



**Project Management Institute
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Dear POY Evaluation Committee Member:

The PMI Greater New Orleans Chapter is ecstatic to sponsor what we feel is without a doubt the winning submittal. It is flawless in its presentation and it tells of a most impressive world scale and enormously successful project.

But most of all, although evident throughout, you can see in the Project Integration Management section the best examples of an acknowledgement of the use of PMI-PMBOK methods and the recognition of its value in ultimate success. Which very excitedly fulfills PMI's Envisioned Goal, *"Worldwide, organizations will embrace, value, and utilize project management and attribute their success to it?"*

What more could we want? This is exactly what we are trying to accomplish!

Submitted by Graves - Evans Engineering, Inc. on behalf of the Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it is a project about the recovery efforts from one of the largest natural disasters in our Nation's history. Sit back and enjoy the staggering statistics of total mission cost in Louisiana was \$3.7 Billion, repaired and restored 220 miles of floodwalls and levees, removed 28.1 million cubic yards of debris or a column 3.3 miles high on 1 acre of land, over 10,000 people were mobilized over the 2 year effort, and many other facts.

Also enjoy and take delight in what might only excite PMI people. We hear, unwatering the city was accomplished much faster the expected, 25% ahead of schedule; work on floodwalls and levees finished in 8 months was initially believed to take 10 years, the Corps of Engineers maintain a Work Breakdown Structure for all projects they perform, and lessons learned.

Read not with delight but empathy and admiration of the 1,232 New Orleans District staff (some our Chapter members) where 400 lost their homes, 600 more received significant damage; yet they came back to work quickly and their deployment of local knowledge resources at "site" critical tasks was critical to speedy project success. Imagine the personal sacrifices of these team members and their families.

With so much bad coming from the storm, it is great to document the organized high quality and successful project delivered by Corps of Engineers. This is truly a winning submittal.

Proudly Presented by,

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