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**Open House Set for April 3 at SMHEC:
University of MD Ph.D. in Project Management Now Offered**

The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center will hold an Open House on April 3, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will feature the wide variety of programs at SMHEC which is located at 44219 Airport Rd. California, MD, including a new Ph.D. in Project Management from the Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The University of MD at College Park Ph.D. in Project Management currently has courses offered each semester at the Southern Md Higher Education Center in a video-conferencing format. These lead to the currently approved programs for the Masters degree or the four course Graduate Certificate in Project Management. Six courses beyond the five core courses are required for the Ph.D., plus 12 credits for the dissertation. Advising and weekly meetings on the thesis will be done at SMHEC by video conferencing in one of the four U. MD studios at SMHEC.

Courses in the program being offered include "Managing Projects in a Dynamic Environment," "Global Project Management," "Managing Design and Planning Organizations," and "Management of Project Teams: Enhancing Individual and Team Productivity." At present these classes all require degree candidacy or permission of the Department as a prerequisite. All classes required to complete the Ph.D., the Masters degree and the Graduate Certificate in Engineering are presented at SMHEC located at 44219 Airport Road in California Md.

The University of Maryland School of Engineering was ranked in the top 10 of all engineering schools in a recent *U.S. News and World Report* annual rankings. Professor John Cable, the Program Director for Project Management in the Dept. of Civil Engineering at MD University, frequently presents at SMHEC and is Global Project Management Chairman for the Project Management Institute.

The Southern Maryland Higher Education Center now offers over 90 academic programs, in the fields of engineering, modeling and simulation, information technology, management, counseling, education and many upper-division bachelor's degrees. Offered also

are 45 master's degrees, 15 graduate certification programs, 14 graduate certificate programs, a Ph.D. in education, and two Doctorates in Science in Engineering Management and Systems Engineering.

The SMHEC campus is located ½ mile off Route 235 in the Wildewood Technology and Professional Park, California, five miles north of the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, 22 miles south of Prince Frederick, and 35 miles south of Waldorf.

For additional information and for the Ph.D. in Project Management, call Dr. Cynthia Shoemaker at SMHEC at 301-737-2500 or visit the website at www.smhec.org. Working with leadership at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Indian Head NSWC, public school administrators, economic development agencies, and the technology and defense support community, SMHEC selects specific academic programs and universities to meet the professional development needs of Southern Maryland.

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