

ISM Indirect/Services Group

December 2014 Newsletter

Dear Fellow Supply Chain Professional,

The December Conference represents the 15th iteration of what started as the ISM Services Conference. This year's version is now named the ISM Indirect Procurement Conference, yet the message remains the same: It will provide opportunities for all attendees to share experiences and learn new ideas that will keep them engaged in their profession. The idea for this event was based upon the need for ISM members to have a platform to allow for educational opportunities through presentations, exhibitors, and networking with peers. Through the years it has been a great meeting place for anyone with an interest in and a focus upon indirect procurement. It has been this successful combination of results that makes this one of ISM's highest rated conferences.

I would like to thank those of you that are able to join me at this year's ISM Indirect Procurement Conference. I realize that it is a struggle to leave the office, even for a few days, and I appreciate your resolve. By obtaining outside stimulus we will continually improve and through interaction with others, we can use their experience to guide us on the best path. Everyone's expectation is to receive high value for the time invested in any event or activity...and I don't think anyone will be disappointed by this year's conference. Not only does it provide topics presented by many of the leaders in our field, but it also serves as an excellent networking environment that will reward attendees with an immediate return on their time.

For those of you not attending, the ISM Indirect/Services Group has plans for offering a number of webinars throughout the year that cover a variety of topics. We also have many of the previous conference presentations available on our website... www.ismindirectservicesgroup.com. In addition to these activities, the ISM Indirect/Services Group hopes you will attend the 2015 ISM International Supply Management Conference in Phoenix. This is ISM's 100th conference and will be packed with activities and educational opportunities. We hope to see you there!

At this time, I would like to pause a little and thank the ISM Indirect/Services Group Leadership Team and volunteers for their exceptional efforts. It was through their hard work and dedication that the ISM Indirect/Services Group was awarded the most recent ISM Group or Forum Excellence Award. Great Job!

Thank you for reading this newsletter and I'm confident that you will find something of interest at this conference that will help you improve your career. Please feel free to contact myself or any of the other members of the ISM Indirect/Services Group's leadership team. Remember...your comments and suggestions are important for guiding future improvements.

You can find more information about the ISM Indirect/Services Group, including how to become a member, by visiting our website at www.ismindirectservicesgroup.com

Thank you for being a part of the multi-award winning ISM Indirect/Services Group, we appreciate your continued support!



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Top undergraduate supply management students will be recognized at the 15th Annual ISM Indirect Procurement Conference, December 3-4, 2014.

Fifteen students representing supply management programs at five universities will receive ISM Indirect/Services Group scholarships:

Arizona State University

Robert Hullner

Joshua Sabol

Kelly Schmeichel

Michigan State University

Gillian Asiala

Hayley Baker

Morgan Stowe

Rutgers University

Sheryll Moser

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The ISM Indirect/Services Group's University Relations efforts focus on five main areas: Scholarships — Internships — On-Site Activities — Mentoring — Student Membership

ISM Indirect/Services Group Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM



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