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#### **QUANTIFYING THE FUTURE**



### Where Have All the Estimators Gone?

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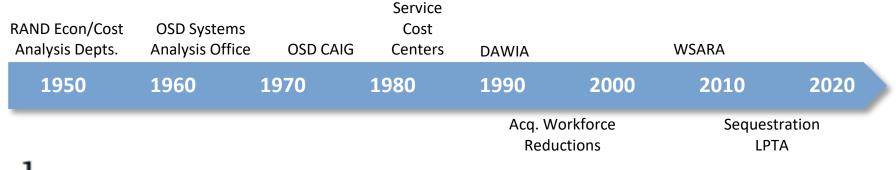
- Programs face declining budgets, acquisition changes and expanding oversight resulting in increased demand for cost estimating & analysis
- Despite increased importance of cost estimating, ICEAA has seen a decline in membership
- Action plan for Government/Industry and ICEAA for overall growth in cost estimating



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- Ancient History
- Modern Day Ups and Downs





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- As of 2016, there were 217,900 cost estimators and 114,000 operations research analysts in the US
- By 2026, the number of cost estimators is expected to grow by 11% and the number of operations research analysts by 26%

#### **Major Professional Organizations**

- American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE)
- Professional Construction Estimators of America (PCEA)
- Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (AACEI)

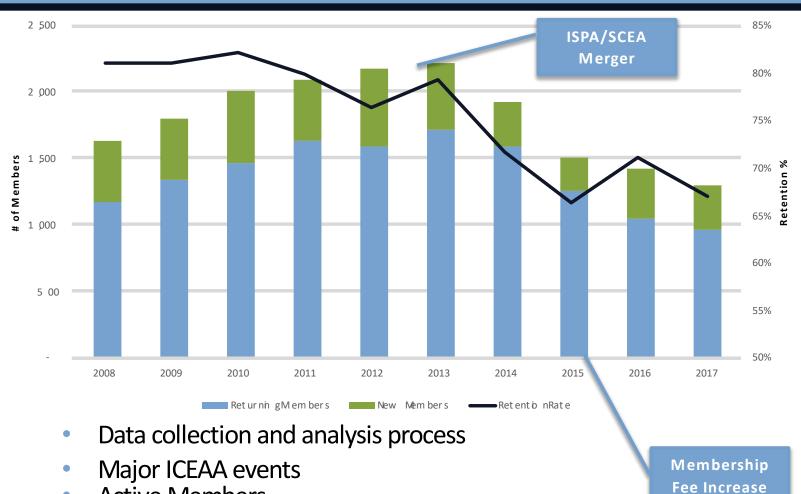
#### **International Cost Estimating and Analysis Association (ICEAA)**

- Created in 2012 when International Society of Parametric Analysts (ISPA) and Society of Cost Estimating and Analysis (SCEA) merged
- Traces back to 1979 with founding of ISPA SCEA formed in 1990 after merger of National Estimating Society and Institute of Cost Analysis

Currently over 1,200 members with chapters across the world

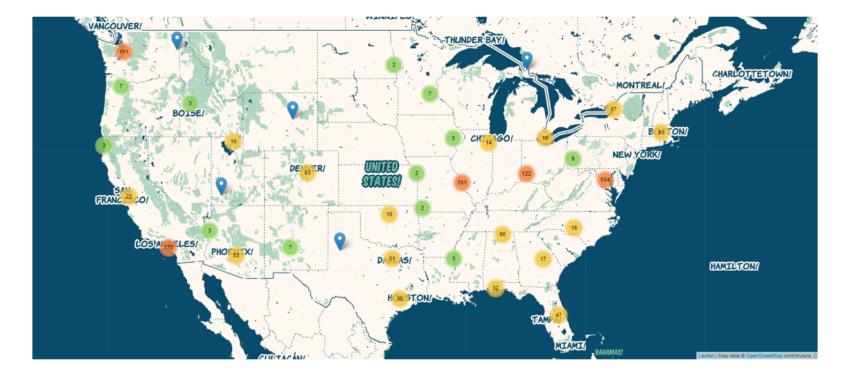


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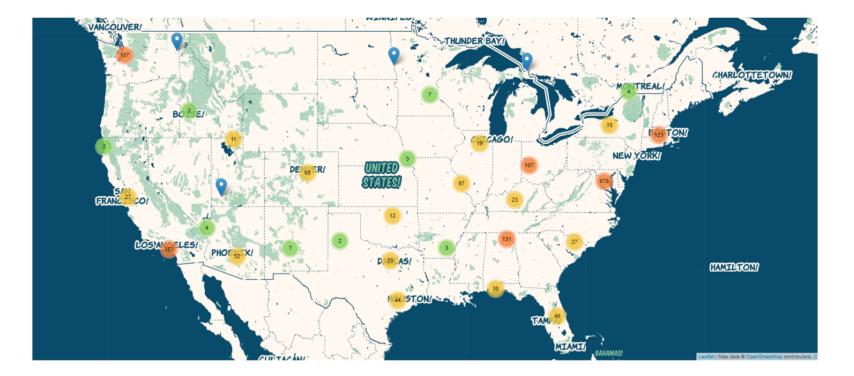
- Active Members
  - 29% Government/Education
  - 71% Industry





