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### PMI-SOC Monthly Meeting and Panel Event: Finding Opportunities in a Challenging Economic Environment.

Date	Start	End	Event Registration
27 May 2010	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	

**PMI -SOC  
Panel Discussion  
Thursday, May 27th, 2010**

**Online Registration has Closed. Please register onsite.**

***Space is limited - only 200 can register.***

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### *Finding Opportunities in a Challenging Economic Environment.*

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**Date:** Thursday, May 27th, 2010  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** Finding Opportunities in a Challenging Economic Environment.  
**Location:** Metropolitan Hotel Toronto - Mandarin Ballroom  
(near corner of Armoury and University Ave)  
108 Chestnut Street  
Toronto, Ontario

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#### **Panel Members:**

##### **Robbin Botnick, PMP**

Robbin Botnick is Vice-President of Operations at Aon Risk Services. Robbin was a key player in defining and establishing the Aon National Operations Centre, developing the contact and operations centre from the ground up. Robbin has a long career in financial services ranging from credit card issuance to merchant acquiring to insurance services. The last 10 years she has worked for large corporations including Moneris Solutions, President's Choice Financial/Loblaw Companies and Aon but has focused on developing start up businesses within those organizations.

Robbin has a solid mix of strategic and tactical business experience paired with a strong ability to translate business needs into technical deliverables. Robbin is a strong believer that the client experience defines the business and more focus on the ability to connect to our clients will always translate into better business results.

### **Neil Urquhart, CHRP, GPHR**

Neil Urquhart is the Global Mergers and Acquisitions Human Resources lead for Open Text Corporation, Neil has personally led the planning and integration of multiple global acquisitions. Additionally Neil is President of Avenue Rhodes Inc., a Human Resources company assisting clients nationally in deriving maximum value from their largest expense and most significant investment — their People.

A non-traditional HR executive, Neil is direct, pragmatic, and bottom-line focused. With exceptional organizational analysis skills and deep roots in organization effectiveness, he approaches each situation with a holistic view of how to maximize business results. As an independent consultant he has assisted many organizations, including Maple Leaf Foods, Loblaw Companies, GS1 Canada, and Petro-Canada, get more from their People. Prior to consulting Neil headed Human Resources for a variety of private and public manufacturing, pharmaceutical and service companies, with up to 3,000 people. Neil has extensive experience in leading re-engineering and change initiatives (up to \$70m annual savings) for global organizations including Apotex Inc., Borden Foods, Heinz Foods, Nortel and Sterling Drug Company.

Neil is member of several associations, including the Human Resources Leadership Council, the Global Organization Design Society, the Alliance of Merger and Acquisition Advisors, and the Director's College and has presented extensively to HRPAO chapters and at HRPAO conferences.

### **Attila Ban**

President of Ban Partners Inc., Attila Ban started his IT industry career in 1992 in Toronto. Prior to establishing Ban Partners, Attila was VP of Sales at GSI Group. During his 13 year tenure playing an instrumental role in the growth and success of the company.

Attila has broad and in-depth experience having delivered solutions to companies including LoyaltyOne, HOOPP, Davis + Henderson, Ford Canada, Chapters/Indigo Books, Aviva Canada, Procter & Gamble, Toyota Canada and various ministries of the Ontario Government.

"I refuse to treat people as a commodity"

### **Dr. John A. Estrella**

Dr. John A. Estrella, CMC, PMP, CBAP, CTFL, CSTE, specializes in helping senior management deliver large and complex IT projects. John worked on various consulting engagements for some of the world's most respected organizations in Asia, North America and Europe.

In addition to his management consulting career, he shares his unique and rare blend of expertise by authoring books and courses in project management, business analysis and software testing which are available in Canada, U.S., U.K., France, Sweden, Japan, India and other countries.

An eloquent and engaging speaker, he quickly connects with his audiences by presenting personal experiences, practical examples and simple recommendations.

John was awarded a scholarship by the Project Management Institute (PMI) Educational Foundation for his doctoral studies. He is a member of PMI, CMC-Canada, IIBA, ASQ, CAPS, NSA, IFFPS, IAC and TASSQ.

On the personal side, he is a husband, father, Scout leader, martial artist, marathon runner, triathlete, scuba diver and avid outdoor person.

**Facilitator - Pat de Valence, PMP**

Pat de Valence is Program Director at Open Text Corporation, managing strategic initiatives and corporate level projects. Pat has a proven track record of successfully delivering high-profile projects focused on shareholder value, including acquisition integration, company re-structuring, back office centralization and business process re-engineering. She has led project teams with cross-functional teams that span the company, and works directly with senior management and with C-level stakeholders.

Pat has experience managing a broad range projects and programs: acquisition integrations, company re-structuring, back office centralization, business process re-engineering, software and hardware implementations, product development, system migrations, marketing launches, sales conferences and events. She has managed projects for large customers in the professional services groups of Sun Microsystems and Open Text Corporation. She has also managed projects in the volunteer sector, where productivity can't be enforced and collaboration must be inspired.

**Cost**

\$15.00 + GST for Non PMI-SOC Members

Presentation: **\*FREE\*** for SOC Members

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**Agenda**

6:00 p.m. - Networking & Registration

7:00 p.m. - Presentation

8:30 p.m. - Meeting Close

**PDU's Earned:** Attendees will receive **1.5 PDU's**

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