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ISM Announces New Supply Management Qualification

(TEMPE, Ariz.) — Institute for Supply Management™ (ISM) continues to lead supply management by developing a new professional qualification that will be relevant internationally and reflect the expanded education, skills and experience needed to be a successful supply management professional. ISM's Board of Directors recently approved the recommendation by the ISM Certification Committee that ISM develop a new professional qualification that recognizes those expanded competencies. The ISM Board directed that the program be available in 2008.



"The new qualification will address the realities of supply management, workplace complexities including globalization, greater use of technology, and expanded competencies that supply management professionals employ to drive value in their organizations," states ISM Chief Executive Officer Paul Novak, C.P.M., A.P.P.

This initiative emerges out of a recommendation from ISM's Certification Committee and is supported by findings of the research study conducted with Knapp & Associates International Inc. Foremost among the study's conclusions is that pronounced changes in the field demand the new professional qualification must reflect higher skill levels across the entire spectrum of supply management.

"The recommendation to develop an expanded supply management qualification is also based on extensive job analysis of supply management competencies," says ISM Certification Committee Chair Susan I. Scott, C.P.M., A.P.P. "ISM has established a legacy of certification excellence through innovation and expertise. The new qualification will strengthen this legacy."

The new qualification will require more formal educational achievement and higher levels of competencies than previous designations. Look for additional details on assessment criteria, exam content and other processes early next year.

Visit the [ISM Web site](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) for detailed information on all new and current Certification programs. You can also [sign-up for e-mail updates on the new qualification](#). For more information, contact ISM Certification at certification@ism.ws or 800/888-6276, extension 3027.

[ISM's New Supply Management Qualification FAQs](#)

Discuss Certification with Peers

ISM has a discussion forum specifically for current or potential certification program participants. Questions posted on the discussion forum are answered by both ISM staff and your peers. This forum is open to members and nonmembers alike. Go to www.ism.ws, select Certification, then C.P.M./A.P.P. Discussion Area. Or you may use this link: [Certification Discussion Forum](#).

ISM encourages you to visit this area on a regular basis and assist others with their questions or concerns. Please remember that the purpose of this discussion forum is to provide information and support for others going through the certification process. Discussion of specific questions or answers on the exam is prohibited and may affect your certification status.

Discounts Benefit Members

The C.P.M. designation has for many years been synonymous with leadership and competence. It has also been synonymous with the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), as the Institute has managed the designation process since its inception more than 30 years ago.

Members of ISM have always received substantial discounts on virtually every aspect of the C.P.M. – study materials, review courses, application fees, examination fees, etc. This popular benefit of membership will carry on with the new designation as well as ISM continues to provide its members with the tools they need to lead supply management.

For more information on ISM member benefits and services, check out the Members' Only section of the ISM Web site at www.ism.ws.