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To: Texas Licensed Professional Engineers

Re: Software Engineering Exam Development

At their August 2009 meeting, the National Council for Examiners of Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Board of Directors approved moving forward with the development of a Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam for the discipline of SOFTWARE ENGINEERING.   As part of the Board action, it was agreed that IEEE-USA will serve as the lead technical society sponsoring the examination with cooperative agreements from other organizations, including the IEEE-Computer Society, the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE).

This is a new PE exam; the first one developed from the ground up for a 'new' discipline in quite a long time. The next step is the organization of the individuals and committees necessary for exam development. The exam committee members and item writers for PE exams come from the community of software engineering practitioners. This is where you come in.

The TBPE has recognized Software Engineering as a distinct and licensable branch of engineering since 1998. As part of our leadership role, we are inviting any and all qualified and interested Professional Engineers to assist this important effort.

We are looking for volunteers in three areas: Exam Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Members. The necessary qualifications, time commitment, and duties are included as an attachment to this document. Since this a new exam committee, we need dedicated and highly qualified individuals with proven technical and leadership experience. Experience with exam development or item writing would be a plus.

If you are interested, please email or send a paper copy of your most recent resume/CV and the NCEES Bio-Data Sheet to the Texas Board at the contact information below. The TBPE liaison will review the qualifications and make nominations to the Software Engineering Steering Committee and NCEES. The deadline for submitting applications for the committee is **Friday, October 30, 2009.**

We are in a critical phase of the exam development process. For this effort to be successful, we need the best and the brightest that the software engineering field can offer. Please seriously consider helping with this ground-breaking effort.

Sincerely,

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