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Join SMT aboard the Queen Mary at NOCA



Schroeder Measurement Technologies, Inc. (SMT) invites you to a very special event aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach during this year's annual conference of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA). Our evening aboard one of the most famous ships in history will begin with a special "behind-the-scenes" tour. This special 60-minute guided experience will take you to parts of the ship that are not available through general admission.

Following the tour, we will gather on a private deck at the stern of the ship (weather permitting) to enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and panoramic views of the Long Beach skyline and the Port of Long Beach. Following this reception, we will move into our private room for sumptuous dinner and desserts, accompanied by live music.

If you're going to the NOCA conference or you're in the Long Beach area, you won't want to miss this event. In fact, it's another good reason to attend the conference. RSVP's are required and space is limited, so e-mail us today to let us know you'd like to join us November 17 aboard the RMS Queen Mary.

RSVP by e-mail to Amy Ackerman
(aackerman@smttest.com) by September 1, 2005.

SMT Test Center Network grows

The SMT Test Center Network is open and active in both Canada and the United States using SMT's innovative new test driver at CompUSA, Polar Bear Training, New Horizons, and college testing facilities. Because we are constantly expanding the network, there will be more by the time you read this, but as of early July, there are now 330 SMT testing locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

All SMT Test Centers must meet rigorous standards related to environment, accessibility (ADA), technology, connectivity, and personnel training to ensure a common testing experience for all candidates. In addition, centers must offer ample parking and bathroom facilities.

SMT's goal is to offer testing centers in major metropolitan areas through CompUSA, New Horizons, and Polar Bear, as well as less populated areas through college testing facilities. The latest additions to the Network include Pueblo (CO), Durango (CO), East Lansing (MI),

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SMT welcomes new clients



The **American Public Works Association** has contracted with SMT to perform a marketing feasibility study in order to determine interest in a new certification program. More information about the APWA can be found at www.apwa.net.



The **American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology** has chosen SMT to host the secure online examination for AAAAI fellows. In addition, AAAAI item writers will be using SMT's online item writing system, SMT-Item.net™ to enter items into the AAAAI item bank in SMT-Bank™. More information about the AAAAI can be found at www.aaaai.org.

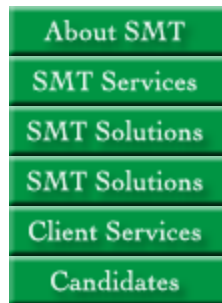
Test your knowledge of testing terms

answers:
1. a, 2. c, 3. b, 4. a, 5. b

For a list of testing terms, go to smttest.com. Click on "SMT Resources" then "A Layman's Guide to Testing Terminology."

SMT website offers information for clients, candidates, community

If you haven't visited the SMT website, www.smttest.com, recently, you've missed a complete redesign and a lot of new information and features designed to serve both our clients and the measurement community in general.



At the homepage a simple menu serves as the primary navigation tool. Each

button takes the visitor to a major area of the SMT website, each with its own submenu.

About SMT provides information about our mission, our professional staff, our worldwide offices, and our current clients. In addition, there is contact information, as well as career opportunity postings.

The **SMT Services** area describes what we do to help our clients in the areas of exam development, administration, and consulting. There is also a discussion of our international expertise.

The **SMT Solutions** section provides details about the software technology we use

to bring greater efficiencies to our clients' certification and licensure programs.

At the **SMT Resources** area, you can download current SMT Information Sheets, read past issues of *Dimensions*, view the latest SMT news, check out our event calendar, read articles related to important psychometric issues, or link to related sites.

The **Client Services** button accesses a secure, password-protected area where clients can download program reports.

The **Candidates** section includes a link to make a reservation at one of SMT's Test Centers or just to search for a test center. Candidates can also take a demo or practice test and download important program documents.

In the upper righthand corner of the homepage, there is also a **Quick Links** menu of frequently-used functions: Find a testing center, register for an exam, online practice tests, client services, and contact us. To keep abreast of developments at SMT and the testing industry, visit smttest.com often.

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Test your knowledge of testing terms

1. Two or more items identified as similar in content or where to relationship between the items leads the candidate to the correct responses of one or more items are called:
 - a. bad pairs
 - b. item queues
 - c. item keys
 - d. equated items
2. The most commonly used statistic for measuring test reliability is the:
 - a. SEM
 - b. Angoff method
 - c. KR-20
 - d. IRT
3. The point-biserial coefficient is an index of:
 - a. difficulty
 - b. discrimination
 - c. guessability
 - d. cognition
4. The process where scores on one form of an examination are converted to scores on another form of the same examination is called:
 - a. equating
 - b. field testing
 - c. item analysis
 - d. technical reporting
5. A distractor is
 - a. a superfluous graphic
 - b. an incorrect answer
 - c. a case study
 - d. an easy item

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SMT Staff Spotlight

Micah Roberts



Micah Roberts joined SMT in February of 2004. In his position as a Statistical Associate, Micah works closely with our Director of Research and Development, Dr. Reed Castle. In addition to daily key maintenance and Quality Assurance functions, Micah manages online job analysis surveys, in-house scoring, statistical analysis, and technical reporting.

Although he was born in California, Micah grew up in the Tampa Bay area (where our corporate office is located). He graduated from Florida State University in August 2003 where he majored in Behavioral Psychology with a minor in Statistics. Micah enjoys playing golf, traveling, and spending time at the beach. His interests include photography, literature, politics, and professional sports.



**See us at Booth 2003
in Nashville!**

SMT Calendar

CompTIA Breakaway Exchange,
Aug 3-5, Las Vegas, NV

National College Testing Association (NCTA),
Annual Conference, August 10-12, Portland, OR

American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)
Annual Meeting, August 13-16, Nashville, TN

Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR), Sept 15-17, Phoenix, AZ

Washington Certification Network Meeting, Sept 21, Washington, DC

National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) November 16-19 Long Beach, CA

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Murfreesboro (TN), Oshkosh (WI), and Thunder Bay (ON).

The SMT test driver accommodates a variety of item types and includes features designed to make testing simple for candidates with limited computer experience. The driver can also deliver adaptive exams using testlets.

For more information about SMT test administration options, call 302.737.2138 or visit www.smttest.com

