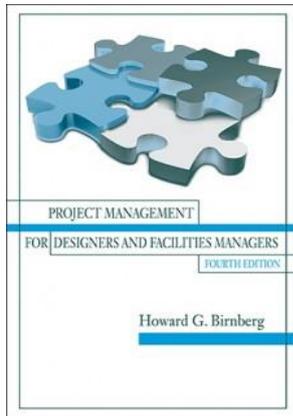


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Project Management for Designers and Facilities Managers – 4th Edition***

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Introduction

This book is an excellent project management guide for design, engineering and construction management professionals and students seeking to learn and master the skills needed to successfully lead design, construction and facilities management projects from conception to occupancy and beyond.

Mr. Birnberg's work fills an important gap in the development of successful designers and facilities professionals, by providing tools and enhancing the essential skills needed for effective and successful project management.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book is structured in 13 chapters, each of them providing the specifics for the design industry with perspectives on each project management knowledge area.

The first three chapters provide a guide from the overall project management concepts through the planning and management concepts for project managers and focuses on the quality, capabilities skills and development of the project managers.

Further, the next two chapters focus on the personnel planning and the soft skills a design project manager needs to have or develop.

Chapters 7 through 12 enter in depth into the specifics of the design process, project phases and administration of design contacts. The topics provide a practical guidelines and examples for quality, risk, cost and time management.

The last chapter discusses the development of technology and the tools available to project managers in the design and facility management industry.

Highlights

“Project Management for Designers and Facilities Managers” is a compact and very efficient guide. With my educational and work background, combined with my curiosity, I constantly am on the search for design and construction project management literature and practical experience. I was thrilled to find a book that sums it all and also provides case studies, examples, diagrams, forms and tools.

The Web Added Value™ feature includes a downloadable overview of ISO 9000 quality standards and commissioning—available from the Web Added Value™ Resource Center at www.jrosspub.com.

This book is a bridge for design professionals and facility manager professionals to improve and fill-in the gaps in their project management knowledge and skills. Similarly, it is a bridge for project management professionals who need a better understanding of the specifics of the design, facility management and construction industry.

Highlights: What I liked!

As Mr. Birnberg states, I am one of those project manager professionals, who has learned lots of the skills on the job and on the go. With this practical, indispensable working tool you will gain all the essential skills needed for effective project management. You will know what to expect on-the-job. The information is presented in a clear, easy-to-follow style. It is easy to find a particular topic, where you need guidance.

Particular emphasis is devoted to effective communications essential to the optimal performance of every member of the project team. Several case studies give practical examples and reasons to conduct your own discussions and assessments. It includes everything you need to manage a successful project.

Who might benefit from the Book?

The book is a must for design professionals and facilities managers, looking to expand their management, business and entrepreneurial skills. In addition, students, coaches, teachers, professors, entrepreneurs, investors, and career professionals at any level in the design and construction industry will find it beneficial and should keep it for close reference. I am positive that this book would be a wonderful reference even in the library of my University of Economics in Bulgaria.

Conclusion

“Project Management for Designers and Facilities Managers” is not for your bookshelf. It is for your desk or briefcase. You may use it as a reference any time at any phase of your project. It summarizes everything you need to know about the business of design and management of construction projects. It boosts your curiosity

to seek more knowledge or practical experience, learn more, depending on your particular area of interest in the construction industry.

For more about this book, go to: (<http://www.jrosspub.com/project-management-for-designers-and-facilities-managers-4th.html>)

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