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Advanced Multi-Project Management book by Gerald Kendall and Kathleen Austin released by J. Ross Publishing

21 October 2012 – J. Ross Publishing in the United States has announced the publication of Advanced Multi-Project Management: Achieving Outstanding Speed and Results with Predictability, a new book by Gerald Kendall and Kathleen Austin.

According to the publisher’s information, even in a well-managed multi-project environment, it is not unusual to see half of all projects completed either late, over budget or with cuts to original scope. However, the approach presented in Advanced Multi-Project Management has enabled large, medium, and even small organizations to consistently complete their projects faster, within original scope and budget, and increase the number of projects executed with the same resources by as much as 70%. The list of companies that have used this methodology for stunning results includes some of the biggest, well-known names in the world—Boeing, Rio Tinto, ABB, and Chrysler.

This guide details the six gears that must work in unison to drive speed and predictability within an organization. Highlights of the book include:

- Presents the full strategy and detailed tactics to transform any multi-project environment, including how to speed up and synchronize multiple projects correctly with the same resources and delivering projects on time, on budget, and within the original scope
- Helps firms consistently generate over 50% more project throughput
- Outlines 10 essential steps needed to create valid project networks and task estimates in a multi-project environment
- Illustrates examples of how to define resource skill sets in a multi-project environment and effective ways to align all projects to prevent constant conflicts over resources
- Explains five common bad practices in project management today—from defining tasks at too great a level of detail to allowing stage gate systems and approvals to slow down projects
- Reveals software requirements necessary to support small, medium, and large multi-project environments
Gerald I. Kendall, PMP, Principal, TOC International, is a distinguished thought-leader, noted management consultant, sought-after speaker, best-selling author, and recognized expert at program management and project portfolio management, supply chain logistics, and strategic planning, with extensive implementation experience around the world since 1968. He is an active member of the Project Management Institute and the author of numerous articles and four books including the best-selling Advanced Project Portfolio Management and the PMO.

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