



East Texas Chapter Newsletter

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Professional Development Meeting

Special points of interest:

- *PDM Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30pm Casa Ole Restaurant on McCann Street.*
- *CPM Certified Purchasing Manager Module 3 review classes to begin March 27th.*
- *Check out our NEW and IMPROVED East Texas Chapter Website apicseasttexas.org*
- *Use the East Texas APICS website to link to the corporate site, look at the job board and member recognition and sign up for events.*

The March Professional Development Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th at Casa Ole restaurant on McCann Street in Longview. We will have social time at 6:30pm and dinner will begin at 7pm.

The topic this month is Supplier Certification and Quality, and we have a terrific speaker lined up for the meeting. Dwayne Baker is the General Manager/Partner/Consultant with ProActive Services. Dwayne is an ASQ CQA—Certified Quality Auditor. Some areas of his expertise are Lean Manufacturing Methods, Quality Systems, and Inventory Management. Dwayne comes most recently from auto-

motive manufacturing where he implemented robust quality systems and initiated continuous improvement teams. Dwayne champions organizational changes that improve quality, reduce waste, increase efficiency, and enhance profitability.

For this PDM, Dwayne will describe the value in developing certification procedures which allow customers to verify that a supplier offers and maintains a high level of performance in regards to customer's requirements. These requirements include cost, quality, delivery, flexibility, environmental standards and more.

This professional development meeting will benefit APICS members and I encourage attendees to bring members of their purchasing and quality departments to the meeting. The meeting does not cost anything to attend, but attendees will be responsible for their own meal and drinks.

Please RSVP to Cathleen Redman:
credman@norriscylinder.com.

Space may be limited.

CPM Certified Purchasing Manager Module 3 Review Classes

The Exam review classes for CPM Certified Purchasing Manager Module 2 wrapped up on February 12th. Module 3 covering Value Enhancement Strategies will start up on Thurs-

day, March 27th.

Please see the attached registration forms to sign up. Members as well as non-members are invited to attend even if they have not

taken Module 1 or 2.

The classes will be held at Norris Cylinder Company in Longview, Texas from 6pm to 8 - 8:30pm on Thursdays for 4 weeks.