

### **Software Technology Support Center**

[www.stsc.hill.af.mil](http://www.stsc.hill.af.mil)

The Software Technology Support Center is an Air Force organization established to help other U.S. government organizations identify, evaluate, and adopt technologies to improve the quality of their software products, efficiency in producing them, and their ability to accurately predict the cost and schedule of their delivery.

### **Software Program Managers Network**

[www.spmn.com](http://www.spmn.com)

The Software Program Managers Network (SPMN) is sponsored by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology, Software Intensive Systems Directorate. It seeks out proven industry and government software best practices and convey them to managers of large-scale DoD software-intensive acquisition programs. SPMN provides consulting, on-site program assessments, project risk assessments, software tools, guidebooks, and specialized *hands-on* training.

### **Defense Acquisition Deskbook**

[www.web2.deskbook.osd.mil/5000Model.asp](http://www.web2.deskbook.osd.mil/5000Model.asp)

The Defense Acquisition Deskbook is sponsored by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense. It functions as a hub for the Department of Defense's acquisition center, including the DoD 5000 Model, quick links, reference library, ask a professor, special interest items, education and training, and more.

### **Software Cost Estimation Web Site**

[www.ecfc.u-net.com/cost/index.htm](http://www.ecfc.u-net.com/cost/index.htm)

The Software Cost Estimation Web site presents a review of current cost estimation techniques to help industry and academia choose the appropriate methods when preparing software cost estimates. The site covers both traditional and state-of-the-art methods identifying advantages and disadvantages of each and the underlying aspects in preparing cost estimates. The site also provides links to other software cost estimation sites that are involved in this area and details the research that has been undertaken at Bournemouth University.

### **Software Engineering Institute**

[www.sei.cmu.edu](http://www.sei.cmu.edu)

The Software Engineering Institute (SEI) is a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the Department of Defense to provide leadership in advancing the state of the practice of software engineering to improve the quality of systems that depend on software. SEI helps organizations and individuals improve their software engineering management practices. The site features complete information on models the SEI is currently involved in developing, expanding, or maintaining, including the Capability Maturity Model Integration, Capability Maturity Model for Software, Software Acquisition Capability Maturity Model, Systems Engineering Capability Maturity Model, and more.

### **The Software Productivity Consortium**

[www.software.org/default.asp](http://www.software.org/default.asp)

The Software Productivity Consortium is a nonprofit partnership of industry, government, and academia. It develops processes, methods, tools, and supporting services to help members and affiliates build high-quality, component-based systems, and continuously advance their systems and software engineering maturity pursuant to the guidelines of all of the major process and quality frameworks. Its Technical Program builds on current best practices and information technologies to create project-ready processes, methods, training, tools, and supporting services for systems and software development.

### **Practical Software and Systems Measurement Support Center**

[www.psmc.com](http://www.psmc.com)

The Practical Software and Systems Measurement (PSM) Support Center is sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the U.S. Army. It provides project managers with the objective information needed to successfully meet cost, schedule, and technical objectives on programs. PSM is based on actual measurement experience with DoD, government, and industry programs. The Web site also has the most current version of the PSM Guidebook.