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Saturday, November 17

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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(2012, NNPA)

Project Management Solutions Group

Project Management Solutions Group is an enterprise project management firm that handles IT, telecommunications, business operations, supply-chain logistics, real estate and construction – then puts people and smaller businesses to work.

Michael Ward is president and CEO of Project Management Solutions Group, based in St. Louis and the Metro East. He started the firm in June 2005 after a 22-year career in the Coast Guard.

According to Ward, "We hire veterans. Veterans only. There are a lot of opportunities out there." Ward said "We get the opportunity, then hire nothing but veterans – veterans know how to get the job done. We do discovery, figure out what is going on, what it will take to get the objectives accomplished, then we hire a team around the project."

Ward developed his company with



Michael Ward

the assistance of the Veterans Business Resource Center in St. Louis. He said that the Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center and his association with the Southern Illinois Leadership Roundtable have also been instrumental in the success of Project Management Solutions Group.

Ward has made effective use of opportunities for his own firm as a veteran-owned minority business enterprise.

In the past three years, it has received a four-year subcontract from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for \$480,000 per year, and a \$5.7 million prime contract from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction services at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Other partners of Project Management Solutions Group include Deloitte, Booz Allen Hamilton, Holland Construction Services, and the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

Real Estate Solutions

Nate K. Johnson is the president of Real Estate Solutions, a full service residential real estate brokerage.

In addition to representing clients in achieving their homeownership goals, Johnson and Real Estate Solutions currently represent the Normandy School District in marketing a 6 million dollar portfolio of former school buildings. Johnson also represents Fast Track Homes, a development company that is building 40 new homes within the Jennings community. Real Estate Solutions also represents X3 Modern Developers in marketing upscale homes in the Central West End area of St. Louis.

Johnson has been a member of the St. Louis Association of REALTORS (SLAR) since 1999. He served as president of SLAR, which represents nearly 8,000 realtors in St. Louis. He serves as president of The St. Louis



Nate K. Johnson

Association of Real Estate Professionals (SLAREP), a chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers.

On the state level, Johnson serves on the Economic Development Council and serves on the board of directors for the Missouri Association of REALTORS, which represents nearly 25,000 realtors in the state. He serves as president of the board of directors for the Metropolitan

St. Louis Equal Housing Opportunity Council, which is the only not-for-profit fair housing enforcement agency working to end illegal housing discrimination in the St. Louis area.

He is also a member of the Missouri Association of Realtors Honor Society. He is a member of the Regional Business Council's Leadership 100, Urban League Young Professionals and 100 Black Men of St. Louis.

(1st Time Top 25 Awardee)