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PMI-SOC Monthly Meeting Panel Discussion: PgMP Certification *On-line registration is closed. Please call 416-381-4058 to register*

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PMI-SOC Monthly Meeting Thursday, October 30th, 2008

Panel Discussion: PgMP Certification

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: North York Novotel, 3 Park Home Ave., Toronto, ON ([click here](#) for map)

Overview:

Panel Discussion: PgMP Certification

PgMP – Program Management Professional - Panel Discussion
 What is it? Is this designation for you?

PMI's Program Management Professional (PgMP)SM credential is designed to demonstrate project and program management skills.

To be eligible for the PgMP credential, you must meet specific guidelines that objectively measure experience, education and professional knowledge, and undergo a rigorous application process as well as three assessments.

How can your company benefit from this designation? How could you benefit?

Listen to a panel comprised of individuals who have earned the PgMP designation or participated in the development of the designation and the pilot. They will talk discuss how the designation was developed; steps to achieving PgMP designation; their personal experience with the process; answer questions from the floor.

Panel Members and Facilitator

John Estrella - Facilitator
 Debra Krar
 Bob Crandlemire
 Gina Davidovic

Take a step back and look at the big picture. Program management is all about achieving an organizational objective through defining and overseeing projects and resources.

Still wondering what differentiates a project manager from a program manager? Here's how the two roles typically break down:

PROGRAM MANAGER:

- Is responsible for the coordinated management of multiple related projects and ongoing operations directed toward a common objective.
- Defines and initiates projects and assigns project managers to manage the cost, schedule and performance of component projects.
- Directs project managers to monitor cost, schedule and technical performance of component projects and operations, while working to ensure the ultimate success of the program.
- Demonstrates sufficient knowledge and experience to make decisions that advance strategic objectives and make recommendations to modify programs to more effectively achieve these objectives.

PROJECT MANAGER:

- Is responsible — under general supervision — for all aspects of the project for the life of the project.
- Leads and directs cross-functional teams to deliver projects within the constraints of schedule, budget and resources.
- Demonstrates knowledge and experience to appropriately apply a methodology to projects that have reasonably well-defined project requirements and deliverables.

The new program management credential — the PgMP — can accelerate business results by certifying and validating the performance, knowledge and experience of professionals who drive project success.

Credential Advantages

The PgMP credential will give program managers increased visibility within their organizations, says Bob Perry, Millarville, Alberta, Canada-based chairman of the program manager credential committee and member of PMI's Certification Governance Council. "PMI's new credential provides thousands of program managers around the world with the opportunity to increase their knowledge, receive recognition for their abilities and advance their careers," he says. The new program management credential also helps organizations identify individuals who can help them realize strategic objectives.

"More often than not, brilliant strategies are not effectively executed due to program and project implementation failures," says Pedro Ribeiro, PMP, consultant and trainer in strategy and project management, TheProjectOffice, São Paulo, Brazil. "The new program management certification from PMI undoubtedly will not only increase the market value of program managers, but will be a welcome addition to corporations' overall war chests for effective strategy implementation."

For this reason, the [Project Management Professional] (PMP®) is also an opportunity for program managers to solidify their skills and demonstrate them to potential employers. "The PMP certification is now widely referenced in the process of selecting project managers," says Jerry Ball, PMP, consulting project manager, Entity Group, Wellington, New Zealand. "The new program management credential may in time play a comparable role in selecting program managers."

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Agenda

6:00 p.m. - Networking, Registration and Cash Bar
 6:45 p.m. - Announcements
 7:00 p.m. - Presentation
 8:00 p.m. - Meeting Close

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