

Continuing Your Success!

Once you enter the success continuum, you will want to continue on and on, broader and broader, and higher and higher.

Continuing success in project management is a matter of conjoining the two most cogent facts of this book. First, recognizing that project management is a growing, evolving discipline. Second, that the path to success really is: **Knowledge + Experience + Persona × Performance.**

When you started this book, where did you find yourself? Were you at the beginning? Were you somewhere in the middle? Did you assess your capabilities along the way so you could have a baseline for improvement? Did that tell you anything about yourself? Where are you now? Will you continue to assess yourself throughout your career? No, this is not a test. It is simply an assessment of the book as it applies to you and an assessment of you as you apply to the continuum of project management learning.

We started this book with some pretty basic stuff. I described what project management is all about, who and what a project manager is, and the project management process, and then introduced the path to success. Then, I introduced the principal organizations, the differences between them, and the commonalities they shared.

In this book, you were introduced to project and program types, to project and program skill sets, and then to the differences between leadership roles. Then you saw how the skill sets were used in leading the different project and program types. What came through was that each skill set and each project type was more involved than the previous one and that they were all linked together. They were part of a continuum.

Then, you learned the language, as it applies to this book, and with an understanding that each organization and each industry has its own language. There is a move to commonality, but we are not there yet.

What about the project management skills presented in Part II? Did

you see yourself here? Are you planning to expand your knowledge? Are you planning to gain more experience? What about developing your persona? Is that a worthwhile thing for you to do?

I presented a lot of references to books and seminars and courses and threw a lot of ideas on the table. I hope one thing is clear, though, and that is that your success is up to your performance. You can read all the books, attend all the seminars, and lead some projects, but if the projects are not successful, you will not have success. This all boils down to the fact that success is really up to you.

But, I believe, if you've had the stick-to-it-iveness to do all these things, and reach this point in the book, you will succeed.

I hope, after reading this book, you found that you need to:

1. Get the best education and the highest you can get by choosing the best curriculum and the best college available to you.
2. Get the most training you can get by choosing the appropriate seminars and workshops that will provide you with the most information.
3. Get the best experience in the proper order that will allow you to grow to greater and greater heights in your project management performance.
4. Join a professional organization that will provide you with opportunities to network and to look for job opportunities as well as extending your training.
5. Get a certification and certificates to enhance your background.
6. Keep a positive mental attitude in your education, training, and performance at every level.
7. Constantly strive to perform the best you possibly can for the sake of your project, your company, and yourself and work every job every day of your professional career as if your reputation depends on it—because it most certainly does!

Finally, remember that project management is evolving, and you must evolve with it. You must continue with your education and training. You must apply what you know and gain experience in the real world. You must present yourself as a leader and as a winner. And, most of all, you must show positive performance in all that you do. At this point you will have applied all the elements of the formula for success and can enjoy:

YOUR SUCCESSFUL PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAREER