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Program Details

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To develop effective Work Breakdown Structures and apply them throughout the conduct and duration of projects, the project manager should take the guidance provided here and apply WBS construction activities independently of the project schedule or scheduling tools. To do this, the project manager will reference a set of key documents to begin the development of the WBS. These include (and may not be limited to):

- The project charter
- The project problem statement or scope definition
- Applicable contract or agreement documentation
- Existing project management practice

At the end of the session, the participants will be able to:

- Discuss and define the use of the WBS during Initiating and Planning processes
- Describe how the WBS is used as a foundation for Scope Relationship Diagram and transition to Project Schedule
- Describe how the WBS performs as the basis for project control during Monitoring, Controlling and Closing processes.

Agenda

7:30 - 8:00 Registration
8:00 - 12:00 Morning Session
12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
12:45 - 4:45 Afternoon Session