Project Management Institute Develops Agile Certification for Project Management Practitioners

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NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa.- (BUSINESS WIRE) - With more and more organizations applying Agile techniques in the management of successful projects, the Project Management Institute (PMI), the world’s leading project management member association, today announces the launch of an Agile certification. A pilot of this new certification, which ensures the examination is suitably developed, will start in May 2011. Interested practitioners will be able to submit applications for this certification in May 2011, with examinations commencing in the third quarter, 2011.

PMI research found that the use of Agile practices in project management has doubled in the last two years. For project practitioners working in organizations that are using Agile techniques, the Agile certification validates an applicable knowledge base of Agile principles and concepts. This certification will complement PMI’s existing Agile offerings, such as the Agile Community of Practice, SeminarsWorld (sm) and eSeminarsWorld (sm) courses, and Agile area of focus sessions at PMI® Global Congresses.

“Project managers who are using Agile practices in their projects can broaden their influence and impact in their respective organizations and enhance their careers with the Agile certification, especially those professionals already holding the PMP®,” said Mark A. Langley, president and CEO of PMI. “Using these practices in project management is more common than ever and this certification is a natural extension of our commitment to our members, credential holders and stakeholders worldwide.” This new offering brought together key thought leaders who use Agile techniques for project management. They advised PMI on the most effective way to offer the certification and serve project practitioners and the organizations where they work.

"Although organizations have been offering Agile certifications for some time, we now have the largest project management organization in the world taking a leadership role in promoting the use of Agile techniques,” said Jesse Fewell, PMP, enterprise agility coach at RippleRock, an Agile software development company and founder of the PMI Agile Community of Practice.

In April 2011, the examination outline and key reference texts will be available for trainers to use as they update or build Agile practices into their project management courseware. These resources will also be made available to candidates interested in the certification. Information on this certification can be found at PMI Agile Certification.

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 its global standards and credentials, collaborative chapters and virtual communities and academic research. When organizations invest in project

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