Contextual Information:
CPM, NDIA, and ICEAA are co-sponsoring the annual Integrated Program Management Workshop (IPMW) on November 16-18th, 2015, in Bethesda, MD. The event is built around a common structure of providing sessions on: Training, Workshops, Practice Symposia and Tools/Services.

The Training Seminars are based on standardized material to provide a consistent educational opportunity. The Workshops provide a forum to discuss emerging practice areas. The Practice Symposia provides the primary avenue for people to share best practices and lessons learned and insight for others to continue evolving the discipline and accepted practices. The Practice Symposia represents 40% of the topics and accounts for 36 of the 90 sessions. The Tools and Service sessions provide an avenue for vendors to share information on their specific product or service offering.

Practice Symposia Topic and Speaker Selections:
The content of the Practice Symposia sessions are intended to reinforce the IPMW theme of “IPPM – Performance Management for Today and Tomorrow.” In support of the theme, specific sessions within each track will be selected based on an evaluation of:

- Value of the topic: Evaluation of the value of the topic to the community.
- Alignment of topic to the Track: How well the topic fits within the defined Track.
- Balance of depth and breadth: Seeking depth in a topic area, along with the link and alignment across the Practice Symposia. The idea is that each topic is important alone, then has an important role in the specific Track, and also tells a key part of the value of our sessions across all Tracks.
- The emphasis on real practices and examples: Contains only needed conceptual information so that participants can appreciate the details and learn from the insight.
- Diversity of presenter perspectives: Functional expertise in the topic, customer and oversight authority perspectives, practitioner experience, industry, geographical considerations, variety of organizational sizes and dynamics, etc.
Practice Symposia Speaker Commitment:
The topic abstract and speaker bio will be the primary content reviewed against the evaluation criteria. Once selected, speakers will be contacted to confirm acceptance of the topic. The selection as a speaker does not include the commitment by CPM, NDIA or ICEAA to pay for registration, travel, lodging, or personal expenses of the speaker.

The general expectations for speakers are:
- Register at the reduced speaker rate by the speaker deadline.
- Provide the presentation material in the required template by the deadline.
- Have 45 minutes of quality material. It is expected that the material be designed to the time available. Allocating time for discussions and questions and answers is encouraged. However, if the participants do not engage in that allotted time, presenters are expected to have additional useful information to share with participants to fill the time.
- Stick to the timing as listed in the event agenda.
- Provide a quality session.
- Be respectful of all participants and their views.
- Restricted to not sell, promote, or endorse any products and/or services within your presentation. You may mention products or services, but further promotion is prohibited. One or two slides discussing your background, the organization you work for, and what your position entails is sufficient to set the context for your presentation.

Practice Symposia Tracks for IPMW 2015:
The content of the Practice Symposia is structured around topical Tracks. One Track is coordinated by NDIA and another by ICEAA. The remaining Tracks are coordinated by CPM, specifically the VP of Research and Standards (VP R&S). The VP R&S will lead a committee to select topics for CPM Tracks and will coordinate with the NDIA and ICEAA coordinators to provide for the best integrated participant value across all session topics.

The planned Tracks listed below are designed to influence the abstracts that are submitted. The Tracks will be finalized based on the final topics selected for presentation. The planned Tracks have sub-bullets below each Track that do not reflect the intended specific topics, but do reflect the thoughts of key areas of interest to our participants. These areas of interest are included to provide amplifying definition of the Track.
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- **Track 1**: Effective Contracting for Integrated Program Management (IPM)
  - Contracting and negotiating for IPM, EVM, scheduling, etc.

- **Track 2**: Integrated Project Management (IPM) System Definition Track
  - Development and maintenance of EVM System
  - Development and maintenance of IPM System for non-EVM programs
  - Balancing extreme EVM System needs with “Regular” IPM System needs
  - Integration of subcontractor and prime contractor practices and data
  - Scaling and tailoring alternatives
  - Process Discipline Integration (e.g. Lean, Six Sigma, CMMI)
  - Integration of other key process disciplines into PM and EVM practices (e.g, risk management, predictive measures)
  - Solutions to capture metrics to improve processes and practices
  - Government and industry updates on practices

- **Track 3**: Project Start-up
  - Project transition and start-up planning and activities
  - Effective project communication
    - Effective project storytelling techniques
    - Improving project communication
  - Engagement of executive management and stakeholders

- **Track 4**: Scope and Technical Benefits Management
  - Defining and managing scope
  - Technical performance planning and metrics
  - Return on Investment of the implementation of practices
  - Business and mission outcome management
  - Selling the value of the technical outcomes

- **Track 5**: Integrated Master Plan (IMP) and Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)
  - Best practices
  - Planning and baselining
  - Simulation
  - Using risk details as the basis for schedule analysis and simulation
  - Statusing, forecasting, and analysis
  - Critical and driving path analysis
  - Integration of risk management with schedule and resource management

- **Track 6**: The Project Team’s Role in EVMS – IBRs and Surveillance
  - Integrated Baseline Reviews (IBRs) and Surveillance
  - Planning for and the execution of IBRs
  - System vs. Program Surveillance
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- Internal and External Surveillance
- Preparing the team (e.g., training, mock interviews, data traces)

- Track 7: Analysis and Reporting
  - Formal (e.g., IPMR) vs. internal analysis and reporting
  - Executive/Enterprise vs. Portfolio vs. Project analysis and reporting
  - Funding vs. budget management

- Track 8: Agile Integration
  - The Agile Organization Culture and Structure
  - Educating the Non-Agile Community on Agile, from the Agile perspective (Agile and EVM for beginners)
  - Schedule execution and vertical traceability from the EVM Hierarchy through the Agile Hierarchy
  - Alignment of Agile technical progress and practices with traditional EVM techniques
  - Managing change and Rework