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Career Advancement Updates

Katrina: A Lesson in eXtreme Project Management
As did thousands of others, I sat fixated on the TV hour after hour eye witnessing in real time the tragic events of Katrina. As the devastation and suffering unfolded, my emotional state went from disbelief to shock and outrage. To read more, click here http://www.projectconnections.com/knowhow/columns/091405-decarlo.html

OMB Changes IT rules: Training, Better Management Seen as Keys to IT Success
The Bush administration is launching a two-pronged effort to improve the way information technology projects are managed across government. To read more, click here http://www.federaltimes.com/index2.php?S=788732

OMB Asks Agencies to Practice Project Management Discipline
Earned value management (EVM) is an unfamiliar discipline to many federal project managers, but it won't be a mystery much longer. Federals agencies have until Dec. 31 to create policies for using EVM to reduce the inherent risk in large information technology projects. To read more, click here http://www.fcw.com/article91302-11-03-05-Web

Treasury Awards Project Management Contract Worth Up To $50M
The Treasury Department awarded SI International Inc. of Reston, Va., a contract to provide IT project management and development support services for the Comptroller. To read more, click here http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/37298-1.html

IT Governance: Business in the Driver's Seat
Project management is one of several IT management fields that have come together under the broad umbrella of IT governance. Today, governance includes not only project management but also change management, application life-cycle management, asset and resource management, portfolio management and, often, security management. To read

UPCOMING EVENTS



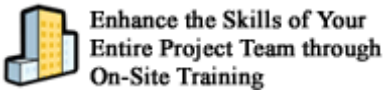
Earn PDUs and CPE Credits

Strategic Recruitment for Government Agencies
November 17 – 18, 2005 | Arlington, VA

Project Management for Government Procurement
November 29-30, 2005 | Arlington, VA

Mastering IT Project Management in Government
December 5-6, 2005 |Arlington, VA

Government Project Management Week
February 6-10, 2006 |Arlington, VA



more, click here
http://www.computerworld.com/softwaretopics/software/story/0,10801,105377,00.html

EPA Launches Sreamlined Competition For IT Projects
The Environmental Protection Agency has issued streamlined competition announcements for a handful of IT-related projects at three of its regional offices. To read more, click here http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/37313-1.html

Project Management Leaders

State of Illinois Turns to WilTel for State-Wide Network Migration
TULSA, Okla. --(Business Wire)-- Nov. 14, 2005 -- WilTel Communications today announced that it provided the State of Illinois with a statewide network migration for all state agencies, supporting their move from a frame relay-based network to a new MPLS-based network. The State's new network is a carrier-class network that supports the communications needs of dozens of Illinois state agencies, providing them with a converged platform for next-generation voice, data and video applications.

http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2005/nov/1204327.htm

Best Practices

NASCIO White Paper
https://www.nascio.org/nascioCommittees/projectManagement/PM%20Assessment%20-%2010-26-05.pdf.

NASCIO calls for tighter state project management practices

To ensure greater success for government IT projects on which billions of dollars are spent each year, project management practices must be disciplined and adhered to by the agencies and stakeholders involved, according to a study released this week by the National Association of State CIOs.

The study, “Discipline Succeeds: Findings from the NASCIO State IT Project Management Assessment,” was a self-evaluation conducted by 34 state project management offices during August and September.

Several key themes emerged from the report’s recommendations for IT initiatives, including:

http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/37540-1.html

Research

NASCIO Releases Findings From State IT Project Management Survey
Nov 09, 2005 By News Staff

Billions of dollars are spent on government IT projects every year and state CIOs have the bulk of responsibility for them. Although many have good track records, project success rates have great room for improvement. States have demonstrated that applying the discipline of project management (PM) can greatly increase project success, but there is still much to be done. This premise served as the impetus behind the National Association of State Chief Information Officers' (NASCIO) 2005 survey of state information technology (IT) project management practices.

http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=97212

GAO: Congress should help focus program management
Although the Office of Management and Budget's program assessment tool has brought a keener focus to program management, Congress should be more engaged in the process, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office. To read more, click here http://www.fcw.com/article91274-11-01-05-Web

Collaborative Project Management: A New Web Architecture
The project management paradigm has been shifting in recent years away from a top down view of how projects are managed toward a more collaborative model. And, in many cases, task interdependence and member distribution across time, space, and technology make high degrees of collaboration necessary to accomplish project work. To read more, click here http://projectmagazine.com/pages/current-issue-vol-6-iss-2/collaberative-project-management.php

White Paper: Offshore Project Management - Risks and Best Practices
http://www.kovair.com/home/Whitepapers/Offshore_Project_Mgt.pdf

Gartner Says U.S.-Based Businesses Plan to Increase IT Spending 5.5 Percent in 2006
U.S. organizations plan to increase IT spending by 5.5 percent in 2006, and some of this increase will go toward a renewed focus on application development and integration, according to preliminary results from a Gartner, Inc. survey. To read more, click here http://www.crm2day.com/news/crm/115954.php

Small Project Lessons for Big Projects
Large projects costing millions of dollars are truly exciting and get a lot of attention. They hold the promise of many benefits for the customer and large profits for the organization managing the project. Those who excel on large projects also gain a reputation that creates an aura of project management expertise. Large projects are often represented by the organization as challenging, but there were no errors that could not be overcome. To read more, click here http://www.asapm.org/resources/SmallProjects.pdf

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