Guiding Questions

1. Would you consider yourself a manager or a leader -- or both?

2. Why are stakeholders important?

3. What is the role of a project sponsor?

Introduction

This week you familiarize yourself with the people who are instrumental in managing and executing successful projects.

You will explore what it means to be a project manager, an inspirational leader, and why stakeholders and your sponsor are crucial for project success.

How to Proceed

1. Review the key definitions.

2. Watch the two videos and answer the questions.

3. Post on the discussion forum (Post 1).

Performance Indicators

1. Explain the role of a project manager.

2. Identify the competencies and interpersonal skills of a project manager.

3. Define *leadership*.

4. Explain why leadership is important for a project manager.

5. Explain the factors that contribute to project success.

6. Explain the role of a project stakeholder.

7. Explain the roles of project management staff and a project team.

8. Differentiate between a sponsor and a customer.

Resources

1. Key Definitions and Reading List

2. Video 6: Key Roles and Responsibilities

3. Video 7: Leadership

4. Discussion Forum Post 1

5. Discussion Forum Post Rubric (in FAR)

6. Discussion Post Guidelines

Assessments

Discussion Post 1