

Program Management Assistance Symposium



Fact Sheet

Renaissance Los Angeles Airport Hotel
Los Angeles

Feb. 9-10, 2010

WHAT	The PMAG Symposium provides a forum for acquisition professionals from government and industry to collaborate with their peers through presentations, tutorials, and panel discussions on issues and applicable solutions to apply toward Integrated Program Management excellence.
THEME	The theme of this year's PMAG Symposium is <i>Relentless Pursuit of Integrated Program Management Excellence</i> , with special focus on proven application oriented program management techniques.
GOALS	The goals for this year's PMAG Symposium are: (1) To present SMC Integrated Program Management best practices; (2) To provide application-oriented training to project managers, program managers, project engineers, project officers, and business managers; and (3) To promote and support SAF/AQ initiative to propagate PMAG from SMC to the rest of the USAF product centers.
WHY	PMAG strives to improve program planning, program execution and life cycle based integrated program risk management by promoting SMC best-practices, and sharing lessons learned among acquisition professionals in the government and industry.
WHO	The primary audience for the PMAG Symposium is from the USAF acquisition community and from industry. It consists of acquisition program management professionals from the government (program managers, project managers, project engineers, project officers, business operations, and schedule analysts); as well as program management professionals from the contractor community, (program managers, system engineers, IPT leads, control account managers, sub-contract managers, business operations, and schedule analysts).
TOPICS	Session topics include: (1) Integrated Program Assurance, (2) Collaboration Between Government and Industry in Acquisition Program Management, (3) Integrated Technical, Cost, and Schedule Baseline Assessment, (4) Program Management Challenges in Space Software Systems, and (5) Integrated Program Risk Assessment.
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Agenda

Tuesday, Feb. 9	Wednesday, Feb. 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Speech: Lt. Gen. John “Tom” Sheridan• Acquisition Panel – Challenges in Acquisition Program Management• Session 1: Integrated Program Assurance• Lunch Keynote Speech: Dr. Wanda Austin• Session 2: Collaboration between Government and Industry in Acquisition Program Management• Keynote Speech: Blaise Durante (invited)• IPMC Panel – Revitalizing Integrated Program Management and Control• Breakout Sessions (6 Tutorial Topics)• Networking Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote Speech: Lt. Gen. Mark Shackelford (invited)• Session 3: Integrated Technical, Cost, and Schedule Baseline Assessment• Lunch Keynote Speech: Rebecca Davies (invited)• Planning and Execution Panel – Enhancing Program Start-Up Planning and Program Execution• Session 4: Program Management Challenges in Space Software Systems• Session 5: Integrated Program Risk Assessment• Concluding Remarks: Dr. Mun H. Kwon• Breakout Sessions (6 Tutorial Topics)• Symposium Adjournment

Who will benefit and why

SENIOR PROGRAM LEADERS FROM INDUSTRY

- Gain detailed insight and findings about execution challenges facing the industry
- Enhance competitiveness by adopting SMC/PMAG recommended best practices that specifically address execution challenges
- Gain insight into best practices on Integrated Baseline Review and government expectations for contractors

PROGRAM MANAGERS, PROJECT MANAGERS, IPT LEADS, CONTROL ACCOUNT MANAGERS

- Gain detailed insights on findings from multiple Integrated Baseline Reviews on SMC space programs
- Receive application-oriented training on latest SMC/PMAG best practices that specifically address the findings identified by PMAG
- Gain insight into best practices on Integrated Baseline Review and government expectations for contractors
- Enhance robustness and executability of program start-up plans by adopting SMC best practices

SYSTEM ENGINEERS

- Gain detailed insights on system engineering findings identified by PMAG in multiple PDRs and CDRs
- Enhance competitiveness by adopting SMC/PMAG recommended best practices that specifically address system engineering findings

BUSINESS OPERATIONS DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS

- Gain detailed insights into findings in RFP Basis of Estimates identified by PMAG
- Gain insight into best practices on RFP BOE and government expectations for contractors

EARNED VALUE SPECIALISTS

- Gain detailed insights on the most common EVMS implementation issues
- Receive application-oriented training on latest best practices that specifically address the EVMS issues identified by PMAG