



**The Buffalo Chapter of PMI presented its 2014 Project Of The Year award to Catholic Health System**

Congratulations to the 2014 winner, Catholic Health System, on earning top honors for their Catholic Health Administrative and Regional Training Center Technology project. Led by Project Manager Barbara Balk, the project was expected to support a new and enhanced Administrative and Regional Training Center for Shared Services. Operational support that had been spread out



among several geographically disparate campuses would now be consolidated into the new Downtown Buffalo Medical Campus building saving 40,000 square feet compared to the previously allocated 180,000 square feet. With the project successfully implemented, the combination of site consolidations and enhanced technologies are expected to save \$1,000,000 annually giving Catholic Health System significant leverage in controlling the ever spiraling costs associated with providing quality health care.



Among the many factors project teams must attend to, our winning team paid particular attention to execution efficiency and proactive risk mitigation throughout the project life cycle. Critical deliverables included major upgrades to software and infrastructure platforms and a perfectly synchronized alignment between Information Technology and the Facility Planning & Property Management as their new building was being constructed. Timing and coordination was critical because once the cable was laid and concrete poured there was no going back. Being close was not good enough bringing risk mitigation to the forefront in the form of timely and focused communications augmented by weekly review meetings with the Facility Planning & Property Management. PMP's know that 90% of the Project Manager's job is related to effective communications and winning this year's award attests to the effectiveness of the communication plan in meeting Stakeholder requirements for a professionally executed project that was delivered on time, on budget and for the agreed to deliverables.

For Catholic Health System, this project has established a solid foundation upon which they will grow and prosper well into the future. What this team accomplished was exceptional and a testimony to PMI based Project Management excellence which has deservedly earned it Project of the Year 2014 honors. Please spread the word and together we'll continue to strengthen PMI-Buffalo's reputation for excellence.

***Congratulations to Catholic Health System and Project Manager Barbara Balk, PMP, as well as to the entire project team on a truly award-winning effort!***

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