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### *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*

#### **Special Issue: “The Impacts of Global Information Systems Sourcing on Engineering, Technology and Innovation Management”**

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The special issue will focus on the topic of Global Information Systems sourcing with a specific interest in social, managerial and knowledge-related aspects of IS sourcing and how these aspects affect engineering, technology and innovation management. Managing a global team of software engineers is akin to managing a global team of engineers of other kinds. Global delivery of IS services encompasses both the relocation of effort as well as the utilization of talent located across the globe. This special issue aims to bring together viewpoints from various disciplines, including International Business, Strategy, Information Systems and Organizational Behavior.

We invite research articles and focus on practice papers that investigate social, managerial and knowledge-related topics in global outsourcing/offshoring relationships. In particular, the special issue will endeavor to present the view of managers from both the client and vendor perspectives. Some of the specific themes that are of interest in this special issue are:

- Critical issues in engineering and innovation management tasked with engaging a global supplier network and workforce
- Knowledge management systems, codification processes and their impact on outsourcing performance
- Emerging concepts such as Open Sourcing and their consideration from social, managerial and knowledge perspectives
- People retention issues and implications for success of global IT sourcing arrangements
- Retained management capabilities from a social and knowledge perspective
- Social capital in global sourcing arrangements
- Multi - cultural aspects in outsourcing/offshoring relationships
- Emerging sourcing markets such as China, South America, Africa and Eastern Europe.

We are interested in including papers that are both conceptual and empirically based. In terms of empirical data, we seek papers that report on outsourcing/offshoring arrangements from regions that have so far been poorly represented in the existing literature such as Latin American, Eastern Europe, Caribbean countries, China and others. In terms of conceptual papers and theoretical frameworks, we seek to contribute to theory building by both reapplying existing frameworks and developing new constructs that help explaining social, managerial and knowledge-related aspects in global sourcing.

**Submission Deadline: August 31, 2009.** Submit papers to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tem-ieee> and indicate in the cover letter that they are for the Special Issue on “The Impacts of Global Information Systems Sourcing on Engineering, Technology and Innovation Management.”