

## WEB SITES

### **Software Cost Estimation Web Site**

[www.ecfc.u-net.com/cost/index.htm](http://www.ecfc.u-net.com/cost/index.htm)

The Software Cost Estimation Web site presents a review of current cost estimation techniques to help industry and academia choose the appropriate methods when preparing software cost estimates. The site covers both traditional and state-of-the-art methods identifying advantages and disadvantages of each and the underlying aspects in preparing cost estimates. The site also provides links to other software cost estimation sites that are involved in this area and details the research that has been undertaken at Bournemouth University.

### **International Function Point Users Group**

[www.ifpug.org](http://www.ifpug.org)

The International Function Point Users' Group (IFPUG) is a non-profit organization committed to increasing the effectiveness of its members' information technology environments through the application of function point analysis (FPA) and other software measurement techniques. IFPUG endorses FPA as its standard methodology for software sizing and maintains the "Function Point Counting Practices Manual," the recognized industry standard for FPA.

### **Practical Software and Systems Measurement Support Center**

[www.psmsc.com](http://www.psmsc.com)

The Practical Software and Systems Measurement (PSM) Support Center is sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Army. It provides project managers with the objective information needed to successfully meet cost, schedule, and technical objectives on programs. PSM is based on actual measurement experience with DoD, government, and industry programs. The Web site also has the most current version of the PSM Guidebook.

### **The Software Productivity Consortium**

[www.software.org/default.asp](http://www.software.org/default.asp)

The Software Productivity Consortium is a nonprofit partnership of industry, government, and academia. It develops processes, methods, tools, and supporting services to help members and affiliates build high-quality, component-based systems, and continuously advance their systems and software engineering maturity pursuant to the guidelines of all of the major process and quality frameworks. Its Technical Program builds on current best practices and information technologies to create project-ready processes, methods, training, tools, and supporting services for systems and software development.