

CPM TENNESSEE VALLEY (CPMTV) CHAPTER SPECIAL EVENT – FEBRUARY 16, 2016

By Norman Dean

The CPMTV chapter held a special meeting on February 16 in Huntsville, Alabama with Mr. John McGregor, Acting Deputy Director for Earned Value Management (EVM) in the Department of Defense (DoD) Performance and Root Cause Analyses (PARCA) organization, as the main speaker. Even though it was a rainy day, the meeting was well attended as over 50 people from industry, government and education joined in to listen to Mr. McGregor. Refreshments were graciously provided by meeting sponsor BCF Solutions, and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Alumni Association kindly hosted by providing the meeting space at their training facility. The meeting was emceed by Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions with the bulk of the time being reserved for the Deputy Director's presentation.

Bob Wasser kicked off the meeting and Judd Fussell, DAU Professor of Earned Value, welcomed everyone to the facility and made some administrative remarks. Mr. Wasser then thanked DAU and BCF Solutions for sponsoring the meeting, and he discussed CPMTV become a full-fledged chapter, reminded everyone of the regularly scheduled CPM quarterly meetings, introduced the CPMTV officers that had been elected, and asked for future meeting sponsors and presenters. He concluded by introducing the main speaker.

Mr. McGregor opened by discussing the current EVM Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (DFARS) case. He noted that the case codified the \$100M threshold requirement for EVM system validation and it proposed four criteria for EVM applicability—contract type, value, duration, and scope.

The Deputy Director continued his talk with a presentation regarding an initiative to combine the Cost and Software Data Report (CSDR) and EVM reporting plans. This was an informative session that covered all areas of the co-planning process including the updated DD Form 2794, a shared Work Breakdown Structures (WBS), and automated data streaming.

Mr. McGregor concluded with an enlightening discussion which touched on many areas of interest to the EVM community. Topics covered included the Earned Value Management System Interpretation Guide (EVMSIG), the Integrated Program Management Report (IPMR) Implementation Guide, EVM application and tailoring, guidance for Agile development projects, reciprocity of EVMS compliance between federal agencies, and the future of the EVM Central Repository (CR). He closed by encouraging attendees to look into the Government Acquisition Exchange Program for a chance to work a rotational assignment at PARCA.

Bob Wasser closed the meeting by thanking Mr. McGregor for graciously providing a wonderful presentation, BCF Solutions for sponsoring the meeting, and DAU for hosting.

The next CPMTV quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 from 3:00-5:00. More details will follow.