

## **Abstract: How to Set Up an Award Winning Public Sector Project**

“Award winning project!”... Who can resist the allure of having those words attached to something you managed?

Non-monetary recognition, such as awards, is especially important in the public sector, where profit related appreciation is less likely to occur. Almost any project has the potential to be an award winner. Planning for it from the beginning will significantly increase the chances of success.

Managing a public sector project to successful completion requires discipline, skill, and sometimes a bit of luck. Incorporating the activities required for the project to be recognized with the prestige of an award requires only incremental additional work.

The author, a triple award-winning project manager, has researched and interviewed dozens of participants from award winning public sector projects. Based on her perspective and recognition of commonalities and trends in award winners, this paper/presentation will review:

- “Award winning” activities to include in the project plan
- Mechanics of an award submission
- How to create a compelling story based on the true events of a project

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