



Council (PRMPC).

The PRMPC's primary function is to formally certify minority businesses and provide business development and expansion opportunities. For more than 30 years, the PRMPC has been helping minority business enterprises in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia to succeed.

The *pro bono* training provided introductory knowledge of the primary processes and knowledge areas of applied information services and information technology project management. Topics covered included project scope definition, project planning, project delivery and execution, project control, and project closure. The workshop focused on pragmatic applications of project management and provided examples of proven project management tools and techniques. Those attending were given templates of key forms and reports that they could customize to their projects, along with a copy of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)*—2000 Edition.

The PMI Educational Foundation joined with the Pittsburgh Chapter to permit other PMI components to use the project training materials, thus

achieving even greater benefits than could be achieved by one chapter alone. The project team members were assisted by staff at the PMI Global Operation Center and the Pittsburgh Technology Council's IT Network, while the Pittsburgh Chapter provided necessary funding for the initiative.

In the words of Alexander Nichols, the PRMPC president, the project "was successful for all—the attendees, the PRMPC and the community. We hope to continue to offer and expand this valuable training."

The project team consisted of Sam Provil, PMP; Susan L. Keaney, PMP; Betsy Mullaugh, PMP; Jack Rearick, PMP; Mike Rapach, PMP; Lawrence Deckenbaugh, PMP; Dan Faux, PMP; Chapter President Ed Rosenstein, PMP; and Fred Arnold, PMI Fellow and currently a PMI Director-at-Large, who initiated the project and served as project manager.



PMI Pittsburgh Chapter project team, from left: Susan L. Keaney, PMP; Sam Provil, PMP; Mike Rapach PMP; Lawrence Deckenbaugh, PMP; Betsy Mullaugh, PMP; Fred Arnold, PMI Fellow; and Dan Faux, PMP

Service to the community has always been important to PMI and its components. This service commitment was incorporated into the charter of the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter, where volunteer members have successfully completed a number of service projects over the past 25 years. The projects ranged from support for the construction of the Pittsburgh's Carnegie Science Center to supporting the Sisters of St. Francis in the construction of a housing facility for the elderly.



Pittsburgh Regional Minority Purchasing Council President Alexander Nichols.

Recently the PMI Pittsburgh Chapter added to its list of successful service projects by delivering IT project management training for the PMI Educational

Foundation to the Pittsburgh Regional Minority Purchasing

