



The Florida Society of Certified Public Managers 2009 Awards

The Exceptional Leadership Award

is given to managers and leaders who provide outstanding leadership within the organization whether at the state or chapter level. This individual stays on top of things and is aware of what is happening within the organization and is always there to provide a guiding hand where needed. He or she encourages board members to excel.

Steven Braun

Steve Braun served as the Chairperson for the South Florida FSCPM Symposium. The theme for this year's Symposium, the 14th Annual CPM Symposium hosted by the South Florida Chapter, was "Leading through Tough Times". Steve's ability as a leader is clearly evident in how he was able to lead his teams through tough times. Steve has extensive professional responsibilities as the FDOT's Transportation Planning and Environmental Manager. His group recently went through a management-directed reorganization. Steve was able to keep his team focused through open communication and effective use of the Business Plan. Steve thrives on timely recognition and being sensitive to his staff's needs with regard to "professional development" and "encouragement". These are two of the values adopted by his unit after he led an effort to develop a Mission, a Vision and Values. Steve leads by example and ensures that accomplishments are recognized and celebrated. Steve is extremely goal oriented and has been responsible for successfully managing some of the highest profile and often controversial projects and activities for the FDOT by fully engaging his project team and stakeholders. In addition to these professional and management responsibilities, Steve worked many long and tireless hours with many CPM volunteers to exceed expectations for the CPM Symposium. He approached this event with the same management style he uses on his FDOT projects. He engaged his team in all activities related to focusing on a theme, securing guest speakers and panelists, and the

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overall logistics the event. Steve conducted regularly scheduled progress meetings to ensure that communication was open. He also delegated effectively to respective task managers to allow the workload to be focused and productive. Because of his leadership, the Symposium was a great success as noted by the enthusiasm of the attendees. Even facing some last minute cancellations by speakers due to medical emergencies, the team was able to find excellent replacements, who managed to stay focused on the theme.

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