



Chicago Midwest Section of AACE International

How to Select a Web-Based Project Management Information System

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SUMMARY: The purpose of this presentation is to provide an understanding of how to choose the right web-based program management system for the specific requirements of a program and organization. The ability to identify the right system for the specific needs of a program requires a broad range of experience with state-of-the-art controls tools, as well as an understanding of where off-the-shelf systems can handle performance improvements through customization and configuration. The customization and configuration of systems and tools is a critical phase that is often overlooked in a program controls system implementation. Sufficient time must be spent analyzing the program and any owner specific requirements to determine if any existing controls systems fulfill those requirements. Any identified areas for improvement must then be addressed by customizing solutions alongside or within the existing controls systems. The outcome of this approach provides the owner and the program with the maximum benefits of a controls systems investment. The presentation will include case studies based on local transit clients and higher education clients on the east coast.

Location

Athena Restaurant
212 S. Halsted
Chicago, IL

Schedule

Networking	11:45 am
Lunch & Presentation	12:00 pm

Parking

There is free valet parking at Athena's.

Cost

\$35 – members and non-members

Reservations

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Speaker Background

Guenther Preuhs, Dipl.-Ing. has over 17 years of program and project management experience in the construction industry in Austria and the U.S. At ARCADIS, Mr. Preuhs is Technical Knowledge and Innovation (TKI) Leader and heads the technical service Community of Practice for Program/Project Controls. He has led controls teams for multi-billion dollar construction programs at the Chicago Public Building Commission, the Chicago Department of Water Management, and the Chicago Housing Authority. His project experience includes water and wastewater systems, residential buildings, civic buildings, medical facilities, airports, tollways and highways, and highspeed railways. He is currently leading project management consulting assignments for Metra and Tufts University.

Lowell Knaus, MBA, PMP has over 20 years of experience in operations, software and construction. In his role as Senior System Implementation Manager at ARCADIS, Mr. Knaus is currently leading a PMIS implementation at Northeastern University in Boston. Prior to joining ARCADIS, Mr. Knaus was a Project Manager with e-Builder and a Certified General Contractor in the state of Florida. His skills in technology and construction provide an ample set of tools to assist customers with their needs from system design through training. Mr. Knaus is skilled in leading implementation teams on large scale projects, while achieving project objectives. He has successfully led over eighty project implementations.

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