

Message from PMI GNO VP Marketing, Greg Wilde

I am writing in behalf of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans PMI Chapter to ask you a favor. We need your help to spread the word to government employees and contractors you may know.

Our chapter has historically been honored with members from the government sector, but the government sector is under-represented in our membership. We would like to reverse that situation.

As you know by now, our chapter is hosting a Region-wide three day event October 27-30, the Professional Development Summit. We have made a special effort to address the needs of the government sector throughout the three days, but especially on the third day, Tuesday, October 30. On that day, we will have two training sessions devoted to an *Introduction to Earned Value Management (EVM)* and a session on *EVM Maturity Model*.

In the early 2000s, the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) began to mandate the use of EVM across all government agencies and for the first time, for certain internally-managed projects (not just for contractors). EVM also received greater attention by publicly traded companies in response to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

The presenters are officers in the PMI College of Performance Management and they are world-class authorities in EVM.

Our outreach to the civilian and military employees was planned from the beginning for the PDS. We scheduled government day on Tuesday because we know how hard it can be to get away on Monday. We scheduled the conference for late October not just because it's a time for great weather, but also because the agencies will have just begun their fiscal year and they should have the budget for training. The agencies are in the process of finalizing budgets now, so now is the time to contact your friends in government.

Please ask your friends to look over the 40-page program and the other information at our website, gnopmi.com . We already have several registrations for the conference so they will not be alone.

We would like to know what else we can do to help government employees and contractors so please let us know what you find out.

Best regards,
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