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Program Management Professional (PgMPSM) Credential

PMI is proud to announce that the Program Management Professional (PgMPSM) Credential will be made available to the public as of October 1, 2007.

With project management's growing implementation around the world and across industries, PMI continues its leadership in credentialing by launching PgMP for the community of program managers.

Two years in the making, the credential is now fully tested and has met PMI's strenuous acceptance criteria to take its rightful place in PMI's family of credentials. The PgMP will become a market-recognized professional credential from the world's largest project management organization through which candidates can demonstrate their experience, knowledge and performance as a program manager.

PMI's first-ever invitation-only pilot was a huge success. Candidates from 16 countries participated in the PgMP pilot, which completed in early August. They had this to share:

"The PgMP is sure to become the international standard for program management professionals, much like the PMP has become the standard for project managers," says Brain Grafsgaard, PMP, PgMP, director of professional services for Quality Business Solutions (QBS) in Minnetonka, Minnesota, USA.

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Call for Volunteers for Professional Development Day 2008

Did you enjoy Professional Development Day 2007?

Would you like to be a part of a successful team?

Would you like to help plan and execute next year's event?

The new team is still being formed for Professional Development Day 2008. We will be celebrating the Chapter's 10th anniversary with some very exciting and new ideas. This is your chance to be a part of the planning, while getting to know your fellow chapter members better, and promoting the Project Management Profession. If you are a PMP, your experience on our team will earn you up to 5 PDU's towards recertification.

Opportunities still exist for Sub-Committee Chairs and volunteers for the following sub-committees:

- Speakers – solicit speakers for the PDD; work with the speakers before, during, after the PDD; lead a selection of topics and speakers for the session.
- Sponsors – continue to develop sustainable sponsorships from local and/or national companies to support the PDD; identify sponsor funding goals; work with sponsors before, during, and after the PDD.
- Publicity/Communications – promote the upcoming event through local and national news media and publications; develop and distribute promotional material; ensure timely placement of news/publicity items for the event; liaison with chapter Publicity Director and Communications Director on event activities.
- Registrations – set up and monitor online registration; provide registration information and statistics to Director; assist with registration on the day of the event.

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Program Management Professional (PgMPSM) Credential

According to Ajaibir Singh, PMP, PgMP, New Delhi, India, "Though the PgMP is not as well known in the organization and industry today, it is the need of the hour and will become essential to succeed in projects and programs."

PMI's vast network of Registered Education Providers (R.E.P.s) and Components will have the opportunity to offer candidates of this new credential comprehensive program management or PgMP preparation courses around the globe.

To maintain an active certification status, credential holders will be asked to show their commitment to project and program management as well as to their organization by expanding their professional knowledge through a Continuing Certification Requirements (CCR) program identical to the PMP CCR program. Classes for those with this new credential in which a credential holder can earn PDUs may also be offered by many of the same R.E.P.s who offer examination preparation.

PMI is excited about the possibilities of credentialed project team members, project managers and program managers working together using knowledge and techniques from the Project Management Body of Knowledge to achieve organizational success. Please contact customercare@pmi.org with questions or inquiries.

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The election of your annual PMP Honolulu Chapter Board of Directors will be coming soon!

Watch for an invitation to vote for the 2008 Board!



Upcoming Conferences/Conventions

- **2007 North American Global Congress**

Atlanta, Georgia October 6-9 2007

Registration now open!

<http://congresses.pmi.org/NorthAmerica2007/>

- **Latin American Global Congress**

Cancun, Mexico November 12-14 2007

- **Asia Pacific Global Congress**

--- Call for Papers March 2007

Sydney, Australia TBD: 2008

Professional Development -- Project Management Knowledge

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Exam Preparation Workshop – PMI R.E.P.*

Dates	Course	Location
September 22 – October 30, 2007	Project Management Professional Exam Prep (36 contract hours)	Honolulu

See page 6 for more details!

Project Professionals LLC offers project management training throughout the year. For additional courses, contact Roy Uemura via email at royuemura@hawaii.rr.com or by phone at 228-2011.

Check www.pmi.org for many options for your Project Management training through PMI R.E.P. organizations throughout the world! Here are just a few...

www.rmcpj.com www.cheetahlearning.org
www.performanceweb.org www.pmptools.com

* PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) organizations are registered with PMI International as a registered educational provider.

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- Facilities – liaison with the host facility for event-related activities.
- Event Day Volunteers – assist with registration; act as session room monitor.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have questions about the time commitment required to participate, please contact Sharon Rundell, PMP, Special Projects Director.

Sharon can be reached via email at specialprojects@pmi-honoluluchapter.org or by phone at 808-265-5537.

Slight increase in luncheon fees, effective January 2008

Although your local PMI Honolulu Chapter has not raised its luncheon rates for a number of years, the Board of Directors hereby announces its slight increase in the fees charged to registrants, beginning January of 2008. Unfortunately, it is necessary that the increased costs associated with the monthly luncheons will be passed along to the individuals who attend the events.

