Certified Security Project Manager

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What is CSPM?
The Certified Security Project Manager (CSPM) Program promotes the professional accreditation of Project Managers involved in the design and installation of security systems.

The program certifies individuals who have demonstrated their proficiency in every aspect of project management as it relates to security systems.

What is unique about the program?
This certification program is designed specifically to meet the “practical” aspect of designing and managing security projects. It requires prospective candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in implementing the concepts and tools of professional project management.
**Eligibility of Certification Criteria**

Candidates applying for the CSPM credential must be working as a Project Manager in the Security Industry. To be eligible to receive the designation of CSPM, a candidate must have satisfied all educational and experiential requirements established by industry experts and agree to abide by the Security Project Manager Code of Professional Conduct.

**Training Requirements**

The candidates will be required to successfully complete a number of educational courses covering subjects professional Project Managers must command in order to manage security projects effectively. By the time they complete the full range of courses, they should understand how to manage the costs, to assure the quality and to schedule projects throughout all phases of the project lifecycle. In addition, they should have a fundamental understanding of factors affecting their projects such as stakeholders, estimating, revenue, cash flow and risk management.

Candidates applying for the CSPM program will be required to successfully complete 40 hours of classroom instruction (contact hours) and 20 hours of self-study prerequisite courses.

The self-study prerequisite courses cover the following topics:

1. Project Management Fundamentals
2. Background for CCTV Systems and Applications
3. Background for Access Control Systems and Applications
4. Background for IP Systems and Applications
5. Bidding Case Study

The CSPM training program curriculum consists of the following one-day classroom courses:

1. Security Project Management
2. Estimating Security Projects
3. Contracts, Codes and Risk Management
4. Project Financial Management
5. Managing the Project Team
PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Recognizing that the application of what is learned in the classroom is the true value of certification, the CSPM Program requires candidates to demonstrate their ability to apply the skills of the professional project manager to their projects prior to being certified as a Security Project Manager.

The amount of related practical experience required for certification will depend upon the level of higher education the candidate has obtained. The candidate without a Baccalaureate Degree will be required to log 4,000 hours of practical experience as a project manager, with a minimum of 1,000 hours of specific security project experience. The candidate with a Baccalaureate Degree is likely to have more refined documentation and communication skills from the outset, and will need to log 2,500 hours of hands-on experience with a minimum of 500 hours of specific security project experience.

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Understanding and applying the key concepts and processes of each training module will be the lifeblood of a successful Security Project Manager. The candidate who has used the tools and concepts of project management and maintained good notes will find the certification testing straightforward. The final certification examination is a supervised test containing questions from all areas of study and will cover the many aspects of the Security Project Manager job analysis.

RE-CERTIFICATION AND PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT

The holders of CSPM Certification will be required to demonstrate their knowledge and skills to achieve recertification. A recertification portfolio and performance assessment evaluation will be conducted within 18-24 months of certification to maintain the CSPM certification.
Program Goal:
The goal of the CSPM program is to support the professional growth of the Security Project Manager through the delivery of a thorough knowledge and experience-based credential program.

Other program goals are aimed at:
- Enhancing the ability to meet client needs
- Improving effectiveness on the job
- Strengthening career opportunities for Security Project Managers
- Preparing the security industry for an ever-changing marketplace
- Setting an industry standard for the Security Project Manager

Program Benefits At A Glance:

The Security Project Manager:
- Career enhancement and improved job satisfaction
- Recognition of professional achievement
- Security industry acceptance

The Security Dealer and Integrator:
- Significant increase in financial returns due to improved project performance
- Competitive advantage both professionally and financially
- Excellent training return on investment
- Improved professional image
- Improved customer satisfaction

The End-User and Security Consultant:
- An effective qualification tool
- Improved project execution delivery
- Better “Sell-through”

Manufacturers:
- Opportunity to sponsor the training program and provide valuable assistance to their security dealers and integrators
- Well-managed projects reflect positively on the manufacturer of systems installed
- Strengthen the partnership with security integrators and end-users