



Announcement – SCAMPI LA and HM LA Update

Dear SCAMPI Lead Appraiser,

We are writing to tell you about the next phases of authorization and certification efforts for SCAMPI Lead Appraisers (LAs).

Certified SCAMPI High Maturity Lead Appraisers (HM LAs)

Two event cycles have been created to support the HM LA program: submission of applications and administration of oral exams. Each of these cycles is eight months long. They are off-set by two months to allow for candidates to submit applications and for the SEI to prepare resources before oral exams begin. Each cycle is limited to eight months in order to allow for review and analysis of the previous cycle, new exam development, validation of new exam questions, and examiner training before the next cycle begins.

The latest application submission cycle for SCAMPI HM LA certification opened on August 1, 2007 and will close on March 31, 2008. The next application submission cycle will begin on August 1, 2008 and end on March 31, 2009. This cycle will repeat each year.

The next oral examination cycle will begin at the 5th Annual CMMI Workshop for SCAMPI Lead Appraisers, SCAMPI B&C Team Leaders, and CMMI Instructors in St. Louis, Missouri on October 15, 2007. The open period for examinations will close on May 30, 2008. The next exam cycle will begin on October 1, 2008 and end on May 30, 2009. This cycle will repeat each year.

Renewal of HM LA Certification - The initial cadre of SCAMPI HM LAs received certifications that were due to expire on January 31, 2008. This expiration date has been extended to March 31, 2009. Revised renewal criteria include the following:

- You must maintain your SCAMPI LA authorization.
- You must successfully complete the new SCAMPI LA written exam prior to March 31, 2009. Your renewal cycle will then be based on the date of successful completion of the SCAMPI LA written exam.



Authorized SCAMPI Lead Appraisers

The transition from authorization to certification for SCAMPI LAs includes all currently authorized and candidate SCAMPI Lead Appraisers. Quality improvement efforts currently underway include the following:

- The SCAMPI Lead Appraiser Body of Knowledge (SLA BOK), developed by the SEI and community experts, will be released in late 2007 to provide professional guidance for all LAs.
- Development of a new SCAMPI LA written exam based on competencies identified in the SLA BOK is underway, with a release planned for 2008.

For more information on the SCAMPI High Maturity Lead Appraiser certification program, please visit <http://www.sei.cmu.edu/certification/scampihmla.html>.

Thank you,

SEI Certification Team

