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## Project Management Office PMO SIG

### JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2009 SIG MEETING: SAVE THE DATE.

The next PMO SIG meeting is regularly scheduled for January 22, 2009 (4th Thursday of the month). See below for reservation information.

#### SPEAKER & TOPIC

The first few sessions in 2009 will focus on the tools and techniques to improve your respective PMO's impact. The value of strategic, tactical and operational activities will be assessed and debated. This meeting will start by articulating the end game or vision of a PMO. Practitioners will relay their Assessment, Mission, Purpose, Objectives and Key Elements for their specific PMOs. Come prepared to contribute and discuss these components and how they relate to the current expectations of various stakeholders within the current state of the economy.

Future meetings will build from this, developing SWOT and other analysis, working towards developing roadmaps to execution, scalability, tools and techniques you can use to promote and improve performance of your PMO.

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> - **RSVP:** BY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>

**TIME:** 7:30am Networking & continental breakfast – Meeting: 8:00-10:00am –  
Cost: FREE. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AITP YET?

**AUDIENCE:** Project, Program, and Portfolio management professionals.  
Vendors are welcome if accompanied by a practitioner guest.  
AITP practitioners who are non-members are welcome.

**LOCATION:** Microsoft 3025 Highland Parkway, Downers Grove, IL. 60515

**HOST:** MICROSOFT, Deepak Rao, Director - Enterprise

**RSVP:** [Rich.Barnier@AITPChicago.com](mailto:Rich.Barnier@AITPChicago.com) BY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2009.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We all face a tough economic cycle with unpredictable outcomes and the potential to be deeper and longer than any other economic event occurring within our individual experiences. For our businesses to successfully navigate these turbulent times and potentially improve on our competitive position, the PMO must bring its A-game.

In response, the AITP PMO special interest group is forming a PMO Leaders Roundtable that will meet regularly to share experience and best practices. Target membership will be the senior manager accountable for the PMO function

Participants in this roundtable are currently being solicited. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Doug Surch (PMP, PgMP) at [dsurch@ymail.com](mailto:dsurch@ymail.com) or Larry Winkelman at [Larry.Winkelman@aitpchicago.com](mailto:Larry.Winkelman@aitpchicago.com).

**The mission of the AITP Chicago Chapter PMO SIG** is to provide a forum for the professional exchange of project management knowledge, disciplines, solution opportunities, best practices, challenges, and successes. The PMO SIG through this forum will promote the value of project management as a vital contributor to an organization's strategic goals, competitive advantage, and success. Recognizing the critical interrelationship among project, program, and portfolio management disciplines, (PPM), PMO SIG programs will be broadly constructed to encourage membership and participation from practitioners in all three disciplines.

Recognizing that there are numerous accredited third party sources for PMO training, certification and bodies of knowledge, this SIG will provide formal programs and sharing of experiences that encourage excellence in practical application of PMO.

#### Objectives:

- ✦ Provide executive awareness on the value of portfolio, program, and project management disciplines to secure their support and buy-in.
- ✦ Promote collaboration and integrated approach among governance, portfolio, program and project management disciplines.
- ✦ Provide common ground forum and sharing of proven best practices, progress performance measurements, and overcoming challenges that lead to successful solutions

#### SIG Group Co-Chairs

- Lawrence Ladner, Project Manager
- Larry Lato, Project Manager
- Annie Muller, Project Manager
- Doug Surch, Project Manager

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