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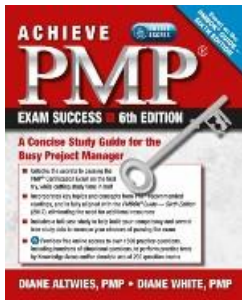Authors: Diane Altwies, Diane White
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Book Title: ***Achieve PMP Exam Success, 6th Edition***

Author: **Diane Altwies, PMP; Diane White, PMP**

Publisher: J. Ross Publishing

List Price: $79.95   Format: Softcover 7.5 x 9.25, 526 pages

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Reviewer: **Ellie Sundstrom**   Review Date: December 2018

Introduction

Achieve PMP Exam Success is an impressive study guide and very helpful in preparation for the PMP test. It is highly organized and offers great advice and a wealth of practical information for test taking success. The excellent memorization tools, in and of themselves, are worth the price of the book. The assessments or practice tests provide an excellent benchmark and reveal weak areas that need to be strengthened.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book covers study tips for the four-hour PMP exam, important information about the environment, the project manager role, integration, scope, schedule, cost, quality, resources, communications, risk, procurement, stakeholders and finally appendices. The book is, understandably, highly organized and easy to follow and navigate since it was written by two talented project manager professionals with many years of experience. It offers a wealth of information in preparation for the PMP test.

It is easy to locate a specific area to further focus on because of the index. Despite being 526 pages, it is still an easy read with comfortable to read text and nice margins which are ideal for note taking.

Highlights

The practice test questions were very interesting to read over and evaluate my knowledge in the particular field. Reviewing the information is excellent preparation for the test and I wouldn't want to take the test without going through the preparation offered in this book. When I was unfamiliar with specific terminology, I only had to refer to the vocabulary appendices in the back.

Highlights: What I liked!

I really liked the Vocabulary Appendices the most because I wanted to assure myself the commonly used terms were well defined and generally understood by all. I found

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it very educational and well written, direct and easy to understand. The vocabulary word section is a vital part of any area so that proper communication delivers understanding and not misunderstanding.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Anyone who is interested in an excellent overview of project management or who is preparing for the PMP exam would be tremendously aided by this book.
For anyone who would like to learn about commonly used terms or to read about common scenarios that project managers face, would enjoy reading this book.

Conclusion

This book is an excellent way to prepare for the PMP and succeed. It offers a strong foundation of information for the reader to familiarize themselves with the necessary backround needed to pass the test. Both authors are excellent writers and don't deviate from the purpose of the book. It is streamlined, effective and extremely informative.

For more about this book, go to: http://www.jrosspub.com/achieve-pmp-exam-success-6th-edition.html

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