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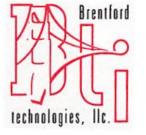
Cool Tools – PC Scheduling Tools

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  ◦ Now – Travel?

Cool Tools – PC Scheduling Tools

- Problem? – Scheduling Tools
  - What scheduling tools are used today by the NV chapter?
  - What types of projects – Industries, functions?
  - What Project Management – Maturity level are you at?
  - **Microsoft – Project** – Is a major player / leader in this space today!
    - So how do we know we are using it in the best way?

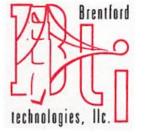 Available Platforms = Client (PC) / Server / Cloud (On-Line – 2013)

PC Scheduling Tools – <u>MS Project</u>

▸ How?

- Do you know that you are applying Methodology in accordance with PMO doctoring?

- Do you know what Features and Functions should I be using?

- Do you apply the experience of the seasoned PM's?

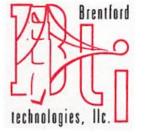- Do you get both a consistency and transparency in reporting

<u>Answer = Schedule Template(s)</u>

Microsoft Project

▸ How?

◦ Develop schedule templates that reflect the different types of work the organization performs.

- Lite, medium, heavy (traditional) and Sprint
- Establish the gate / phase sign-off
- Dynamic scheduling techniques applied
- Source for Score Card reporting – no exceptions
- Source for Resource management / Over-allocation
- Baseline Reporting
- Critical Path analysis

Microsoft – Project

- So the question is, how can I do all of this?
- Attend – The Northern Nevada PMI chapter – 2 day Microsoft Project – Foundation class
  - Planning
  - Tracking and Control
  - Reporting
- Dates – TBD
- Location – Local College
- Cost – TBD (but affordable)