

PMIEF Updates Project Management Toolkit for Youth

The PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF), a not-for-profit charitable organization, has announced that the Project Management Toolkit for Youth has been updated to include additional materials a PMI chapter or other organization can use to start a project management program at a local primary or secondary school.

The updates include:

- A Microsoft® PowerPoint presentation that can be used as a communications tool to convince the school that project management is an essential 21st century life skill that would benefit students and help prepare them to be successful in the workforce;
- A student presentation guide with tools to help students create and deliver effective presentations;
- A student's guide to leadership, to help students develop and practice leadership skills; and
- An updated program development guide that includes expanded mentoring materials, a project management competition judging tool and student team worksheets.

The students of today are the project managers of tomorrow. The Foundation encourages PMI members and/or PMI chapters to consider beginning a project management program at a local school in order to teach youth the 21st century life skill of project management.

The toolkit can be downloaded at no cost for non-commercial use from the PMIEF website, www.pmief.org. For additional information, please contact Diane Fromm, PMIEF program administrator, at diane.fromm@pmief.org.

Improving Society Through Project Management Knowledge and Skills

PMI Educational Foundation Funds GRANTS

The PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) champions project management for educational and social good. PMIEF recently funded six grants to support programs in Ghana and the United States. The programs were supported as part of PMIEF's ongoing funding of grant requests that align with its vision and mission by:

- Helping students obtain their dream through education;
- Helping children prepare for success in life; and
- Preparing a better response in times of need.

The grants were awarded to:

- **Impact**—To fund project management training for high school girls in Ghana.
- **Make It Happen**—To support workforce development in Maine, USA. This organization provides project management training for people who are out of work, including preparation for the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)® exam.
- **West Chester University (Pennsylvania, USA)**—To fund the development of a project management class that is contextualized for primary and secondary school teachers.
- **Millersville University (Pennsylvania, USA)**—To fund the development of a project management class for not-for-profit organizations.
- **South Medford High School (Oregon, USA)**—To fund the development of an integrated multi-disciplinary curriculum to be delivered via a project

learning methodology. The students will be presented with the hypothetical problem that a pandemic has hit the city and they need to develop a project plan to mitigate the danger.

- **Eastern Michigan University Foundation (USA)**—To train secondary teachers in Project Lead the Way Methodology, which teaches project management, science and math to high school students.

All of the materials that will be developed through these grants will be available on www.pmief.org at no cost for non-commercial use. The site also has information and an application for those interested in applying for a grant. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Diane Fromm at diane.fromm@pmief.org.

