

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006

Texas Distance Learning Association Gulf Coast Regional Meeting
and the Greater Houston Education Collaboration Group Collide!



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Space is Limited!

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1:30PM - 3:30PM

Disaster Preparedness Seminar

Indian Summer Lodge

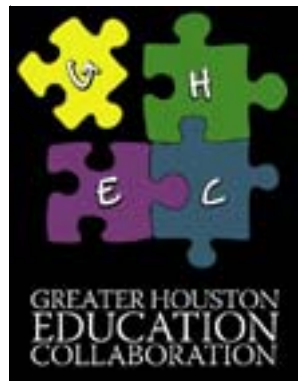
Hurricane Season is a Comin'! Are you prepared to hunker down or evacuate?

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Crawfish Boil Social

Onion Creek Coffee House

Join your colleagues for a crawfish boil and collaborate!



Indian Summer Lodge
605 Columbia
Houston, TX 77007
Phone: 713.869.0444



Onion Creek
3106 White Oak
Houston, TX 77007
Phone: 713.880.0706





Gulf Coast Regional Meeting Agenda

1:30PM - 3:30PM Disaster Preparedness Seminar
Octobers Gallery & Indian Summer Lodge

Park at Onion Creek Coffee House and Cafe or on Columbia Street near Octobers.

1:00PM - 1:30PM Sign-in. Tour the Octobers Gallery and Indian Summer Lodge grounds.

1:30PM - 2:00PM Welcome and Keynote Speaker,
Pat Bellamy: Planning Houston Port Security

2:00PM - 2:20PM Kristina McDaniel, ABS-Quality Evaluations
Disaster Preparedness: A step-by-step approach
for emergency planning, response, and recovery

2:20PM - 2:45PM Salvador Baez-Franceschi, University of Houston
Instructional Continuity: VClass Solutions

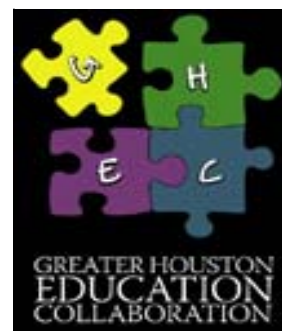
2:45PM - 3:10PM Anne Marie Leahey, Cingular Business Solutions:
Business Continuity, Disaster Preparedness,
Emergency Management, and Disaster Recovery

3:10PM - 3:30PM RoundTable Questions/Comments/Shared
Experiences

3:30PM Give-aways!!! Door-prize Drawings.

3:40PM Walk/Drive to Onion Creek Coffee House

4:00PM - 6:00PM Crawfish Boil Social with the Greater
Houston Education Collaboration
Onion Creek Coffee House and Cafe





Gulf Coast Regional Meeting Speaker Bios

Keynote Speaker, Pat Bellamy: Planning Houston Port Security

Background: The 52 mile Houston Ship Channel is the only shipping lane from the Gulf of Mexico. It traverses the route from Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island to the Houston Turning Basin (located within 3 miles of downtown Houston). Although the channel runs through a rather large body of water, Galveston Bay, the channel itself is only wide enough for two large vessels to pass. The facilities located in the Houston Combined Statistical Area (CSA) account for approximately 40% of the nation's chemical refining capacity, 14% of the crude refining capacity, and a significant amount of the nation's jet fuel. If a large vessel were to sink in this strategic waterway, the channel would be closed for weeks.

Objective: Create new security measures in and around the Port of Houston, which range from radar and hundreds of remote-controlled zoom cameras to underwater sonar.

Team: The Port Security Steering Committee (PSSC), East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA), the Houston Port Authority, the Port Terminal Railroad Association (PTRA), Harris County and others are key partners in this project. Harris County is the government lead and is working with the PSSC and other partners to create a partnering effort related to security.

Biographical Data

Pat Bellamy has AAS, BS and MA degrees and has been involved with information technology infrastructure deployment for over forty years. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Bellamy was a Regional Vice President and Executive Director with SBC (now ATT). In his various roles, Mr. Bellamy deployed a variety of "first" technologies in planning the St. Louis, Tulsa, Houston, Paris, Chilean and other networks. He was also responsible for numerous other technology planning, operations, design and implementation and technology certification functions. While a member of US Air Force, he was involved in the design, planning, implementation, testing and maintenance of addressing, networking and other functions associated with the Minuteman Missile defense system.

Mr. Bellamy is the Founder of the Houston InfoComm Technology (HiT) Initiative. He is also a Director of the National Institute of Justice's Southwest Public Safety Technology Center (SWTC) at the University of Houston. Previously, he was Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Houston Area Technology Advancement Center (HATAC.)

Mr. Bellamy serves on the Houston-Harris County Homeland Security Advisory Council. In addition, Mr. Bellamy serves as the Chair for the Port Strategic Security Council (PSSC). He also consults with a variety of government entities within the region. These include Metropolitan Transport of Harris County, the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas Department of Transportation and the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He is currently involved in wireless and radio interoperability studies within the state.

Among his community involvement efforts, Mr. Bellamy serves on a variety of school district, college and university advisory boards. He also was past Chairman of the Board with the Gulf Coast Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (GC-TAME.)



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Kristina McDaniel, ABS-Quality Evaluations

ABS-QE is one of the world's largest registrars of quality, environmental and safety management systems, ABS has the capability to certify businesses of all types and sizes around the globe. Our latest venture is to offer validations on disaster preparedness plans/manuals. ABS-QE wants to help develop and validate a system so that you can become better organized before, during and after a hurricane or disaster. This will be implemented in an auditing approach in order to assure business continuity, reduce confusion and minimize the potential for injury, cost for recovery and downtime before resuming normal operations. So as hurricane season fast approaches it is time to start thinking about your plan of action.

Kristina McDaniel has been with ABS-QE for approximately eight months. Kristina comes from a background of sales and marketing, along with 5 plus years of industrial operations dealing with ISO certifications, hurricane preparedness, and environmental health and safety.

Salvador Baez-Franceschi, University of Houston

VClassroom simplifies the process of accessing and distributing course and teaching materials as well as information for both students and faculty. One of VClassroom's powerful features is the creation of streaming videos in three easy steps:

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Save- Once you've completed your recording, save the video file to your computer.

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Salvador has been involved with computer technologies for more than 12 years. During this time, he has developed and managed technology projects for numerous companies and institutions such as Motorola, VNet World Corp., University of Puerto Rico, and University of Houston (UH). In 1997, he received a Research Grant from the Government of Puerto Rico to start the design and development of a new web platform, which he named it, VNet. In 2003, he was offered the position of Information Technologies Director for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of Houston. In this position, he formed the Virtual Technology Center (VTC), which has implemented very successfully and further developed many of the technologies originally invented back in Puerto Rico. VTC's main project, VNet, has gained recognition not only from numerous departments at University of Houston but also from other academic institutions and private companies. Last year Apple Corp. choose VNet as one of their success stories to be highlighted in their World Wide Site and in their Server Training manuals. Salvador has been a presenter on numerous national conferences and author/coauthor of numerous papers related to educational technologies.

Anne Marie Leahey, Cingular Wireless Business Solutions

Anne Marie Leahey recently joined Cingular Wireless in the Government Solutions Group with over seven years experience in the wireless arena. She is the advocate within Cingular Wireless ensuring that the tools and applications you need are available to you.