



# INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the next seminar hosted by the SA Branch of the **Australasian Evaluation Society**

## **Responding to the Global Financial Crisis: Evaluating the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

*Evaluating the impact of national legislation* was a major priority for Bill Kittredge, whilst he led the US Department of Commerce National Programs & Evaluation Office. The GFC was the most significant stock market crash since the Great Depression. The level of severity of the crisis led to emergency responses by governments around the world. Like the Building Education Revolution in Australia, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was an attempt at stimulating economic growth and employment, to stabilize the US economy in these turbulent times.

*Evaluating national strategies needed to take into account the impact at various levels in the economy and the affect on broad areas of economic activity, including employment, capital investment, and private sector productivity. Managing an evaluation on such a scale required organisational, technical and methodological issues to be addressed, all within very tight timelines and under the scrutiny of Congress and the media. Dr Kittredge will provide an insider's perspective on some of the evaluation challenges he and his team faced during this project.*

*Dr Kittredge has recently been appointed to Carnegie Mellon University's Adelaide campus where he teaches in the Public Policy Master's program. Bill holds a PhD from the Maxwell School, has been a faculty member of five universities, was head of an public electricity utility company and a successful entrepreneur in the technology services sector.*

**Time:** 4:30 (for a 4.45 pm start) - 6:00pm  
*(note that there will be limited access to the event after 4:45)*

**Date:** Wednesday 25 May 2011

**Venue:** The Training Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
KPMG, 151 Pirie St,  
Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide

Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Please **RSVP by 5 pm Monday 23 May as numbers will be limited.**

**To register** for this event, email to: [bronte.koop@sa.gov.au](mailto:bronte.koop@sa.gov.au)