

2014 Montana Government IT Conference

Managing Projects Lewis Room

Wednesday December 10, 2014

10:15-11:15 “The Many Hats of an IT Project Manager”

Presenter: Tony Etherington, **Montana Department of Transportation**

Because we may be required to take on multiple roles on one project it is our responsibility to understand each role and maintain the self-discipline to focus on each role and its value to the project.

- What are the roles an IT analyst performs on a project?
- What is the focus of each role?
- How do roles conflict with each other?

1:45-2:45 “OPI Direct Certification Application Case Study”

Presenter: Fred Seip, **Aspect Software**

This presentation will review some of the keys to successfully working with Contractors on the delivery of the OPI Direct Certification project.

- Explain how application of waterfall methodology combined with some relevant aspects of agile methodology contributed to successful delivery of the project.
- Discuss how adherence to PMI’s project management methodology helped achieve project goals.
- Describe how the Contractor team collaborated successfully with the client at every stage of the project.
- Explain best practices for Contractor engagement.

3:00-4:00 “Project Estimating: 3 Pillars to Successful Project Estimation Learned the Hard Way”

Presenter: William Carroll, **Deloitte**

As IT executives and stakeholders, the ability to accurately estimate the cost/timeline of an IT project may very well be the number one priority. Get the estimate right, and you should be able to avoid the largest project pitfalls. But why is it that so few project estimates hold up? During this session we will go deep into the complexities of the project estimation process to look for clues as to how to make substantial improvements into this critical area of IT management.

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10:15-11:15 “Top 12 Lessons Learned from State Government Projects”

Presenters: Tab Dougherty & Miranda Keaster, **Department of Administration, SITSD**

This presentation will cover the State PMO’s process for gathering lessons learned for projects as well as reviewing and discussing the Top 12 most common lessons learned that we have observed over the 15+ sessions we have conducted. The projects covered in these lessons learned are from a variety of state agencies, but during the analysis of results, several patterns of lessons emerged.

1:45-2:45 “How to Increase Project Success”

Presenter: Anthony Cochenour, **Hoplite Industries, Inc**

Based on extensive experience, Anthony presents attitudes and practices for planning and teaming, to ensure project success.

- Focus on the full lifecycle – that includes planning!
- Pay significant attention to services across the lifecycle
- Services provided internally at various stages
- Services available from vendors/partners at various stages
- Plan holistically across the Enterprise
- Understand the “true” cost of ownership
- Identify and demand accountability

3:00-4:00 “Managing a GIS Project: DNRC’s State Water Plan”

Presenter: Kreh Germaine & Drew Swayne, **DNRC**

In this session, we’ll discuss how to approach a geospatial project. From obtaining stakeholder buy-in, balancing resources, maintaining scope and schedule, to final delivery and documentation, the DNRC GIS team delivered a new Enterprise geodatabase and over 140 unique cartographic map products all in about 100 days.

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