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Wayne Abba is an independent consultant specializing in acquisition and program management. His clients include US and foreign government agencies and their contractors.

For 17 years before retiring in 1999, Wayne was the senior program analyst for contract performance management in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology). He was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service in 1993, 1997 and 1999 for leadership in the acceptance of effectively integrated technical, schedule and cost performance management principles throughout the Department of Defense, the federal government, commercial enterprise, and in the governments and industries of friendly foreign countries. He served on the joint government-industry Integrated Program Management Initiative team that in 1998 received the Department's David Packard Award for Excellence in Acquisition. Wayne wrote and negotiated a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding concerning project management practices among Australia, Canada and the United States, with less formal participation by Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Wayne has served on numerous Earned Value and Project Management review teams, and has helped industrial clients prepare for such reviews. His US government work included reviews of Army, Air Force and Navy contractors. He also served on reviews for the Australian Department of Defense and the Canadian Space Agency. He performs peer reviews on projects for the National Science Foundation and independent project assessments for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Wayne is a contributing author of the US Government Accountability Office's "Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Developing and Managing Capital Program Costs" and its companion "Schedule Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Project Schedules." He co-authored EVM content in the Project Management Institute's PMBOK® Guide 4th Edition. He is one of the world's foremost experts on EVM and related topics. He serves on the editorial board of *CrossTalk* (the Journal of Defense Software Engineering), on the Graduate School Japan board of directors, and served from 2004-2014 on the governing board of the National Defense Industrial Association's Integrated Program Management Division.

Wayne holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of the State of New York and a Master of Public Administration degree from The American University in Washington, D.C. His contributions to the advancement of public and private sector project management were recognized in 1999 by the Project Management Institute's Distinguished Contribution Award and by the Government of Canada. In 2005 he was awarded an honorary fellowship by India's Centre for Excellence in Project Management. He is the Immediate Past President, College of Performance Management.