

Society for Benefit-Cost ANALYSIS

Call for Papers

Deadline now extended to July 27, 2009

2009 Annual Conference: **Advancing the Practice of Benefit-Cost Analysis**

October 20–21, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Abstracts due: July 15, 2009

The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis promotes the development and appropriate application of benefit-cost analysis to a broad range of public policy issues. We welcome participation in our second annual conference from researchers, practitioners, faculty, and others interested in improving the use of benefit-cost analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, risk-benefit analysis, applied welfare economic analysis, and damage assessments in policy settings.

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We are now accepting abstracts from those interested in presenting research at the conference on a wide range of topics under the theme “Advancing the Practice of Benefit-Cost Analysis.” For example, presentations might address:

- Principles, standards, and practice guidelines
- Case studies with new applications
- Prediction and assessment of uncertainty
- Valuation techniques
- The role of analysis in influencing public policy

Abstracts should be 200–300 words in length and provide adequate detail on the content of the research. Proposals for panels that include three to four speakers are also welcome, and should include a summary of the overall focus of the panel as well as a 200–300 word abstract for each presentation. Note that the program committee reserves the right to select the panel abstracts and to reorganize the panels as needed. Submission of an abstract is viewed as a firm commitment to participate in the conference if accepted. All submissions must include complete contact information for each participant.

Abstracts and panel proposals should be submitted as email attachments in PDF format to Katie Ward at krw2@u.washington.edu, along with complete contact information, before July 15, 2009. Please write “ABSTRACT—2009 Annual Conference: Advancing the Practice of Benefit-Cost Analysis” in the subject of the email. We will notify authors of accepted presentations by August 15, 2009.

For more information on the Society and on membership, please visit our website at <http://evans.washington.edu/bcasociety>. To receive information on registering for the conference when it becomes available, please sign-up for our email list at <http://evans.washington.edu/bcacenter>. Registration information will also be posted on our website.

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