

**Crosscut Initiatives Panel Meeting
Admiral Semmes Hotel; Mobile, AL
May 10 – 11, 2006**

Preliminary Agenda

Time	Wednesday, May 9	Thursday, May 11
7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Continental Breakfast
8:00	Welcome 8:15: Improving our Industry Image: Shipbuilding and Repair career paths – different designs, shipyard experience, toward a common industry core standard (Gebhardt-Jermyn-Wilson lead)	Improving connections between shipyards and community colleges. Panel brief presentations and discussion. Needs, curriculum, learning delivery, train-the-trainer, learning labs, self-study options, structured on-the-job learning, etc. Regional initiatives reports. Feature: Gulf Coast college initiative or other joint NSRP-SCA topic
10:00	Coffee Break provided	Coffee Break provided
10:15	Tech Transfer Feature: Plans for using Ship Constructor software as a learning tool (Patrick Roberts, Bender Shipbuilding)	Tech Transfer Feature: Welding Metrics Used To Reduce Cost and Gas & Smoke Emissions (Dale Jermyn and Jackie Morris, Bender)
11:00	SBIR Project Report: Improved Work Performance in Shipbuilding Environment – Rebecca Grier; Aptima, Inc.	
12:00 PM	Lunch on own – many options in walking distance	11:30 PM: Lunch provided at hotel
1:00	How skill standards are being used for workforce preparation and incumbent worker upgrade, and need for more/better standards. NSRP Skill Standards status - Les Hansen MSSC Skill Standards and certification program for core manufacturing skills - Leo Reddy Shipyard reports on skill initiatives	12:30 -2:45 PM: Bus tour to Bender Shipyard, view laser cutting system, travel to Enterprise-Ozark Community College for tour of welding, shipfitting and pipefitting training facility.
3:00	Coffee Break provided	Crosscut Panel Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSRP Program Update • Project Updates – NSRP & SBIR • Summer meeting planning – Seattle • Fall meeting – with SPS • Other business
3:15	Introduction to 2006 Crosscut Panel Project: Workforce Preparation Improvement – Gebhardt, Hansen, Bewley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of interactive skills database by SkillsNet Corp. 	
5:30	NSRP reception – <i>sponsored by Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co., Inc.</i> (cash bar) Dinner on own	Dinner (cost by individual) – speaker – Gulf Coast community college initiative leader or MSSC leader

As time permits – other topics:

- Transition from production worker to Supervisor – needs assessment
- Quality Culture in shipbuilding and repair – needs assessment
- Update on US-DOL ETA initiatives, DOL WIRED program, etc.
- Feature: report on SBIR R&D opportunities submitted for ONR consideration

Note: airport shuttle service is available, conference transportation (tour) provided.