

College of Performance Management Tennessee Valley (CPMTV)

Chapter, Kickoff Meeting held June 3, 2014

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The **CPMTV** held its inaugural meeting last week in Huntsville. Over 55 individuals attended the meeting with representation from industry, government and education. The meeting was hosted by [Steelray, Business Intelligence Software for Project Management](#). **Jason Kinder, Steelray**, provided an overview of their products with specific emphasis on Javelin, the project cost and schedule integration tool. **Bob Wasser of BCF Solutions**, served not only as the organizer, but also as the emcee.

Bob started the meeting with an overview of CPM and the [benefits of membership](#). The primary goal of this meeting was to determine interest in establishing a CPMTV Chapter. The forum was informal and lent itself to networking and discussing Earned Value Management (EVM) and Integrated Project Management (IPM) topics of interest. Attendees also earned Professional Development Units (PDUs) that can be used to meet various training and certification requirements. At the conclusion of the meeting, the attendees voted to meet on a quarterly basis and were encouraged to submit suggestions for topics, meeting locations and sponsors to Bob Wasser. At the suggestion of the attendees, sponsors of future meetings will be first on the agenda. Please contact [Bob Wasser](#) or [Janette Coffee](#) for information on opportunities to get involved and serve or volunteer to assist with this Chapter.

Attendees were provided insights on integrated project management and the use of Earned Value Management (EVM) within **NASA** and **DOD**. **Jerald Kerby**, NASA EVM Program Executive and the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) EVM Focal Point, provided an overview of NASA's implementation of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-11 that requires an EVM System (EVMS) be applied to major acquisitions for development efforts for both government and contractor work and that the EVMS be consistent with the guidelines in ANSI/EIA-748 EVMS. NASA has developed an EVM capability for Agency-wide use that consists of processes, tools, training, and support for programs/projects to use in managing their in-house efforts and complying with OMB and NASA policy/requirements. Jerald, as the co-chair of the Civilian Agency/Industry Working Group (CAIWG), also discussed the objectives of this organization and initiatives which generated interest as well.

Chuck Hanes, Boeing Business Manager of the Space Launch System (SLS) Core Stage, provided an informative overview of the SLS with emphasis on their approach for IPM for the Core Stage. The SLS program is managed by MSFC in Huntsville and is a key element of NASA's Exploration Systems Development.

Gordon Kranz, Deputy Director for EVM, Performance Assessments and Root Cause Analyses in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, provided an overview of his organization, roles and responsibilities, and current EVM initiatives within DoD. Of particular interest was the DoD EVM Implementation Instruction that they are developing which will provide a clear

DoD Interpretation of ANSI Guidelines with the goal of reducing the contractor's administrative burden and inefficient use of EVM.

Jason Kinder wrapped up the training event with an introduction of the Steelray products and an overview of Javelin. Steelray Javelin is an integrated, state-of-the-art, cost and schedule analysis tool that provides integrated data quality checks, root cause analysis, trend analysis as well as critical path analysis. The key benefit is that it allows the comparison and reconciliation of the cost and schedule data into one analysis. Additional information can be found at www.steelray.com .

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