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Invitation

You are invited to become a member of ISM-Columbia Basin (ISM-CB) and the Institute for Supply Management (ISM).

ISM-CB is the regional affiliate of ISM, a not-for-profit educational organization of over 40,000 Supply Chain Professionals. Membership is open to all persons interested in the supply management field.

Why should I participate?

As we strive to survive in tough economic times, it is important to develop and cultivate a professional network. Colleagues in other organizations are important resources for collaborating on supply chain processes and sharing best practices. A broad professional network accrues benefits directly to our employers and is a valuable asset as we progress in our careers.

Why should I join ISM?

ISM is truly a world-class professional organization with over 160 affiliates in the U.S. and many foreign countries. Networking with world-class colleagues, participating in ISM-sponsored seminars and workshops, researching supply chain best practices and downloading templates are all dividends of ISM membership. Here are [20+ reasons to join](#). In addition, ISM membership includes:

- **Award-winning *Inside Supply Management*[®]** magazine — The flagship publication of ISM that presents leading-edge concepts and issues of interest to members. *Inside Supply Management*[®] consistently delivers thought-provoking discussion and information on topics most relevant to today's forward-thinking, strategic supply managers.
- **Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing *ISM Report On Business*[®] (ROB)** — Considered by many economists to be the most reliable, near-term economic barometer available.
- **Certified Professional in Supply Management[®] (CPSM[®])** — The credential that meets and exceeds the demands of the international marketplace. The multidimensional expertise demanded by the CPSM[®] reflects the expanded education, skills and experience needed to be a successful supply management professional. [Certification Information online](#)
- **Significant discounts** to ISM seminars, conferences, exams, online programs and study materials.
- [The Online Career Center](#) — search a database of employment listings from across the country, post your résumé for organizations to see, search for the perfect employee, or take advantage of other career-enhancing tools. New features added often.
- **Unlimited Access to ISM's Web Site, www.ism.ws** — Search an extensive database of information and articles on supply management issues, take part in professional forums, obtain organization contact information and learn about ISM's assortment of educational products and services.

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What benefit is there to participate in ISM-CB?

ISM-CB members represent local companies from Moses Lake to Walla Walla including food processing, government contractors, educational institutions, utilities and manufacturing. ISM- Columbia Basin celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2010. www.ismcb.org

ISM-CB brings educational programs to local venues. We recently heard interesting programs on environmental requirements, project management, lean manufacturing and the local economy. Here is a sample program schedule.

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ISM-CB 2017-2018 Education Opportunity Calendar	
June 13	ISM-CB Annual Business and Planning Meeting
July 25	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Contact Cory Miller 5:30 p.m., Round Table, Kennewick
September 12	ISM-CB Program: Professional Networking Mike Taylor, Naila Prieto, Procurement Supply Specialist 5:30 Applebee's,
September 19	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
October 10	ISM-CB Program; tbd Speaker, tbd 5:30 p.m. Applebee's, Kennewick
October 15-18	ISM REGIONAL CONFERENCE – Bellevue, WA
October 24	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
November 14	ISM-CB Program; tbd Speaker, tbd 5:30 p.m. Applebee's, Kennewick
November 21	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
December 12	ISM-CB Program; tbd Location tbd Coordinator: tbd
December 19	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
January (tbd)	ISM-CB Program; <u>Networking Social</u>

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	Location; Applebee’s, Kennewick coordinator: tbd
January 16	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
February 13	ISM-CB Program <u>Regional Economic Report Card</u> Ajsa Suljic, Regional Labor Economist, Washington DOL Location; Applebee’s, Kennewick coordinator: Scott Williams
February 20	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
March 13	ISM-CB Seminar; Location: tbd
March 20	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
April (tbd)	Plant Tour coordinator: Cory Miller
April 20	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
May 10	ISM-CB Program; <u>tbd</u> 5:30 p.m. Applebee’s, Kennewick
May 15	ISM-CB Planning Meeting Location: tbd Contact Cory Miller
May (tbd)	ISM International Conference, Nashville
June (tbd)	ISM-CB Annual Business and Planning Meeting
	updated June 14, 2017

In 2008, ISM-CB hosted the premiere regional Supply Chain educational conference in the Tri-Cities. The Pacific Northwest Purchasing Conference showcases world-class speakers and attracts participants from throughout the northwest and Alaska. With your membership, support and involvement, we can continue to bring educational events like this to the Tri-Cities.

Business professionals and interested persons are always welcome at ISM-CB events and programs. You will find current program information on our web site at www.ismcb.org. We’d be happy to add you to our program mailing list and keep informed of events, meetings and educational opportunities. Join our mailing list to receive program information (send an email to admin@ismcb.org)

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What does it cost to join?

Regular membership in ISM-CB which includes a corporate discount membership in ISM is \$160 for the year 2015 (plus a \$20 one-time new member ISM administrative fee), payable to ISM-CB. Regular ISM-Columbia Basin members obtain ISM membership at a discounted rate which is less than ISM Direct membership or membership in other ISM affiliated organizations in the Northwest.

Full-time Students and Educators can qualify for dues-free status in ISM. ([link to details](#))

Where can I get more information?

- Membership application/information: www.ismcb.org/membership/index.htm

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- ISM Columbia Basin Web site: www.ismcb.org
 - ISM-Columbia Basin Membership Director; Naila Prieto, membership@ismcb.org
 - ISM web site: www.ism.ws
 - Contact any member of the ISM-CB Leadership Team : <http://www.ismcb.org/about/index.htm>

I hope you will consider participation in our organization.

Naila Prieto, Membership Director