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## INTRODUCTION

The third edition of the ***Combined Standards Glossary*** interfiles in alphabetical order all glossary terms from the currently published PMI standards publications. The individual standards and their acronyms are:

- *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide – Third Edition)*
- Construction Extension to A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge – 2000 Edition (***Const Ext***)
- *Government Extension to the PMBOK® Guide Third Edition (Gov’t Ext)*
- Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (***OPM3®***)
- Practice Standard for Earned Value Management (***PS-EVM***)
- Practice Standard for Work Breakdown Structures – Second Edition (***PS-WBS***)
- Project Manager Competency Development (PMCD) Framework (***PMCDF***)
- The Standard for Portfolio Management (***Portfolio Management***)
- The Standard for Program Management (***Program Management***)

This edition of the ***Combined Standards Glossary*** is available for purchase by the general public as a print publication, and as a PDF document for PMI® members only. A special feature of the PDF version is the use of hyperlinks to connect terms with their definitions and show relationships between terms. Some glossary terms also include delimiting phrases in brackets (e.g., [Tool], [Process Group]), which are used to identify terms as Project Management Processes or Knowledge Areas, or to specify the functional relationship of terms to Project Management Processes.

This combined glossary includes acronyms and terms from current standards, practice standards, and extensions to the ***PMBOK® Guide*** that were published by December 2006. When discrepancies exist between a term's definitions in two or more standards, all definitions appear in the ***Combined Standards Glossary***. (In such cases, definitions from the latest edition of the ***PMBOK® Guide*** are the preferred ones.)