The new payment schedule outlined below is designed to offset the costs related to the luncheon venue, registration, payment, and check-in processes, as well as to offset the cost of *no-shows* and last-minute cancellations.

PMI Honolulu Members who register and pay online.....\$25

PMI Honolulu Members who do not register and pay online..... \$35

Non-Members who register and pay online..... \$30

Non-Members who do not register and pay online.....\$35

Students who register and pay online.....\$22

Students who do not register and pay online...\$25

COMING EVENTS

September Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“Understanding Personal Communication Styles”

Dr. Nancy Pace,
September 19, 2007
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Plaza Club, 20th Floor,
Fort Street Mall

Session # C166-P79190

PMP's will earn 1 PDU /Category 3

Parking: (*Validation is not available*)
Plaza Club Parking: \$6.50/hr
Harbor Court Parking: \$3.00/hr

October Monthly Luncheon Meeting

“The Benefits of Project Portfolio Management”

Alan Yamashiro, PMP
October 17, 2007
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Plaza Club, 20th Floor,
Fort Street Mall

Session # C166-P7A170

PMP's will earn 1 PDU /Category 3

Parking: (*Validation is not available*)
Plaza Club Parking: \$6.50/hr
Harbor Court Parking: \$3.00/hr

Annual Dinner Meeting

“Leadership Island Style”

Glenn Furuya, Founder
and President of Leadership Works

November 14, 2007
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Oa’hu Country Club

Session # C166-P7B140

PMP's will earn 1 PDU /Category 3

For additional info,
visit www.pmi-honoluluchapter.org

10 Ways Project Management Skills Can Help Your Career

by Michelle LaBrosse, PMP®, Chief Cheetah and Founder, Cheetah Learning

In today's digital world, what employers are looking for may surprise you. They assume you're going to be technologically literate and that you have the skills that are specific to your industry. Once you have the basics, they want to know that you can perform, achieve results and play well with others.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Job Outlook 2007 survey, employers rated communication skills, and honesty and integrity equally at the top of their list of what they look for in potential employees. Following closely behind communication, and honesty and integrity were: interpersonal skills, motivation/initiative, strong work ethic and teamwork skills.

What struck me as I read those skills was that all of them are inherent in Project Management, and it emphasized what I've believed for years: Project Management is a career accelerator.

Here's how you can use Project Management to put your career in high gear:

1. **SHOW RESULTS.** Project Management is the art and science of getting things done. When you improve your Project Management skills, you know how to get things done quickly, and even more important, you learn how to document the results. In our careers, we are often as good as our last hit. You can't be a one-hit wonder. Instead, you want to keep charting, year after year, with success after success.
2. **BE EFFICIENT.** When you apply Project Management principles to your work or your home life, you stop reinventing the wheel. Project Management teaches you how to make the most efficient use of resources to generate the best results in the least amount of time. At the end of every project, you capture best practices and lessons learned, creating an invaluable documentation of hits and misses. Sound too good to be true? Good project managers do this on every project, and you can, too.
3. **CREATE AN ONGOING DIALOGUE.** One mistake I see a lot in Project Management and on teams is the assumption that there's one meeting and everyone goes away, and then the communication ends, and somehow everything is

still going to magically get done. Your communication skills are not about your vocabulary. They are about how you manage your communication. Are you communicating frequently enough and with clarity? Are you communicating what is relevant? Are you communicating your successes?

4. **PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS.** People hear the word teamwork, and they groan or they say that they are, of course, a team player. That's why I like to bring it back to the kindergarten place in our mind: Back to the sandbox. Do you play well with others? Do other people want to be on your project team? Are you respected? Do you listen actively to what others have to say? Good project managers know when to lead and when to get out of the way. When someone is interviewing you, you know what that person is thinking: Can I work with him? Will my team work well with her?
5. **LET YOUR CONFIDENCE SHINE.** When someone shows confidence, everyone in the room feels it, too. One thing I consistently hear from our students is that the biggest payoff from their Project Management training or PMP® certification is the confidence that they gained. They went back to their job with a solid Project Management foundation that made them feel more competent and able to project more confidence to their team and their boss.
6. **KEEP YOUR COMMITMENTS.** Missed deadlines and projects that slip through the cracks are career killers. Project Management skills focus on timelines and results that build your reputation and give team members a reason to trust you. "I know that I can always count on her to get the job done." That quote can – and should – be about you.
7. **GET A GRIP.** Good project managers don't have to freak out. They can remain calm and in control because they have a Project Agreement which has all the critical information about the project in it. They know when all the deadlines are, who is responsible for what and when, and they've also documented changes. Everyone wants to have someone on the team who can stay calm when a project gets rocky and bring stability to chaos.
8. **ADAPT TO CHANGE.** Don't ignore change. Companies change. Deadlines change. People come and go. Good project managers know they often have to adapt their plans and document what has changed and how that impacts the entire project.

