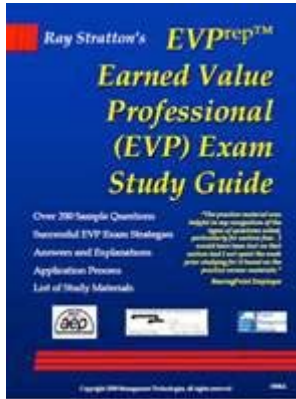


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| Book Title: | <i>Earned Value Professional (EVP) Exam Study Guide</i> |
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Introduction to the Book

This book contains over 230 questions covering all sections of the EVP (Earned Value Professional) certification. This book is for professionals who are planning on taking the EVP certification exam.

The book provides sample questions for the EVP certification. The EVP certification provides confidence on the understanding of EVM and related topics of cost, time and scope in project management.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book is organized in four parts. Each part consists of the following sections:

Section I Questions – Sample questions of the EVP certification exam

Section II Answer Sheets – exam like sections with the choices to select the answer to Section I question.

Section III Answer key – Detailed explanation of the correct answer.

Each Part of the study guide covers a different section on the exam.

Part 1 – Prepares for Sections I and II of the exam. Basic Understanding of EVM concepts, cost estimating, scheduling and project management related topics.

Part 2 and 3 – Prepare for Section III of the exam. Generating EVM data from a descriptive problem or performing analysis of EVM data.

Part 4 – Prepares for Section IV of the exam. A simulated Project EVM data is presented and a three page hand written memo has to be prepared detailing the state of the project and recommended actions to follow.

Highlights: What I liked!

There are not many practice guides out there that will allow you to prepare for a 7 hour exam. The practice material is helpful in the determination of the types of questions to expect, especially in the sections of the exam where detailed explanations are required.

The book organization is good for the person that is thinking about taking the EVP certification exam. It provides a good description of the techniques and tools that are available and that can be used to perform during the exam.

This book provides practical advise on how to prepare for the exam and what to expect from it. It should be used as a preparation tool for anybody that wants to take the exam.

Shortfalls: What was Missing!

Further elaboration on some of the techniques presented in the book would be very helpful. If elaboration escapes the intent of the book, links to information sources of where to find a description of some of the techniques used and information presented.

Who might benefit from the Book

If you are involved in project management and want to get the EVP certification this book is a required item on the library of the professional that wants to get the certification.

Conclusion

This book is a rich up to date source for the EVP certification exam. I would recommend the purchase of the book to somebody who needs a better understanding of the EVP certification exam. It provides the required information to be prepared on what to expect from the certification and how to prepare for it.

To find the book, visit <http://www.mgmt-technologies.com/EVPguide.html>

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