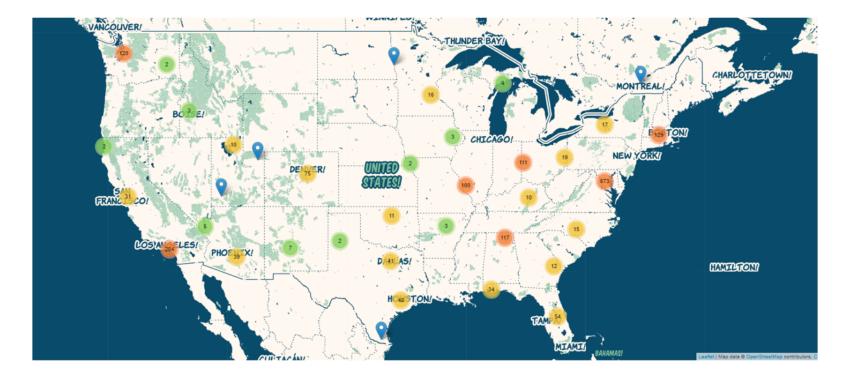






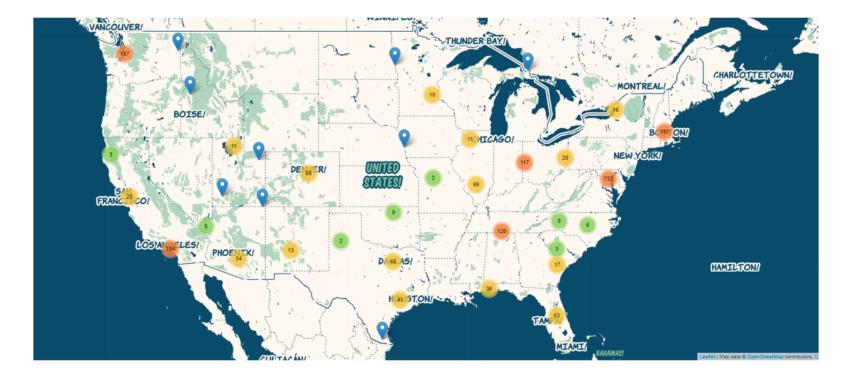












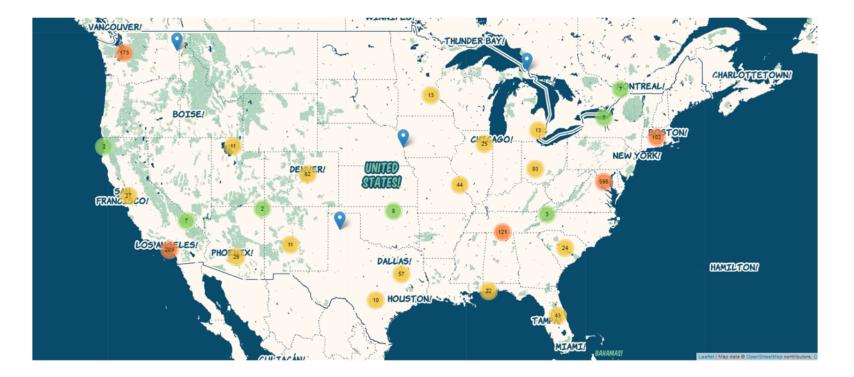






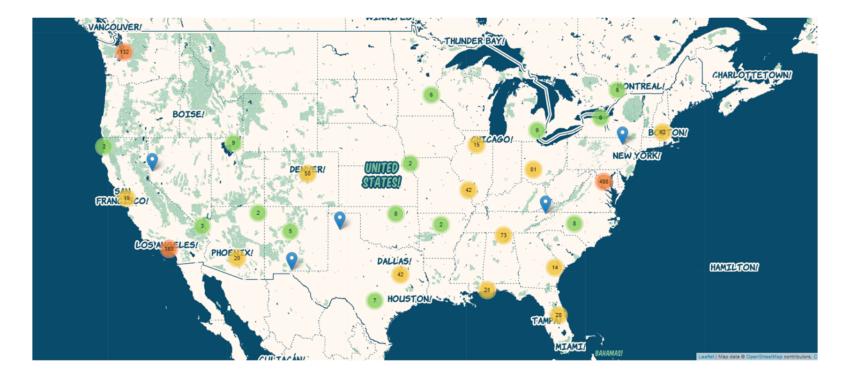












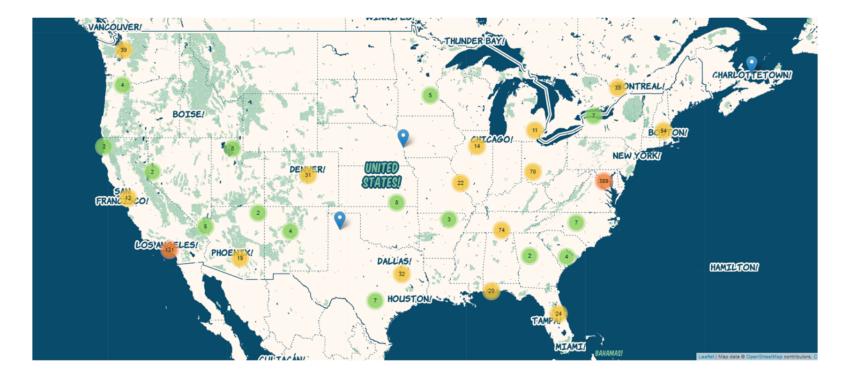






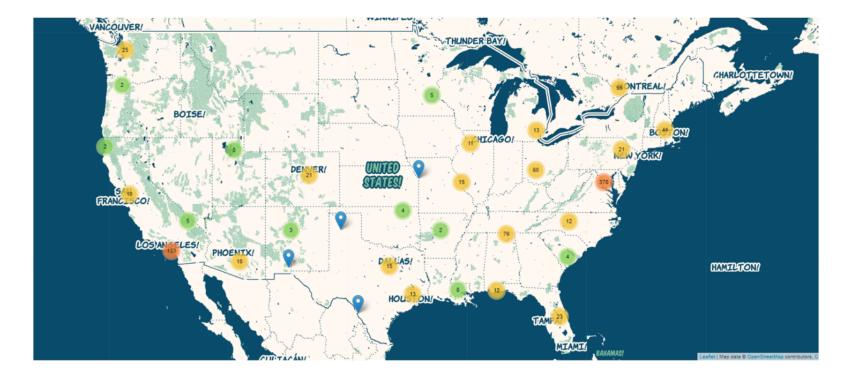
























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- Limited Pool of Analysts Barriers to Entry
  - College recruits not familiar with cost estimating
  - Companies can hire only so many junior analysts developing a pipeline is difficult
  - Hard to get into cost estimating once past the college recruiting stage
    - Many contracts require security clearances
    - Average clearance investigation time is increasing
    - Contracts need "directly applicable experience"

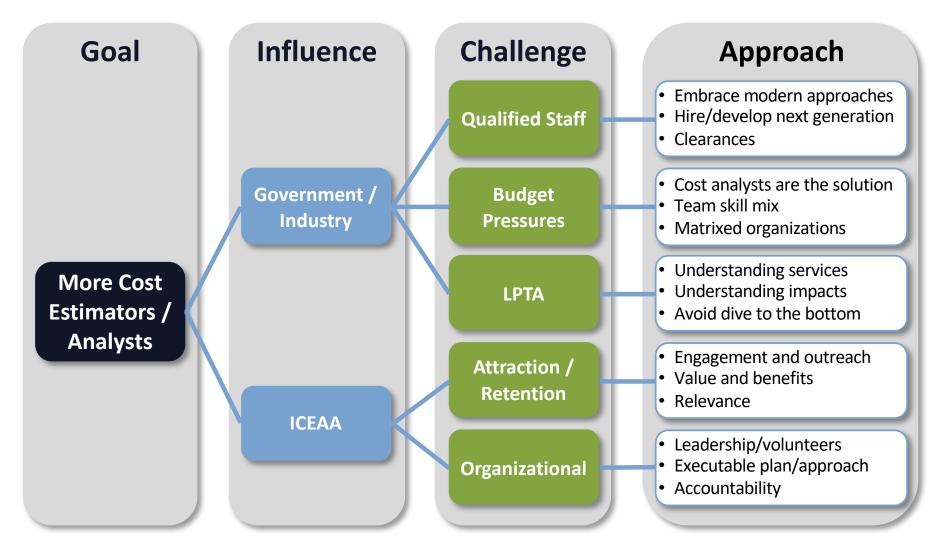


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- Perceived Lack of Value
  - Changing needs of members
  - Certification not usually recognized/required by contracts (as opposed to PMP)
  - Limited awareness and applicability of CCEA outside of niche career paths
  - Delivery method of testing and training not updated or easy for members to participate



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- Increase Qualified Staff
  - Embrace Modern Approaches
  - Hire and Develop the Next Generation
  - Clearances



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- Budget Pressures
  - Cost Analysts are the Solution
  - Team Skill Mix
  - Matrixed Organizations



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Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA)
Understanding Services Cost Analyst Provide
Understanding Impacts of LPTA
Avoid the Dive to the Bottom



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- Attraction and Retention
  - Engagement and Outreach
  - Showcase Value and Benefits
  - Ensure Relevance



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- Organizational
  - Leadership and Volunteers
  - Executable Plan and Approach
  - Accountability



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- Continue ongoing actions and initiatives
- "This has been tried before" doesn't mean it can't be attempted again
- Partnership between ICEAA, Government, and Industry with a common vision
  - Challenges exist but with vision, defined goals, crawl/walk/run planning, some or all goals are achievable

