

SCAF Workshop

“Practical Examples of Cost Estimating”

The SCAF 2017 Cost Estimating Challenge

Tuesday 4th April 2017

The BAWA Centre, Filton, Bristol

Call for Participating Teams

Following the success of the SCAF Challenge last year we are pleased to announce the SCAF 2017 Challenge and Training Workshop. The aim of this workshop is to provide an interactive training session in cost estimating through the presentation of case studies that have been conducted by professional teams from academia, industry and consultants with the added benefit of top-level critique by senior figures in the profession. It is our preference that the challenge is conducted by younger cost analysis staff rather than veterans. The programme will be instructive, entertaining and suitable for a wide interest audience (estimators as well as managers). The workshop ethos will be:

- Presentations will be conducted in a non-hostile atmosphere
- All observations will be focused on the methodology and approach rather than the absolute cost accuracy
- This is a learning exercise for the Teams and the audience

There is no pass or fail and certainly no “right answer.” We strive to keep the estimating spirit alive and to present a good cross-section demonstration of how world-class estimators approach the issue of analyzing data and producing parametric cost estimating relationships, uncertainty analysis and decision making.

The Senior Review Panel will review each oral presentation, ask questions for clarification, and compile an overview, which will be interesting and informative to the general conference audience in the final session of the workshop. The critique will focus on methodology, processes, presentation style and some lessons learned for others to emulate and not on the accuracy of the cost estimate.

Details of the case study will shortly be available and interesting organisations wishing to participate should contact the Secretary, Neil Morrill as soon as possible. Teams will be selected at random if more than 7 apply.

Deadline

Please let us know if you plan on submitting a team no **later than 20th January 2017**. Forward details to:

Neil Morrill at ndmorrill@dstl.gov.uk or call 01980 955548.
