



## SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### NEWS RELEASE

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**SOCP 2010 December Meeting**  
**Theme: Regulatory Changes and Safety Issues Impacting the**  
**Maritime Industry**  
**December 8-9, 2010 at MITAGS, Linthicum, Maryland**

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) cordially invites maritime industry representatives to attend and participate in our December meeting to be held at Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum, Maryland.

Delegates and ranking officers of US Maritime Administration and Department of Transportation have been invited to address this meeting. In addition, senior representatives from Federal and State Governments and the commercial industry will present a comprehensive discussion on the impact of regulatory changes in the areas of safety, environment and training in the US maritime industry. The agenda includes presentations and panel discussions on broad range of topics, such as, North American ECA, Vessel Response Plans, Vessel General Permit, Ballast Water Regulation, Safety Culture and Work Force Development.

The agenda also provides for updates and discussions on industry review on STCW assessment recently conducted in September at MITAGS and hosted by SOCP. Draft agenda and information regarding this meeting can be viewed at [www.socp.us](http://www.socp.us) under 'Upcoming Events'.

All industry representatives are welcome to attend. You must, however, register to attend this event at [www.socp.us](http://www.socp.us) under 'Upcoming Events' and clicking on the link 'Attend Event'.

Event sponsorship and/or exhibit opportunities are also available. Please contact Kumar Samanta via email at [programadmin@socp.us](mailto:programadmin@socp.us) or by calling (301) 440 -1936 for details.

SOCP is an industry-government partnership that was formed in 1993 to share resources in the development and evaluation of technologies to advance shipboard safety, regulations, environment, training, reliability and productivity in an effort to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. maritime industry.

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