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University of Maryland to Host Project Management Day of Service

29 December 2015 – College Park, Maryland, USA — On Jan. 18, 2016, the University of Maryland (UMD) [Project Management Center for Excellence](#) will welcome the second annual Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS)[™] to UMD's campus in College Park, Md.

Led by Project Management for Change and the Taproot Foundation, two local area nonprofit organizations, in partnership with the five local Project Management Institute (PMI) chapters, the 2016 PMDoS will connect project management subject matter experts with 100 nonprofit organizations to provide pro bono project management services in support of worthy projects. For the second consecutive year, UMD's Project Management Center for Excellence is a leading sponsor of PMDoS.



“We are thrilled to support such a worthy cause this year as a major sponsor of the 2016 PMDoS,” said **John Cable**, Director of UMD's Project Management Center for Excellence. “In recognizing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service, we are honored to team up with fellow project management experts from throughout the Washington-Baltimore area to provide guidance to such tremendous organizations working to support a greater good.”

Last year, the event drew more than 350 project management volunteers who donated their time and specialized expertise to organizations working to improve quality of life in and around the nation's capital. In each consultation session, project management subject matter experts met individually with representatives of the participating nonprofits to review prepared “problem statements,” identify potential roadblocks, develop clearly defined scope statements and create actionable, customized project plans that served as blueprints for business sustainability.

As experienced project professionals, project management experts have also tasked themselves with dispelling the notion of the “accidental” project manager through their work.

“By making the Project Management Day of Service a reality, we are creating a model that will help generate demand for similar outreach events around the world, and redefine project management as the ‘intentional’ profession,” said Laura Barnard, CEO and Co-founder of Project Management for Change.

Building on the success of last year's PMDoS, this year's organizers anticipate a turnout of more than 1,200 participants and 500 volunteers.

[Sponsorship](#), [volunteer](#), nonprofit participant and [charitable](#) opportunities are still available. More information is available online at www.pmdos.org.

About the Project Management Day of Service

The Project Management Day of Service (PMDoS™), a Project Management for Change signature event, is a community outreach event of unprecedented scale enabling pro bono Project Management services for nonprofits and social change organizations. Project Management for Change is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to raise the profile of the Project Management profession by creating positive impact in our community. Join us in changing the world, one project at a time!

While PMI membership or PMP certification are not required to volunteer your time as a project manager, Project Management for Change has received outstanding support from the five Project Management Institute (PMI) chapters from the D.C.-Baltimore metro areas. These chapters believe that PMDoS is an extremely high impact and meaningful way to give back to the community using hard-earned project management skills and therefore recruit volunteer project managers to donate their time and attention to serve those who help others. Information is available online at <http://www.pmdos.org>, [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and on [Twitter](#) via @PMDOS16.

About the Project Management Center for Excellence

The University of Maryland A. James Clark School of Engineering Project Management Center for Excellence's mission is to provide high quality, challenging education in project management that encompasses breadth and depth, preparing graduates to be proficient as both contributing members of project teams and excellent project managers, to maintain a strong research program recognized for excellence in project management, and to provide project management training and development service to the University, the profession, and the community at large. Our academic program was the first program in an engineering school to be accredited by the Project Management Institute's (PMI) Global Accreditation Center, and the center is also designated by PMI as a "Global Registered Educational Provider." Information at www.pm.umd.edu