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CSCMP to Host Networking Event for Young Professionals

Lombard, Illinois USA (February 24, 2011)—The Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) will host an event for students and those new to the supply chain management field on March 8, 2011 at 1016 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois. The *Professional Networking for New Professionals* event is cosponsored by CSCMP's Chicago-based Young Professionals Sub-Committee, and will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The event will feature panelists from a broad range of industries who will provide personal insights and experiences relating to the importance of networking, and how it has shaped their careers. Panel members include Pete Wiltjer, social networking specialist, PWMG; Tim Stratman, executive coaching, Stratman & Partners; and Kelly Gillum, search consultant, NSG - An MRI Network Affiliate. Complete panelist biographies are available on the CSCMP web site at <http://cscmp.org/events/educational/downloads/yp-panelists-bios.pdf>. An open networking session will follow the panel discussion.

The cost to attend is \$20.00 US for CSCMP members; \$25.00 US for nonmembers. Additional information and registration is available at <http://cscmp.org/events/educational/young-professionals.asp>.

CSCMP created the Young Professionals' Committee in 2008 to specifically address the needs of students and professionals in the early stages of their supply chain management careers. The committee is charged with increasing awareness of the numerous benefits, tools, and resources that CSCMP offers students and young professionals as they begin their careers. Committee members are also tasked with exploring the needs of these individuals, creating new benefits, and expanding local sub-committees.

"Our young leaders are the future of CSCMP and the industry," said Kathy McInerney, CSCMP's Young Professionals' Committee staff liaison. "We must first engage them and then work hard to retain them as members and volunteers. We are here to mentor them in their careers by providing education and a myriad of outstanding networking possibilities."

CSCMP offers student memberships to full-time students for \$35.00 US a year and associate memberships to young professionals, 30 years of age and under, for \$150.00 US annually.

McInerney points out that both CSCMP student and associate memberships provide young professionals with unparalleled opportunities to get a jump start on their careers, such as receiving practical “how-to” solutions and access to timely information. Member exclusives include publications, professional education programs, online benefits, networking opportunities, and cutting-edge research. In addition, CSCMP has held a Young Professionals’ Panel Session at its last two annual global conferences and continues to add educational sessions focusing on the needs and interests of the group.

More information about student and associate memberships is available at <http://cscmp.org/membership/member-types.asp>.

Founded in 1963, the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) is the leading worldwide professional association dedicated to education, research, and the advancement of the supply chain management profession. With over 8,000 members globally, representing business, government, and academia from 63 countries, CSCMP members are the leading practitioners and authorities in the fields of logistics and supply chain management.

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