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9. **KNOW WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW.** What are your strengths and weaknesses? What skills do you need to move from the status quo to the next level? Once you have a solid foundation of Project Management skills, keep building on that foundation. Don't stagnate. Continuous learning and a thirst for knowledge are always attractive to employers and team members.
10. **LEAD WITH PURPOSE AND PASSION.** People will follow those who know what they are doing and who can generate results. Project Management is a powerful leadership tool because it not only shows us how to keep our eye on the prize and the purpose, but it's also about the passion to achieve and succeed. Nothing feels better than accomplishment.

Take Flight with Cheetah

Getting and staying certified is one way to get your career on the fast track and watch it soar. But take time to have some fun along the way. Try our [crossword puzzle](#) and see how many of the 10 ways you can remember. Then get started today by downloading our complimentary PMP toolkit at: www.cheetahsmartstart.com. Buckle up and enjoy the flight!

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About the Know How Network

The Know How Network is a monthly column written by Michelle LaBrosse, the founder and Chief Cheetah of Cheetah Learning. Distributed to hundreds of newsletters and media outlets around the world, the Know How Network brings the promise, purpose and passion of Project Management to people everywhere.

About the Author



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The Project Management Club at Hawaii Pacific University is hosting an exciting series of activities for their Fall 2007 Events and invite PMI members to support them:

HPU Club Carnival: Friday, September 14 @ 10am - 3pm (Downtown Campus). Please stop by their booth and say hello.

Fundraiser "Walk for Hunger Campaign": September 18th to September 20th @ 10am - 3pm (Downtown Campus). Please stop by their booth and make a small donate of \$1.00 (or more) for hunger.

Walkers for "Walk for Hunger Campaign": Saturday, September 22 @ 7am registration; walk starts at 8am (Magic Island). Would like to 2-3 walkers from PMI to join them. Please register with Anthony Marlin by Tuesday, 9/18.

Welcome BBQ / Cookout: Saturday, September 22 @ 11am to 4pm (Magic Island). Come and mingle with the HPU Proj Mgmt Club members and shares your experiences. Please inform Anthony Marlin to help get a headcount.

Certified Associate in Project Management Pre-Exam Workshop: September 29th to December 3rd Sat @ 9am - 12pm (Downtown Campus Fear Center room 107). Prepare for your CA certification with this Exam Workshop to be taught by Prof Larry Rowland. There is a nominal \$100 fee, which will help defray cost for CAPM / PMP certification exams for the HPU student members.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact: Mr. Anthony D. Marlin, President of the HPU Project Management Club at 808-294-8830 or via email at:

admarlin@gmail.com

Attention PMI Members!

Are you interested in spreading the word about project management to other organizations?

Do you attend a lot of different luncheons or organizational meetings?

If so, come and be a part of PMI Honolulu Chapter's speakers' bureau.

Please send a brief bio and your contact information to Grace Vo, Director of Publicity, at: Publicity@pmi-honoluluchapter.org

Professional Development

Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification Exam Preparation Workshop

September 22, 2007 thru October 30, 2007

Workshop Goals

To prepare participants for taking the certification exam of the project management profession's most recognized and respected global credential, PMP, and provide up to 36 contact hours of project management education (*Note: PMI requires applicants to document 35 contact hours of project management education/training—available from this course or from a number of other providers—as an exam prerequisite*).

Workshop Details

Dates/Times:

September 22, 2007 thru October 30, 2007
12 sessions: (meeting on Tuesdays and Saturdays)
Tuesdays (6 pm – 9 pm) and Saturdays (9 am-12 pm)

Location:

SSFM International, Inc.
501 Sumner Street, Suite 620
Honolulu, HI 96817

Workshop Considerations

1. Participants must be experienced project managers – this is not a tutorial on project management, but a course to help Project Managers prepare for the exam.
2. There are no guarantees or warranties provided by the chapter that the participants will be able to pass the exam.
3. Participants must provide their own copy of the PMBOK® Guide (3rd Edition; available at the PMI Bookstore and others) for workshop use.
4. The chapter will provide lecture handouts and one PMP Prep books.
5. The instructors are PMPs and members of the PMI Honolulu Chapter and are volunteering their time to instruct and share their knowledge and experiences.
6. The workshop will be focused on preparing participants for the examination, and will consist primarily of in-class content review, practice tests and shared experiences from the PMP instructors.

Workshop Cost

\$390 -- PMI Honolulu Chapter Members
\$565 -- Non-Members

SIGN UP NOW!

If you have any questions, please contact

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Mr. Corey Matsuoka (531-1308, CMatsuoka@ssfm.com).

For additional information regarding the PMP Certification, check [PMI's website](#).

To register, please go to the chapter's website: www.pmi-honoluluchapter.org

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Need PDU's?

- Get involved...Volunteer to be on a committee.
- Be a speaker at one of the monthly meetings.

Contact one of the Directors for more information.