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PMI Washington DC, Silver Spring and Baltimore, Maryland Chapters Offer Project Management Events to the Local Project Management Community

The Washington DC, Silver Spring 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 local Chapters.

The PMI Washington DC Chapter is offering a breakfast meeting on March 4 at the National Press Club. The presentation, entitled “Conversation to Commitment” by **Sunjay Pandey**, President and Principal, alterthought.com will be offered as part of its “*PM in the A.M.*” series. According to the abstract on the chapter website:

“Markets, customers, and industries are moving quickly. Rapid application development is a strategic necessity. But, rapid application development techniques require rapid estimation and planning techniques. Business demands for improved time-to-market means your teams must estimate, plan, and budget application development projects with greater speed and accuracy.

- Estimate application development projects in hours, not weeks

- Quickly and confidently enter feature negotiation with customers
- Envision a consistent estimation and budgeting process for your teams
- Bridge the gap between Agile-oriented and Plan-driven estimation
- Understand how to build practical, repeatable work plans”

For additional information on this and other offerings by the PMI Washington DC Chapter, please visit www.pmiwdc.org.

The PMI Silver Spring Chapter will offer a presentation by **Emory Miller**, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at Robbins-Gioia on March 11 at the Blair Mansion in Silver Spring, Maryland. Mr. Miller will be *speaking about "Thought Leadership in Program Management,"* drawing from his experience working with the Federal CIO Council. For addition information on this and other offerings by the PMI Silver Spring Chapter, please visit: www.pmissc.org.

The PMI Baltimore Chapter will co-host (with PMIWDC) a presentation by **Ned Taylor** on March 19 at the Red Horse Steak House in Frederick, Maryland on the topic “*Predicting the Future of Projects and Programs*”. According the abstract on the Chapter website: “By using risk management to control your destiny, you will know where you will be next year and the year after. Ned tells us how to not make the same mistakes over and over. Why do so many projects fail? He discusses the impact of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity on program success.” For additional information on this and other offerings by the PMI Baltimore Chapter, please visit: www.pmibaltimore.org.

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