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Walter Lipke of Norman, Okla., Receives Project Management Excellence Award

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA – Walter H. Lipke has been awarded the PMI® Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award by the Project Management Institute (PMI®), the leading membership association for the project management profession. The award recognizes an individual who makes outstanding contributions to the project management profession through an act that demonstrates leadership and initiative while advancing project management concepts, techniques, practices or theories.

Lipke retired in 2005 as deputy chief of the software division at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center. He has more than 35 years of experience in the development, maintenance and management of software for automated testing of avionics. During his tenure, the division achieved several software process improvement milestones:

- 1993 - first Air Force activity to achieve Level 2 of the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model® (CMM®)
- 1996 - first software activity in federal service to achieve CMM Level 4 distinction
- 1998 - achieved ISO 9001/TickIT registration
- 1999 - received the SEI/IEEE Award for Software Process Achievement

A resident of Norman, Okla., Lipke graduated from Oklahoma State University with a master's degree in physics and from the U. S. Department of Defense course for program managers. He is a member of the physics honor society, Sigma Pi Sigma and the Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society. He recently received the 2007 PMI Metrics Specific Interest Group Scholar Award.

Lipke has published several articles and presented at conferences internationally on the benefits of software process improvement and the application of earned value management and statistical methods to software projects. He is the creator of the technique *Earned Schedule* (Copyright © 2003 Lipke), which extracts schedule information from earned value data.

The PMI® Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award is named for one of the five founding members of PMI – Eric Jenett, PMP, PMI Fellow. Jenett and the four other founding members started PMI in 1969 as an idea to advance the project management profession.

The award was presented to Lipke at the International Integrated Performance Management Conference in Washington, D. C., on Nov. 5-7. The conference is organized by the Society of Cost Estimating and the U. S. National Defense Industrial Association.

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