

# TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

## Project Controls is Evolving—Are Your Offices and Intelligence Keeping Up?

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Meet



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**Date**

30th July 2026

**Time**

9:00 am – 17:00 pm

**Venue**

JMT, 4th floor, 601 New  
Jersey Ave NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

## What's Included in the Technical workshop

### Certificate of Participation

Recognition for completing the workshop.

## Course Overview

This one full-day event, brought to you by PCE Meet in partnership with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) will feature two interactive workshops: one led by **Amber Young** and the other by **Al Zeitoun**.

### Workshop 1:

**By Amber Young**– This interactive workshop showcases how the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Project Management is leveraging artificial intelligence to transform project controls and earned value management. Participants will explore the PARS AI ecosystem, including the AI Assistant, Walt, and learn how AI agents, natural language queries, and API integrations streamline workflows, automate reporting, and deliver real-time project insights. The session will also highlight DOE PM's collaborative approach to AI adoption through its community-driven Lunch & Learn program, sharing practical lessons, implementation strategies, and best practices. Attendees will gain actionable insights into using AI to enhance decision-making, improve efficiency, and support project management professionals in managing complex projects.

### Workshop 2:

**By Al Zeitoun**– Explore how organizations continue to struggle in this decade with creating the supportive culture that makes the best use of the dynamic mix of process, people, and technology. To execute this continual transformation work, the necessary muscle is excelling in delivering a way of working that is fluid, highly digital, and seamless in working across the organizational boundaries. This session highlights the importance of creating an organizational culture and project control offices that are able to address the reality that transformation is continuous and is here to stay. Future project leaders must be intentional in addressing critical problems by being clear on what transformation capabilities are being built, how they are sustained and continuously evolving, whether people in the organization have a sense of pride and connectedness to the transformation efforts and roadmaps, whether organizations are still struggling with unfortunate models of staffing and controlling transformation work, and whether the right impactful initiatives and project control work are being prioritized while mapping critical talent accordingly.



## Who Should Attend

Anyone working in project management & project controls. Project stakeholders. Anyone interested in AI real-world applications.

Project Management Professionals (PMPs), Earned Value Management practitioners, Project Controls specialists, and PMO leaders seeking to enhance capabilities through emerging technologies.

- Project Control professionals.
- Project and program managers.
- PMO and PCO leaders.
- Executive sponsors of initiatives.
- Business leaders supporting resourcing efforts and innovations strategies.



## Key Takeaways

1. Evaluate AI Integration Strategies for Project Controls - Assess how artificial intelligence technologies can be integrated into earned value management systems and project controls environments to enhance PMIS capabilities.
2. Apply Natural Language Processing to Project Reporting - Demonstrate the use of natural language queries to generate dynamic dashboards and eliminate manual reporting processes through AI-driven data interpretation.
3. Implement AI-Enabled Analytics for Performance Measurement - Utilize AI tools to analyze schedule and cost performance indices, variance metrics, and generate real-time insights into project health indicators.
4. Design Organizational Change Management for AI Adoption - Develop strategies for building communities of practice and collaborative learning frameworks to accelerate organizational AI literacy and stakeholder engagement.
5. Integrate AI Tools into Existing PMO Workflows - Identify opportunities to incorporate AI assistants and automation into current project management processes through strategic API connections and system integrations.
6. Leverage AI as a Catalyst for Innovation and Efficiency - Apply practical AI techniques to enhance project management effectiveness immediately and develop implementation roadmaps for introducing AI capabilities within project management offices
7. Practices for creating a successful transformation beat and developing the right initiatives' approach.
8. Build your project control capabilities and team to invest in creating a focused commitment to value in every initiative interaction and experience.
9. Become a focused transformation leader who is able to design and execute an aligned and energizing tomorrow's project control offices.

## Prerequisites

Project and program management experiences, preferably with some interactions with project management or project control offices.

### Review:

**The Continual Innovation Culture**

**A Creative Way to Recognize the Achievements of Project Managers**

# Event Agenda and Schedule

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
9:00 am – 9:20 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>Session 1</b> 9:20 am – 12:30 pm	<b>By Amber Young</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE PM PARS overview and history</li> <li>• AI Assistant, Walt, use cases (3)</li> <li>• Learn demonstrations</li> </ul> <b>Takeaways: Interactivity throughout</b>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>Session 2</b> 2:00 PM – 2:25 pm	<b>Highlight the Framework Elements for the Session (Compass &amp; Building Blocks) - By AI Zeitoun</b>
<b>Session 3</b> 2:25 – 3:10 pm	<b>Breakout 1 (including debrief)</b> Review current project control practices, challenges, and successes. In breakouts develop inputs for improvements. Achieve consensus on top 3 critical improvements.  <b>Takeaways: Strategic Roadmap for executing the top 3 recommendations</b>
3:10 – 3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
<b>Session 4</b> 3:30 – 4:45 pm	<b>Breakout 2 (including debrief)</b> Build on the outcomes of the 1st breakout and the roadmap to design the new future project control office. Use the compass elements and the 4 building blocks to focus the design around value.  <b>Takeaways: Consensus on a Future Project Control Office view and value story that operates with resiliency in a Perpetually Transforming World</b>
<b>Session 5</b> 4:45 PM – 5:10 pm	<b>Convergence Session &amp; Closing</b> Review the Transformation Compass and Reflect on the Back-to-Work focus Areas.



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