Call for Papers: Benefit-Cost Analysis for Evidence-Based Decision Making

The Sixth Annual Conference and Meeting of the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis
March 13-14, 2014, at the GWU Marvin Center, Washington, D.C.

Abstracts due October 31, 2013

The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis (SBCA) is now accepting papers for participation in our 2014 annual conference on Benefit-Cost Analysis for Evidence-Based Decision Making. Submissions may address the link between theory and practice, the methods used to estimate particular types of costs or benefits, the application of BCA to specific case studies, the role of BCA in decision making or any other relevant topic. We welcome submissions from scholars, practitioners, and others working in academia, nonprofits, business and government around the world.

The SBCA is an international group of practitioners, academics and others who are working to improve the theory and application of the tools of benefit-cost analysis (BCA). We welcome submissions that support the enhanced use of such analysis to promote evidence-based decision making. We define BCA broadly, including cost-effectiveness analysis, risk-benefit analysis, applied welfare economics, damage assessment and other methods. Applications in any public policy area are encouraged.

Abstracts must be between 200 to 300 words in length and clearly describe the research. You may submit an abstract for an individual presentation or organize a panel that includes a total of four speakers and a chair (who may also serve as a presenter). The panel may involve presentation of four papers or presentation of three papers with one or two discussants. Panel proposals must include a description of the overall focus of the panel as well as the 200 to 300 word abstract for each presentation. The Program Committee reserves the right to select only a subset of the panel abstracts for presentation or to reorganize the panels if needed. Generally, submissions are limited to one abstract per presenter, although you may be listed as co-author on an unlimited number of other presentations. You may submit two abstracts only if one is for an individual presentation and the second is part of a panel; the two abstracts must address substantially different areas of research.

Submission of an abstract for an individual presentation or panel is viewed as a firm commitment to participate in the conference if accepted. Entries received after October 31, 2013, are not guaranteed consideration by the program committee.

For more information about the annual conference or the Society in general, please visit our website at www.benefitcostanalysis.org or contact sbcainfo@uw.edu.

http://benefitcostanalysis.org/abstract-submission-form

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