

On PMBOK v8 Application Playbook¹

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Dear PM World Journal Managing Editor, David Pells

I would like to bring to your attention my recently published book, *PMBOK v8 Application Playbook*, for possible inclusion, review, or mention in PM World Journal.

The book builds on the practitioner perspective reflected in my recent PM World Journal article, **“Turning PMBOK® v8 from a PMP® Exam Reference to an Operating Delivery System.”** Its central premise is straightforward: project management knowledge creates value only when it can be translated into practical delivery decisions.

PMBOK® v8 Application Playbook is a practitioner-focused guide designed to help project managers, project leaders, PMOs, executives, educators, and PMP® candidates move beyond simply understanding PMBOK® concepts to applying them in real organizational environments.

The book introduces a practical delivery operating model:

Mindset → Principles → Performance Domains → Focus Areas → Operating Logic and Tools, including AI Capability → Outcomes

This operating model connects project management thinking, decision-making, governance, delivery practices, and outcomes. Rather than treating principles, performance domains, and focus areas as separate concepts, the book demonstrates how they work together as an integrated project delivery system.

The book addresses a practical reality I have observed throughout more than 35 years in project delivery, information technology leadership, public-sector transformation, and academia: **projects rarely fail because an organization lacks another template or methodology. They fail when ownership is unclear, governance becomes ceremonial, risk is reported but not acted upon, scope loses its connection to value, schedules become political promises, and project activity is mistaken for project outcomes.**

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Through professional scenarios, operating matrices, decision frameworks, executive quick references, PMP®-style situational questions, and real-world case studies, the book demonstrates the application of PMBOK® v8 concepts across:

- Software and SaaS delivery
- Construction and infrastructure projects
- Healthcare, data, and analytics initiatives
- Complex organizational transformation
- Hybrid and adaptive project environments
- AI-assisted project planning, analysis, monitoring, communication, and decision support

A key theme of the book is the responsible use of **Artificial Intelligence as Augmented Intelligence**. AI is positioned not as a replacement for project leadership or professional judgement, but as a capability that can strengthen analysis, scenario evaluation, risk identification, communication, and decision preparation.

My objective in writing the *PMBOK® v8 Application Playbook* was to help close the gap between **knowing project management and operating a project delivery system under real-world pressure**.

As a former Government of Alberta CIO, project management practitioner, university instructor, PMBOK® Guide reviewer, and recipient of the PMI Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award, I have attempted to bring both an executive and practitioner perspective to the application of modern project management.

I would be honoured if PM World Journal would consider the book for a book review, Books section feature, editorial mention, or other appropriate inclusion.

Additional information about the book is available at: <https://appliedpmbok.com/> and Amazon: <https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B0H6GYR52Y>

Thank you for your consideration and for PM World Journal's continuing contribution to advancing practical thinking and professional dialogue in project management.

Sincerely,

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