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Cianbro's Project of the Year

Project Manager to describe how it got that way

On budget, ahead of schedule, extra goodies for the client . . . in an extremely public project.

Project of the Year co-winner for 2002.

Golden words indeed for the project manager, and the subject for the Dec. 18 program of PMI Maine at UnumProvident in Portland. Earle Cianchette of Maine's Cianbro will describe the prizewinning construction of the six-level parking garage at Portland International Jetport. Cianchette managed the project.

More to the point for the project management audience, Cianchette will explain the combination of classic project management practices and ingenuity that brought the \$29 million project in, surpassing the client's expectations and making parking space available for the Thanksgiving rush at the airport – nearly a month ahead of schedule.

Working on and around a fully operational airport and interacting with multiple stakeholders, while completing

a fast-track complex project takes both skill and diplomacy. Cianbro's project team did a superb job gaining the confidence of airport tenants, adjacent businesses and the traveling public.

There were a number of unusual and unexpected challenges, and Cianbro came up with an equal number of imaginative and innovative approaches, which Cianbro will touch upon in his presentation.

Earle Cianbro also is construction manager for the oil rig project in Portland Harbor, and may include that in his talk.

The site of the Dec. 18 program, UnumProvident Headquarters Building # 1, is on Outer Congress Street in Portland. Directions can be found at pmimaine.org.

Networking and sign-in will begin at 5:30 p.m., with an inexpensive buffet available. After a brief chapter meeting, the program will begin at 6:30 and conclude with a question period.

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What? **MindManager® X5 Pro** (value \$299)



Visual brainstorming and planning tool (demonstrated at our November 2003 meeting to rave reviews).

Prize generously donated by [Mindjet](#)

Why? Save the chapter money (and that great prize!)

When? By January 31, 2004

Project of the Year team to launch second-year contest

As a project manager, you're not going to find anything quite as much fun as searching out and honoring the best projects Maine produced during calendar 2003.

The project risks and blind alleys of PMI Maine's Project of the Year competition all were taken care of during the competition's inaugural year.

This year's theme will be redesigning the competition based on lessons learned last year, with plenty of room for fresh ideas.

The main activities will be improving the contest, attracting entries, getting public attention, lining up sponsorship and planning a bang-up recognition event.

Contact POY Project Manager Jim Milliken at jim-milliken-training@worldnet.att.net. The first meeting of the core team will be in early January, and newcomers are welcome.

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Beating out the Post-It: SW manages project detail

Managing detailed information, one of the burdens and challenges of Project Management, got an interesting workout at the November meeting of PMI Maine.

A demonstration of a software tool for brainstorming and planning included a competition with traditional means such as Post-It notes, whiteboards and flipcharts. The software, MindManager, easily outdistanced the more familiar tools in speed, usability, flexibility and several other measures.

The tool, presented by Matt O'Brien, East Coast major

accounts manager for Mindjet LLC, is used to visually gather ideas and information, then display them in a visual format with which users can get quicker buy-in from stakeholders and avoid missing important action items and project details.

Once in a MindManager "Business Map", information can be imported directly into a project management tool for efficient handling. When it comes time to provide reports or project status updates, the user can import the project management sheets back into MindManager for visual presentation. O'Brien noted that the software works in concert with project management tools, not in competition.

In demonstrating the product's effectiveness in reducing use of time, money and other resources, O'Brien created a PowerPoint presentation directly from MindManager in seconds, then showed its uses in:

Brainstorming, planning, meeting management, process mapping and other tasks.

Besides reducing duplicated efforts and speeding the process by covering multiple aspects of a project with one software tool, O'Brien showed how it works in a collaborative environment. Users can work together with the same documents and spend less time organizing and creating new ones.

PMI Maine Meetings 2004

*Meetings are at UnumProvident,
Outer Congress Street, Portland,
unless otherwise specified.
See pmimaine.org for directions.*

January 22

How to Achieve Higher Capability Maturity

Hosts: Juergen Renger & Steven Stofanak

February 19

Security: Threat vs. Vulnerability

Host: John Peterson

March 18

Selling Project Management To Middle Management

Panel Discussion
Host: Dennis Carignan

April 22

Enterprise Business Process Modeling at DEP and Anthem

Host: Jonathan Ives

May 20

New Portland Fine Arts Building Fundraising and Development

Host: Bob Laliberte

June 17

Chapter Strategic Planning

Host: Steve MacIsaac

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