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**Project Management Update from Washington**

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PM Profession News**PMI Washington DC and Baltimore Chapters Offer Project Management Events to the Local Project Management Community**

The Washington DC and Baltimore project management communities are fortunate to have several very active PMI chapters serving them. This is a brief summary of three of the events offered by these Chapters.



The PMI Washington DC Chapter is offering a presentation at its July 21 dinner meeting entitled: “Leading By Example “. The presentation will be delivered by Alan Malinchak, VP/Chief Learning Officer, ManTech International. Mr. Malinchak leads ManTech University’s enterprise education and training and alliance partnerships with academic universities and training and education vendors.

The dinner begins at 7:00 and is preceded by a PMTools presentation at 5:30 entitled: “Modern Thoughts on the WBS” by Doug Clark. Mr. Clark is Chief Executive Officer of Métier, where he is responsible for Métier’s corporate vision and strategic plan. Mr. Clark will discuss new thoughts and methods for using the work being conducted across an organization to create a standard catalog of work objects

that can be leveraged to create a WBS. The dinners are held at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

One of PMIWDC's highlights in June was the presentation by Michael Dobson at the Chapter's M2D2 luncheon held in Washington DC. The presentation, entitled: "The Seventh Dimension of Project Management" focused on risk in project management. According to the Chapter website: "Risk in project management isn't like classical risk, where probabilities are known and where impacts can always be turned into a dollar figure. If you're a week late (or early) with your project, what does that mean? On some projects, this could be a catastrophe. On others, the damage could be negligible. Project risk follows the Triple Constraints, the interplay of time, cost and performance that defines the universe of your project. In this insightful program, you'll learn techniques for deep insight into project threats and opportunities, including new risk response strategies to take your understanding of project risk to new levels." Mr. Dobson is the author of six books on project management, including "*Practical Project Management*" (SkillPath, 1996), "*The Juggler's Guide to Managing Multiple Projects*" (PMI, 1999), and most recently "*The Six Dimensions of Project Management*" with Heidi Feickert (Management Concepts, 2007).

The PMI Washington DC Chapter provides a wide variety of luncheon meetings such as M2D2 throughout the Washington DC metropolitan area. For additional information on these and other offerings by the PMI Washington DC Chapter, please visit www.pmiwdc.org.

The PMI Baltimore Chapter is offering a presentation at its July 16 dinner meeting (jointly sponsored by PMIWDC) entitled: "Integrating Business and Financial Functions". The presentation will be delivered by William R. Fast, CDFM. According to the Chapter website, "Behind any successful Program Manager (PM) one usually finds a competent Business Financial Manager (BFM). This BFM has expertly integrated the business and financial aspects of the program both horizontally, across the life cycle of the program, and vertically, up the program/budget review chain and through the Congressional Enactment process. The objective of this workshop is to discover how the BFM integrates cost estimating, budget development and defense, and ensures timely budget execution to enable the PM to succeed." Mr. Fast is a Professor of Financial Management for the Capital and Northeast Region at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He facilitates Program and Financial Management courses with members of the Defense Acquisition Workforce and consults with Department of Defense and Defense Industry program management offices on program and budget formulation and execution. The meeting will be held at the Red Horse Steak House in Frederick, MD. For additional information on this and other offerings by the PMI Baltimore Chapter, please visit www.baltimore.org.

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