NAWIC Education Foundation

Debra M. Gregoire, CIT, NEF President

Dear NAWIC Northeast (1) Region Members and Guests:



A wise person once stated that "Opportunities are often the beginning of great adventure."

How true those words are as you have taken the first step towards your adventure by taking time out of your busy schedules to invest your time, and money this Forum weekend.

Forum is just one of the many benefits that NAWIC offers. Soak up all the knowledge you can by taking advantage of the educational seminars, professional speakers and networking opportunities. Your Regional Director and hostess chapter have checked each and every detail to ensure this conference will enlighten and educate you.

Forum season is a time for celebrating our chapter successes that we achieved throughout the year. This year is no different for NEF. The NEF Board has embraced the challenges and has been focusing on continuing to get NEF out in the fore front of others in the construction industry.

Here is just a few of the items that NEF has been working on:

- · CAD Program-working with schools that is not involved with a NAWIC chapter
- Completed the review of the CIS book and is currently at the printers
- Attending Educational Tradeshows to market the Certification Programs
- Updating the Construction Dictionary
- Working on project narrative and development for Contract Administrator certification course
- Revamping the NEF logo

The NEF office has a new home. As of March 11, 2015 the NEF offices will be located at 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32810. The move will present NEF with new opportunities and challenges that continue to allow NEF to grow.

At AMEC, NAWIC President Field has graciously allowed NEF to host a breakfast for the attendees on Friday, September 4th. The theme this year is "Rising Star". Chair Tammy Crooks will be contacting all the Regional Liaisons and Fundraisers to keep them updated on what will be happening at the breakfast event as well as the NEF table. We appreciate all the support for the events at AMEC. On Saturday, there will be an NEF CAD workshop to discuss how the CAD program works and how NEF will be branching out to other schools that do not have sponsoring NAWIC chapters. Current NEF CAD national chair Sue-Ellen Stoddard will be conducting the CAD workshop.

Many thanks to the NEF Board, Regional Liaisons, Regional Fundraisers, NEF Committee Chairs, and you the NAWIC member for all the generous support and commitment to NEF. It is truly appreciated.

Sincerely, **Debtie**Debra M. Gregoire, CIT

NEF President, 2014-2015