

**IEEE-USA Employment and Career Services Workshop
and the IEEE Denver Section
Enhancing Engineering Careers – Skills for Today’s Global Workplace**

Monaco Hotel, 1717 Champa St, Denver, CO; Tel 303 296 1717

Saturday October 18, 2008

8:30 AM to 12:00 noon

Fees: \$10 includes continental breakfast; Students are Free

Registration:

In this workshop, engineers will:

- Be introduced to a variety of career path options.
- Identify ways to manage their careers for increased success and fulfillment.
- Learn skills every engineer needs to compete in today’s labor market.
- Practice the fundamentals of project management.

Engineers today need more than technical expertise. They need to understand the payoffs and trade-offs of the career paths they select. They need to find ways to get more from a career by looking for both success and fulfillment from their work. Success in today’s workplace calls for new skills and new ways of thinking. Whether it is “soft” skills such as negotiating or communication, special ways of bringing innovation into their work, or effectively managing projects, today’s technical professionals need more than technical skills. This workshop will introduce participants to these skills and provide on-going resources for continuing to build their careers.

Workshop Leaders:

Peggy Hutcheson – Peggy is President of The Odyssey Group, Inc., a firm with more than 20 years’ experience in organizational career development. She has worked with hundreds of engineers in large and small companies to develop career management strategies. Currently, she chairs the IEEE-USA Employment and Career Services Committee and serves on the Innovation Institute Steering Committee. Dr. Hutcheson is the author of numerous articles, most recently *Every Engineer an Innovator*, Today’s Engineer, July 2008.

T. Lahdhiri, Ph.D., P.E. - Dr. Lahdhiri works for General Motors Corporation in Warren, Michigan, where he is currently holding the position of Lab Manager for the Advanced Development and Validation Group, Global Systems Engineering Department. Dr. Lahdhiri is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. Dr. Lahdhiri has been an active member within the IEEE organization over the last 12 years. Currently, he is the Region 4 Membership Development Chair, Member of the IEEE-USA Employment & Career Service (ECS) Committee, and Co-chair of the IEEE-USA Career Workforce Policy committee (CWPC).

Margaret Lyon – Margaret brings a deep understanding of engineering careers developed during her years as Director of Global Development for AT&T and NCR. Corporation

She has developed internal career development systems and assisted technical professionals in how to optimize their careers within these systems. Margaret is a member of IEEE-USA's Employment and Career Services Committee and co-author of the webinar, *Career Options for Electrical and Electronic Engineers*.