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**PMI-OC HOSTS PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE & JOB FAIR
Event Set for Sept. 13 at Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...Aug. XX, 2011...COSTA MESA, CALIF....The Orange County Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI), the world's largest project management member association, will host a project management conference and job fair Sept. 13 from 3–9 p.m. at the Wyndham Orange County Hotel in Costa Mesa.

The 2011 Project Management Conference, entitled “Enhancing Business Value with Project Management,” will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn concepts, tools, and techniques to improve their project management skills. The conference is open to business analysts, project managers, and project team members (both PMI members and non-members).

Three breakout sessions will be featured, including:

- **Project Management Education**, which will focus on enhancing value for businesses using project management methodologies, tools, and techniques.
- **Soft Skills**, which will highlight the importance of leadership and negotiation skills to enhance the effectiveness of project managers.
- **Project Management Career Development and New Member Orientation**, which will equip project managers in transition with skills to land their dream project management job. A career fair also will be featured during which project managers can meet with potential Orange County employers to discuss job opening and receive job placement assistance. New members also will be provided with an overview of PMI-OC and its professional development opportunities, as well as an introduction to a new mentoring program being launched by the chapter.

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The conference also will include:

- A table topic competition sponsored by the OC Project Masters Toastmasters (OCPM). Table topics is an extemporaneous speaking exercise where the speaker speaks "off the cuff" for 1-2 minutes, responding to a question or topic that is not known beforehand. OCPM, whose members are PMI-OC members and project managers, is an affiliate partner with PMI-OC and achieved the President's Distinguished Club award from Toastmaster International in its first year as a club.
- A vendor showcase featuring project management consulting companies displaying their products and services.
- A keynote address presented by Matt Brauning, a clinical hypnotherapist and life coach who will discuss "Great Leaders and Project Success."

According to Stephen June, PMP and president of the PMI Orange County Chapter, the conference will provide an outstanding opportunity for project managers to network with their Orange County peers. "We expect more than 250 participants who can look forward to a variety of informative speakers and breakout sessions covering pertinent and timely topics," June said. "Project managers provide significant value to their organizations, and this conference seeks to increase our abilities to provide that value. It will be an exciting and valuable evening, and I look forward to meeting as many participants as possible."

Early registration costs range from \$15 for students to \$50 for non-members. Late registration will be available at the door. In addition, individuals with a project management professional credential can earn four professional development units by attending the conference. Information and online registration are available at www.pmi-oc.org.

About Project Management Institute (PMI)

PMI is the world's largest project management member association, representing more than half a million practitioners in more than 185 countries. As a global thought leader and knowledge resource, PMI advances the profession through global standards and credentials, collaborative chapters, virtual communities, and academic research. The Orange County chapter was founded in 1989. It focuses on professional development and networking opportunities and serves more than 1,700 members.

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