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A Path for Today and Tomorrow:
The Status of Professional Recognition Programs within SOLE

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CPL Program

- Current changes
  - All parts reviewed
    - Currency
    - Quality of questions
    - All questions from reading list materials
  - Reading lists updated
  - Sample questions updated
- Much higher quality of exam

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CPL Facts of Life

- Most candidates not adequately prepared
- CPL equated to master's degree
  - Master's degree = 1980 study hours
    - 11 courses = 495 contact hours with instructors
    - 3 hours of homework per contact hour = 1485 hours
  - Comparison:

    CPL prep course = 30 – 60 hours

Preparation Tips

- Create study group
  - Combine talents/knowledge
  - Develop rigorous study plan
  - Stick to the study plan
- Consider going to school
  - Florida Tech's MS/Log program
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Why So Hard?

- CPL equivalent to legal bar exam or CPA
- CPLs expected to meet ANY professional logistics challenge
  - Employers look upon CPL as "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval"
  - Employees look upon CPL as ticket to advancement
  - Failure of CPL certification process = discrediting of both SOLE and the CPL designation

CPL Recertification

- Program functioning well
  - Charlie Baldwin taking lead
  - Reviewing processes to ensure currency to present standards
- Important for professional growth – increased demand for CPL currency by DoD and industry

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Professional Recognition

- New professional recognition and certification programs under development
  - ***Designated Logistician*** [non-exam, joint program w 'customer']
    - **Designated Logistician (DL)**
    - **Designated Senior Logistician (DSL)**
    - **Designated Master Logistician (DML)**
  - ***Certified Master Logistician*** **(CML)**
    [by exam, with focus on logistics chain/program management]
  - Recognizes education, continuous learning and experiential accomplishments, applied universally
- First implementation will be designation programs in DoD (Army/Air Force) & industry
  - ***Target dates (NLT)***
    - **Designated Logistician - *Fall 2004***
    - **CML - *Summer 2005***

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Questions ???

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