

# Call for Speakers

## **GNO PMI® and LavaCon® Professional Development Summit October 25–27, 2009**

The Project Management Institute Greater New Orleans (GNO) chapter is partnering with The LavaCon Conference on Professional Development to co-host a Professional Development Summit (PDS) in New Orleans in October 2009.

The GNO PMI chapter ([www.GNOPMI.com](http://www.GNOPMI.com)), which boasts 300+ members Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, produces an annual PDS as part of this vision to be the project management center of excellence that drives economic prosperity for Gulf South.

The Summit is open to any professional interested in how to manage projects and advance their professional careers. Quotes from previous attendees:

*"Best conference I ever attended!"*

*"Great info and LOTS of real-world examples. I wish I had attended these sessions a year ago!"*

*"Not only were the sessions informative and stimulating, the conference workshop proved to be the most valuable I've ever attended."*

### **Dates and Location**

This year's Professional Development Summit will be held October 25–27, 2009 in New Orleans. The conference venue will be the Astor Crowne Plaza hotel, on the corner of Bourbon and Canal Streets.

### **Program Focus**

In an attempt to give attendees the skills they need to survive these uncertain economic times, the focus or "theme" for our 2009 program will be *Increasing Your Corporate Value*

### **Proposed Stems**

- Managing Projects and People
- Honing Your Workplace Survival Skills
- Increasing Your Sphere of Influence
- Leveraging Tools and Technology
- Managing Your Career

## **Sessions and Workshops**

The target audience for the summit are project leaders wanting to continue their education on how to manage projects, to stay current on the latest management and communication tools and technology, and to develop management-related “soft skills” such as leadership skills, workplace negotiation skills, conflict management, etc.

Breakout sessions will be 75 minutes long (mornings), hands-on workshops either two or four hours long (afternoons). Sessions and workshops requiring more time can be split over two sessions (part I and part II).

## **Submitting Proposals**

Speakers are encouraged to present two sessions each. Speakers can attend the conference at no charge, and are welcome to attend all three days.

Submit proposals to: [jack@lavacon.org](mailto:jack@lavacon.org)

Deadline for proposal submission: Saturday, May 2nd

Note: Speaker slots are limited and we always receive *far* more proposals than we can accept, so please don't spend too much time on the initial proposal—just a brief description and a few bullets stating “In this session/workshop attendees will learn:”

Speakers whose topics make the “short list” will be asked to provide a more detailed proposal later.

Questions? Call me at 310-832-3400 x201

See you in New Orleans!

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