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APM celebrates success in reaching 3,000 Chartered Project Professionals milestone

- New Chartered Project Professional of the Year award and revised chartered standard (from September 2023) to launch this year - marking the growing recognition of chartered status within the profession.

Association for Project Management (APM) the chartered membership organisation for the project profession, is celebrating excellence within projects by adding the 3,000th Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) to its register.

The milestone figure reflects the growing recognition of ChPP status and the value of professional development across the profession, as well as the importance of projects in terms of social benefits.

Chartered status is a professional benchmark which enables those who meet the required standard to demonstrate a defined level of technical knowledge, professional practice and ethical behaviour across industry.

Professionals of all ages, from a wide range of industry sectors and professional backgrounds make up the 3,000 successful ChPPs to date.

The benefits of gaining ChPP for project practitioners include:

- Gaining personal and external recognition of a high standard that is common to many other professions
- Promoting a high standard of competence using post-nominal letters (ChPP)
- Enhancing CV and earning potential
- Demonstrating to employers the ability to operate in a complex project environment and meet ethical standards

Nicola Benjamin an Associate within Arup's Project and Programme Management Advisory group who became a ChPP in 2020, says: "I have already seen benefits for both myself and my employer. The standard provides a benchmark for our clients, who are able to instantly gauge my experience and commitment to ensuring excellent professional project management delivery."

Employers can also benefit in the following ways:

- Increased confidence of project success when ChPPs are recruited or assigned to a project
- Helps organisations attract the best talent by demonstrating high standards of practice
- Grants a competitive edge by demonstrating industry leading capability.

A spokesperson for BAE Systems says: "Having ChPPs within BAE Systems not only helps us deliver on our commitment but also gives us a competitive edge, and ensures that we can attract the best talent through demonstrating the high standards of practice which already exist within the business."

For the first time this year, in recognition of the growing value placed on chartered, APM is introducing a *Chartered Project Professional of the Year* award at its annual awards ceremony, taking place in November. The award will recognise ChPPs who have consistently demonstrated a dedication to improving their skills and ethical practice, resulting in successful project delivery.

The winner will also have made a measurable contribution to the wider public/societal benefit beyond their professional role. Applications for the [APM Awards 2023](#) including the new Chartered Project Professional award are now open. Visit bit.ly/3LmlhRv for further details on how to enter.

This year also sees the introduction of the revised chartered standard at APM. The revised standard carries forward APM's current chartered standard including the name, rigour and routes, but welcomes a new alignment to APM's Competence Framework 3rd edition and further developments that build on its accessibility and relevance to those who operate in the ever-growing profession. All applications for the [revised chartered standard](#) will open from September 2023.

Professor Adam Boddison OBE, Chief Executive of APM said: "We are delighted to have achieved this wonderful milestone for APM and the entire project profession. Project-related skills are in ever-increasing high demand due to changing societal needs and developments. With the widespread importance of project skills to society, it is gratifying to see more project, programme and portfolio professionals than ever before achieving such a high benchmark for excellence with chartered status.

"We are also pleased to see this recognised with our new chartered award category at our upcoming awards in November and look forward to receiving applications from deserving chartered professionals. The introduction of the revised chartered standard also highlights APM's commitment to constantly improving standards for the profession."

To find out more about the recognised routes to chartered status and the benefits that it can bring to individuals and employers, visit apm.org.uk/ChPP

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