CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:
Professional Registration Committee
Item Writers

BACKGROUND:
Working with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying (NCEES), the Professional Registration Committee is made up of item writers who prepare questions for the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Exam. Professional licensing ensures the competence of individual engineering practitioners. Today, companies are putting an increased emphasis on engineers holding a PE. The PE license represents a level of achievement beyond the academic degree, which distinguishes the individual from an unlicensed engineer.

Item Writers:

A. Qualifications:
   Item writers must hold a PE.

B. Nature of Work:
   Item Writers meet for a workshop twice a year, on the Saturdays before the start of the MS&T Meeting and the TMS Annual Meeting to write questions that fall under the knowledge areas of the exam (see http://www.tms.org/Education/PE/PEformat.aspx). Instructions and question review occur during the workshop, which has NCEES staff present.

C. How to Volunteer:
   Indicate interest by contacting TMS Staff Liaison to the Professional Registration Committee, Mary Samsa, Professional Development Specialist, at 724.814.3130, or via e-mail at msamsa@tms.org. The candidate is then approved by the chair and vice chair of the Professional Registration Committee. After approval, the candidate will fill out a form on the NCEES site for review and final approval.

Who to Contact for Additional Information:
Contact TMS Staff Liaison to the Professional Registration Committee, Mary Samsa, TMS Foundation & Public Affairs Manager, at 724.814.3130, or via e-mail at msamsa@tms.org.