

ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Project Management for Every Size IT Project

The NASA Ames Research Center OCIO has developed and implemented a scaled approach (Lite/Medium frameworks) to Project Management utilizing NPR 7120.7 as the basis. The Lite and Medium project classifications provide flexibility in managing projects with the added benefit of structure, templates, and on line training modules.

This presentation will discuss how the Lite and Medium Lifecycle Frameworks were constituted, how they function and the resulting benefits for the ARC OCIO and the Agency's OCIO projects. The presentation will also describe the overall governance structure, reviews and terminology which are based on NPR 7120.7. Providing a scaled approach will benefit IT project managers responsible for projects below the NPR 7120.7 thresholds and will contribute to their project management success.

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