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Karen Richey discusses GAO Best Practice Guides for Cost Estimating, Scheduling and Earned Value at Maryland conference

Video & slides from Karen Richey's keynote presentation at June University of Maryland Project Management Symposium available online

12 June 2015 – College Park, MD, USA – The University of Maryland’s Project Management Center for Excellence has announced that a video and slides from a keynote presentation by Karen Richey on Tuesday, 9 June 2015, is now available online. Ms. Richey, Assistant Director at the US Government Accountability Office (GAO), delivered a keynote presentation on the topic of “GAO Cost Estimating, Scheduling, and Earned Value Management: Best Practices and Recent Audit Findings.” Her slides, the video and background summary can be found at http://pm.umd.edu/page.php?id=898

To watch the video, click here.

According to Karen: “The GAO is responsible for assisting the Congress in its oversight of the federal government, including agencies’ stewardship of public funds. To use public funds effectively, the government must meet the demands of today’s changing world by employing effective management practices, including measuring program performance. In addition, legislators, government officials, and the public want to know whether government programs are achieving their goals and whether the estimated costs and schedules are reliable.

In March 2009, GAO published the GAO Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide based on best practices that can be used across the federal government to develop, manage, and evaluate program cost estimates…” Read more here

Ms. Karen Richey is an Assistant Director for the Applied Research and Methods Team at the GAO. She is a senior cost analyst responsible for performing cost, schedule, and Earned Value Management analyses to support audit findings on a wide range of government programs. Certified by the National Defense University as a Chief Information Officer (CIO), Karen is also Level-III certified in the field of cost estimating and financial management. She has 22 years’ experience in the fields of cost estimating, scheduling, and EVM analysis…” Read more here

The 2nd Annual University of Maryland Project Management Symposium was held on the university campus in College Park, Maryland during 8-9 June 2015. Their 3rd annual conference will be held during 12-13 May 2016, so mark your calendars. For more about the symposium visit website: http://pm.umd.edu/page.php?id=887

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