

#1 REASON WHY PROJECT MANAGERS FAIL: *BEING TOO SOFT!*

Examples of actions to adopt to avoid being too soft:

- ☑ Provide timely, constructive criticism to project members
- ☑ Escalate to higher levels of management—within two work days—project-related problems that are at an apparent impasse for resolution
- ☑ Passionately defend the *right* project plan to the project sponsor, executives and the client(s)
- ☑ Behave as if you have the authority to support your responsibility
- ☑ Drive good project management practices throughout the project
- ☑ Ask for help when needed
- ☑ Hold project members accountable for their commitments and actions
- ☑ Constructively work issues to closure; don't complain—*ever!*
- ☑ Assign tasks to the appropriate project members instead of taking on those monkeys for yourself; when necessary, provide appropriate help
- ☑ Routinely seek out and obtain needed project management training of both hard and soft skills
- ☑ Take timely positions on issues
- ☑ Make decisions as they are needed; don't delay or abstain
- ☑ Focus daily on the top 3 project problems and their corresponding solutions

“Ideas to help you become more successful”