percent more and APICS CSCP designees earn, on average, 17 percent more than their non-certified counterparts. That is an even more impressive difference when you consider that according the Wall Street Journal article, certified project managers earn only, on average, 7.5 percent more than non-certified project managers. Similarly, professionals who do not earn the certification may experience negative consequences in specific situations, including ineligibility for promotions or inability to find employment in the field. Certification makes a difference and APICS certifications are regarded as the "gold standard" among the various operations management credentials. Although the exams are extremely rigorous and require a commitment of time and money, now, more than ever, achieving and maintaining your APICS CPIM or APICS CSCP certification can positively impact your career and your life. If you are in the process of studying for the APICS CPIM or APICS CSCP exams, be sure to check out our new publication, Test-Taking Tips and Strategies to Improve Your Performance on APICS Certification Exams. This pamphlet is the result of APICS on the habits of individuals who have passed the exams. If you have not maintained your APICS CPIM, APICS is working on a re-certification program to assist you in regaining the credential. If you are interested in receiving more information about this important opportunity when it becomes available, please make sure to let us know. This program will be available for a limited time only as a response to the challenges the recession is presenting to APICS members.

Finally, if you have not yet decided whether APICS certification is right for you, please take some time to view our interactive online program demonstrations. View the APICS CPIM demo now. Visit the APICS CSCP demo. Take control of your career. Get started today.

Thank you for being a member of APICS, and we look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael Gochnauer, CPIM, CSCP President, APICS Industrial Crescent Chapter

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Board Roster for 2009—2010

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Academic Affairs Dir
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VP Administration
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Ace Your Certification Exam

By Dave Turbide CSCP, CFPIM, CIRM, CMfgE

Certification documents your capabilities and experience, enhances your resume, and demonstrates your value to current and future employers. But getting certified is no easy task. There are five exams you must pass for the APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) program and one for the APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) designation.

Whether you opt for the paper-and-pencil variety or the computer-based testing alternative, you will be presented with a number of multiple-choice questions and a time limit. You are not allowed to take any books, papers, or other materials into the testing room.

Preparation

APICS certification assumes a certain level of knowledge and experience in the area being tested, whether it's supply chain management, planning, scheduling, or execution and control. Beyond that, you are expected to know the concepts, definitions and principles contained in the OMBOK. This covers a broad spectrum of resource management and supply chain activities and knowledge—far more than any one person is likely to have experienced—so, a certain amount of additional studying is required. There is an *Exam Content Manual* available for each test, and that's the first place to go to find out what is covered. You then should study the *APICS Dictionary* and the referenced books and articles to build knowledge in any weak areas.

For any and all of the exams, the best preparation is to attend and participate in an instructor-led APICS education exam review course. Not only is all of the material covered in the course, but the instructor and the other students also can help increase your grasp of the information by discussing their own experiences. But remember, these are designed to be review courses, not pure education. If you don't have experience in a particular topic area, read the reference material beforehand. Classes are offered at local chapters and certain community colleges. There also are self-study, online, and workshop options. Check apics.org for information and schedules.

Test day

You've heard this before: Be sure to get a good night's rest the day before the exam. Show up early so you won't be stressed by any traffic delays or sign-in snafus. Try to relax and clear your mind of other concerns. Be "in the moment," and concentrate on the exam. Above all, don't panic—it's just a test, and the world won't come to an end if you don't do as well as you'd like.

The test questions are multiple choice. Read each question and answer the ones you know right away. If you can eliminate several of the possible answers, it's okay to take your best guess from the remaining two possibilities. Mark these questions to review later if you have time.

If you really don't know the answer, mark for later review and move on. Incorrect answers count the same as skipped questions so you will want to take a guess at some point. For the sake of time management, though, you should move on to be sure you complete the exam, then go back and work on the tough ones. There is ample time to get through the exam, as long as you don't agonize over each question. Go through at a steady pace, and then spend whatever time is left deciding on the difficult questions and reviewing your iffy answers. In most cases, your first impression is the right one. Don't hurt your score by trying to second-guess your initial feelings.