

June 2nd 2006

Dear colleague,

Cranfield University invites you to join the forthcoming **Virtual Seminar** entitled: **Virtual Cost Engineering Service (V-CES): a web-based service for the manufacturing Industry**. This **FREE virtual seminar** will take place on Tuesday June 20th 2006 at 3 pm. The Seminar is directed to people involved in cost estimating in manufacturing industries.

The virtual seminar is organized by leaders in their fields such as Cranfield University, Price Systems Ltd, CR FIAT, DAS GmbH and IZET. It is under the framework of the EU 6th FP funded project Virtual Cost Engineering Studio (V-CES).

Why should you join?

1. You will learn about a set of cost estimating services for helping manufacturing companies to enhance their current cost estimating practices.
2. You will have a virtual forum to discuss the challenges small and medium sized manufacturing companies face when collaborating with other organizations. You will be introduced to new ideas about how you can improve your current cost estimating practices.
3. You will be given access, for a limited period, to the set of web services presented during the virtual seminar. That should help you enhance your current cost engineering capabilities, knowledge and practices.

Agenda

15:00 – 15:15	Starting of virtual meeting
15:15 – 16:00	V-CES Cost Estimating Services demo
16:00 – 16:15	Summary and close of the virtual meeting

To join the Virtual Seminar you will need:

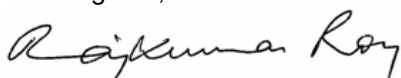
1. A computer with access to Internet.
2. A headset with headphones and microphone.
3. A Web browser: Internet Explorer is recommended.
4. To use Skype, where you should have an account.

If you have all of that and you want to attend the Virtual Seminar you will need to contact us to register. To do so, please send an email to: j.rios@cranfield.ac.uk with the following mandatory information:

Forename: Surname: Skype user name: email address: Job position title: Company name:

By June 15th you will receive further information once you are registered.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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