QSM Announces SLIM 8.0f1 Measurement & Estimating Solution for Multiple Design Processes

MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--QSM, Inc. today announced the release of the newest version of the company's top of the line system and software measurement and estimating solution, SLIM 8.0f1. This powerful tool brings a high level of configurability to accommodate many different engineering domains, such as Agile, infrastructure, and package implementation.

Quantitative Software Management, Inc. (QSM), an industry-leading innovator in software estimating since 1978, offers superior system and software management tools and consulting for a complete range of services to estimate, track, and benchmark projects for government and commercial organizations worldwide.

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With the newest release, the SLIM Suite is more versatile than ever, providing updated benchmark trendlines from the QSM database of over 10,000 completed software and systems projects. Responding to the demand for more diverse trends for different design processes, SLIM comes pre-packaged with trend groups such as Agile, ERP, Financial, Web, Government, and many more. Organizations can also customize trendlines with greater ease using the new one-click automated trendline creation, allowing them to compare their current productivity to their own past performance or current industry trends. Additionally, SLIM-Estimate includes templates for estimating package implementations, hardware, and infrastructure.

Organizations can now assess past project performance using the new Five Star Report in SLIM-Metrics. The benchmarking tool rates each project in a data-set on a scale of 1-5 stars, according to metrics selected by the user. This enhanced presentation ability is beneficial for presenting performance to upper management.

SLIM-MasterPlan, QSM's project management tool, includes a new master scoreboard that displays the development status of all projects. This tool aggregates SLIM-Estimate and SLIM-Control projects, custom tasks, and milestones into a fully customizable hierarchical structure, making it ideal for large complex systems integrations.

Additional new features include "publish-to-web" for quickly sharing a wide range of views on any website, the SLIM Suite also interfaces with IBM Rational Portfolio Manager, Rational Team Concert and Rational Focal Point. All of the tools import from and export to the latest version of MS Project, including multi-level Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) files.

"This release makes SLIM even more versatile than ever before," says Larry Putnam, Jr., Co-CEO of QSM. "It can model any environment, which a huge asset to our clients, who have become increasingly diverse. We're seeing users leveraging this capability for anything from estimating new hardware to infrastructure like datacenters and call centers."

About QSM, Inc.

Founded in 1978 by one of the pioneers of software estimation, Larry Putnam, Sr., QSM, Inc. helps organizations measure, plan, estimate, and control software projects. It offers the SLIM (Software Lifecycle Management) Suite of tools, so managers can benchmark and forecast Agile, infrastructure, offshore/multi-shore, or ERP/package implementation projects. SLIM contains metrics from a worldwide database of more than 10,000 completed projects, enabling productivity benchmarking on the desktop. Using SLIM to dynamically run "virtual project simulations," companies can model and forecast project releases to deliver on time, within budget with > 90% estimation accuracy. SLIM can also derive ROI achieved by Agile methods and other process improvements. QSM offers consulting and training to help accelerate this capability. Information is available at www.qsm.com.

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