

Product Development and Management Association

www.pdma.org

The Product Development and Management Association's (PDMA) mission is to improve the effectiveness of people engaged in developing and managing new products – both new manufactured goods and new services. This mission includes facilitating the generation of new information, helping convert this information into knowledge that is in a usable format, and making this new knowledge broadly available to those who might benefit from it. A basic tenet of the PDMA is that enhanced product innovation represents a desirable and necessary economic goal for firms that wish to achieve and retain a profitable competitive advantage in the long term.

What You Need to Know About Management

www.management.about.com

The About Web sites are a network with each site run by a professional Guide who is carefully screened and trained by About. Guides build a comprehensive environment around each of their specific topics, including the best new content, relevant links, how-to's, forums, and answers to just about any question. What You Need to Know About Management includes general, people, and project management; leadership; communications business ethics; conflict resolution; and more. The Guide for this site is F. John Reh, who has a 30-year management career.

New Grange Center for Project Management

www.newgrange.org

The New Grange Center for Project Management is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to the principle of building a community of practice among project managers. Its goal is to get to the heart of project management by defining what really works and why. The backbone of the organization is its five-minute e-mail list where members take five minutes to address what they learned from their latest problem, which over time develops into a database. Topics include how to develop a project communication plan, how to define the best reward structure, and the right way to conduct a project post-mortem review.

Integrated Software Industry Benchmarking Association

www.isiba.com

The Integrated Software Industry Benchmarking Association (ISIBA) is a free association of software companies. ISIBA conducts benchmarking studies to compare operating performance and identify practices that improve the overall operations of its members. Consortium studies are offered to the membership as a whole with costs divided. Single-company sponsored studies addressing the interest of one member company can be offered to other selected members for no fee. Interest group roundtables are organized throughout the year.

Project Management Institute

www.pmi.org

Established in 1969, the Project Management Institute (PMI) is a not-for-profit, project-management professional association with over 100,000 members in 125 countries. PMI members are in many different industry areas, including aerospace, automotive, business management, construction, engineering, financial services, information technology, pharmaceuticals, and telecommunications. PMI publishes "A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge," and its Project Management Professional certification is the world's most recognized professional credential for individuals associated with project management. In 1999, PMI became the first organization in the world to have its Certification Program attain International Organization for Standardization 9001 recognition.

Software Program Managers Network

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 conveys them to managers of large-scale Department of Defense software-intensive acquisition programs. The SPMN provides consulting, on-site program assessments, project risk assessments, software tools, guidebooks, and specialized hands-on training.