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## TRIVARIANT CONSULTANT CHOSEN TO SPEAK AT 2018 IPMW

### Senior Consultant, Karen Donis, Presents “60 Days to Integrated Baseline Review (IBR)” At This Year’s Integrated Program Management Workshop

Reston, VA (November 16, 2018) – George Washington University set the stage for this year’s International Integrated Program Management Workshop (IPMW), which was held November 13-15. Hosted by the College of Performance Management (part of the Project Management Institute, Inc.), attendees met to discuss best practices, current legislation, and insights and solutions from their own real-world experiences. This year’s theme was “Providing Intelligent Pathways for Management and Leadership.” Potential speakers submitted abstracts to the committee for a chance to present.

TriVariant was delighted to have one of our own – Senior Consultant, Karen Donis – selected to present at this year’s Practice Symposia. Her topic? **“60 Days to IBR: How to prepare the team for an IBR when you are scrambling to set the baseline.”**

Drawing on her experiences as a successful EVM practitioner, Karen understands the struggle that many organizations face in meeting contractual obligations while juggling the tight time constraints associated with the IBR process. After all, how do you split your time between preparing for the IBR and supporting the contract?

*When asked why she chose to focus on the IBR process for her presentation, Karen replied, “I believe that working through the IBR process is a best practice on any program. It provides an opportunity to define a detailed plan, allows the team to understand how they fit into the puzzle, and helps manage customer expectations. It sets the tone for communication with your Government counterparts throughout the program. When the IBR goes well, you build trust with your customer.”*

Karen pointed out three important focus areas for an IBR that set the stage for a successful program:

1. **Training** should begin during program start-up and include the customer whenever possible.
2. **Communication** within the team and with the customer helps manage expectations on both sides of the contract.
3. **Documentation** of the implementation approach creates team buy-in and eliminates confusion down the road.

Karen Donis is a Senior Consultant with TriVariant. She has more than 20 years’ experience in program management and has facilitated multiple EVMS implementations, as well as provided support for clients preparing for their IBR with the U.S. Government. TriVariant operates with a small core of professionals like Karen that provide a high level of service to our customers. In addition to preparing your team for an upcoming IBR, we also offer an experienced team to support your U.S. Government proposal efforts and post-contract award support to implement and manage your program management system. Detailed information about the solutions and services we provide can be found on our website at [www.trivariant.com](http://www.trivariant.com).

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