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**Project Management Update from North Texas**

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**PM Profession News**

The Fort Worth PMI chapter hosted Ray Briggs from BAE at their Chapter Dinner Meeting on August 20. Ray spoke on the \$229 Billion F-35 Striker program. Ray did a great job and was clearly passionate about his 41 years in the defense business working for both government and private industry. He currently serves as the Director of the F-35 Programs for the U.S. part of BAE systems and has managed a team of 100-250 UK and US engineers since 2001. His F-35 team works on many different integrated project teams (IPTs) and on several different F-35 contracts related to the F-35 design, development and support efforts.

What an amazing aircraft he described and what an unbelievable challenge. As a small note according to a report each aircraft, according to the National Defense Industry Association, might cost between the \$50-100 million as reported by the Government Accountability Office, depending on quantity. No small chunk of change!

Ray put a strong recommendation for the Lean Enterprise Institute, [www.lean.org](http://www.lean.org). I know nothing of them but if Ray recommends them, it is probably worth looking at if you are looking to shed a few pounds..<grin>

## PM Education & Research News

Bill Duncan, one the original authors of the PMBOK, is coming to Fort Worth to lead several half day workshops on September 18-19. Tom Sheives leads a series of half day *unstuck!* Team Workshops on October 23-24.

## News from Big Local Projects



The new Dallas Cowboys stadium kicked off its first pro football game on Friday, August 21. Those of in the area (my city taxes help pay for it since it is in Arlington, TX where I reside) are pretty jazzed about the 3,000,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility. Mark Penny, Manhattan Construction project manager in charge of the project, has given several presentations on the stadium project over the last several years at local Fort Worth and Dallas chapter meetings. Mark also gave a keynote at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UT Dallas Project Management Symposium. (See article at <http://www.pmforum.org/blogs/news/2009/08/NewDallasCowboysFootballStadiumProjectdescribed.html>) He will speak again to the Fort Worth PMI Chapter on October 15.



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