

SESSION 3D

HOT TOPIC: BOOM TIMES IN THE EVALUATION PROFESSION THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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SESSION SUMMARY:

This will be a panel discussion of all aspects of the booming evaluation profession, including The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. THE GOOD; there will be a brief review of the booming evaluation profession and a look ahead at new issues that will need to be incorporated into future evaluations such as proposed federal legislation and new energy initiatives at the state and local level. THE BAD; there will be a discussion of whether people are spread too thin as a consequence of the fact that we are in BOOM TIMES. THE UGLY; there is also an issue of whether business interests may be taking precedent over technical considerations and if responsibilities are being delegated too far down the organizational chain. We will discuss the role of mentoring and empowering employees.

We will conclude with what should be done to capitalize on the current boom for the long-term betterment of the evaluation profession?