

Pathways to Project Success

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The EVMS Certification Guide: Roadmap to a smooth — and quick —

EVMS Certification

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“Argh!?! My contractor hasn’t been certified yet by OECM for its EVMS and our need to move to CD-3 approval requires it! I hear it takes so long and is so cumbersome. How can I help my contractor move forward on this?”

Sound familiar?

Truly Stressful? Not really. As with any trip, a little planning and preparation with the right roadmap go a long way towards ensuring all parties get to their common destination with enthusiasm, safety and even enjoyment of the journey!

To assist FPDs and their contractors, OECM published a “Roadmap” of guidance for EVMS certification. The DOE document is called the “Earned Value Management System (EVMS) Guide,” or more commonly, the DOE G 413.3-10 (5-6-08). The Guide is available at: <http://www.directives.doe.gov/directives/current.html#number>

The Guide contains tips and details of OECM’s EVMS certification process that no FPDs — or their contractors— should be without. It explains the *Readiness Assessment* and the *On-Site EVMS Review* processes in detail. Also, there are many tips and cautions in the way of lessons learned, reference documents and what to bring (your EVMS data re-

ports) to the certification.

- Ever wonder when and why OECM needs to go out and actually visit your site and interview your contractor’s CAMs? It’s in there.
- Ever wonder how long each phase of the EVMS certification process takes, and why? It’s in there.
- Ever wonder how the EVMS certification process differs from the EVMS topic review in the EIR your contractor just went through? It’s in there.

Achieving EVMS Certification is no small feat and proper preparation is critical. The OECM Guide is available to you on the internet, 24-7.

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Upcoming PMCDP Certification Review Board (CRB) Meetings

Jan 9, 2009—Forrestal Bldg
Feb 13, 2009—Germantown

Packages for CRB consideration must be submitted a minimum of five weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. Packages must contain a copy of your signed cover sheet and experience documentation. The CRB can not guarantee that packages submitted within the requisite time frame will be considered at the next scheduled meeting.

Upcoming PMCDP Courses

December

- 1-5 Program Management and Portfolio Analysis (L3), Savannah River
- 2-4 Scope Management and Baseline Development (L2), Oak Ridge
- 2-4 Contract Admin for Tech Reps (L1), Cincinnati

January

- 7-9 Executive Communications (L4), Los Alamos
- 12-15 Integrating Safety into Project Management (L1), Oak Ridge
- 13-15 Executive Communications (L4), DC
- 13- March 6 (Blended Learning) Project Management Essentials (L1), Savannah River (onsite Feb 10-12)

- 26-29 The Federal Budgeting Process in DOE (L2), Golden, CO
- 26-29 Integrating Safety into Project Management (L1), Long Island, NY
- 27- March 10 (Blended Learning) Advanced Concepts in Project Management (L2), Oak Ridge (onsite March 3-5)

February

- 2-6 Project Management Simulation (L2), Las Vegas
- 9-March 24 (Blended Learning) Advanced Concepts in Project Management (L2), Las Vegas (onsite March 17-19)
- 9-13 Program Management and Portfolio Analysis (L3), Los Alamos
- 10-11 Planning for PBMC (L1), Richmond
- 10-12 Leadership and Supervision (L2), Cincinnati
- 24-26 Acquisition Strategy and Planning (L1), DC
- 24-26 Value Management (L2), Los Alamos

Please be aware that course dates and locations sometimes change. For the most up-to-date course schedule, please visit: <http://www.colleagueconsulting.com/training.htm> and click on "Current Training Schedule"

Certified FPD Corner

Needs Assessment

In order to assess the PMCDP curriculum and determine if the courses meet the professional needs of DOE employees, OECM will conduct a Needs Assessment. FPDs will be asked to complete a short questionnaire to assess the PMCDP curriculum based on their real-world experience. The information that is gathered will be used to revamp the PMCDP curriculum and supplement the FY10 Data Call. FPDs will receive this questionnaire via email in December 2008 and the results will be available in January 2009. Thanks in advance for your input!

Hats off to the recently certified FPDs who've attained new or higher level certifications that help mark milestones in their careers!



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Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Corner: Corrective Action Plan Scorecard

By: Thomas Bruder, Project Manager, OEMC



The July 2008 Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was developed through extensive collaboration between DOE's headquarters and field, project, contract and financial management professionals and in coordination with the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accountability Office. The CAP identifies the key corrective

measures necessary to make meaningful changes required to consistently deliver projects within cost and schedule performance parameters. The CAP also established twenty-one corrective measure performance metrics and targets to guide and document success towards improving contract and project management performance. Do you know what they are? How are you doing in improving contract and project management performance for the projects you are responsible

for? How do you know? Do you have the data and documentation necessary to support your assertion?

In December's issue, we will begin a series of quarterly articles focusing on the CAP scorecard. November's results for seventeen of the twenty-one CAP corrective measures will be presented. We will examine several of the parameters and discuss why they and their measures are important to our achieving success.

PMCDP Website Update

The PMCDP Website was recently updated and now houses all of the PMCDP newsletters for years 2006 through 2008. In addition, the current PMCDP Course Catalog has also been added to the site, and is available for download at: <http://www.management.energy.gov/1581.htm>

Performing updates to the PMCDP Website will be an ongoing process. In order to better serve you, we will continue to record all of our recent Website activity in the monthly newsletters.

Question of the Month

Question: I manage an IT project. Can I be certified under the PMCDP?

Answer: No. The Office of the Chief Information Officer certifies IT professionals through the IT Project Management Program. Inquiries on the IT Project Management Qualification process should be sent to the IT Project Management mailbox (ITProjectManagement@hq.doe.gov).

Questions or Comments?

General questions and comments about the newsletter should be directed to:

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