

# Career Opportunities in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm,

CE 120 (Civil Engineering Building)

## **Fast facts about the field of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP):**

- There is a critical workforce shortage.\*
- ERP related jobs are among the highest pay jobs as reported by CNNMoney and InformationWeek.\*
- There are currently about 40-50 companies using SAP, a leading Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in St. Louis area.
- Experts predict an increase in the ERP workforce in both end users and technical users. Growing companies, such as Wal-Mart and many others are adopting the SAP Financial program.

## **Speakers:**

Mr. Ravi Paruchuri,

- Chair, America's SAP User Group (ASUG) – St. Louis Chapter
- Senior IT Project Manager, US Commercial Project Management, Monsanto Co.

Mr. Mike Narducci

- Program Chair, America's SAP User Group (ASUG) – St. Louis Chapter
- President of NEXTEP Technology Solutions

## **Topics to be discussed:**

- Possible career paths and proper skill sets needed for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- Current and future ERP job market trends
- ERP (e.g., SAP) job market, internship opportunities, and employment opportunities with focus in St. Louis area
- Introduction to America's SAP User Group (ASUG) and ASUG St. Louis chapter
- Question and answer time

\*For more information:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/management/trends/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=207603259>  
[http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2007/pf/0708/gallery.hot\\_six\\_fig\\_jobs\\_now/](http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2007/pf/0708/gallery.hot_six_fig_jobs_now/)

<http://www.informationweek.com/research/advisor/>

**Mr. Ravi Paruchuri** is currently the President of St. Louis Chapter of ASUG (America's SAP Users Group) and is a key member of Monsanto US Commercial IT Leadership Team at Monsanto Co. Mr. Paruchuri received his Master's Degree in Information Management from Washington University, St. Louis in addition to his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Osmania University, India. He is a SAP Certified Solution Consultant who started with Monsanto in **1998** as a Logistics Internal SAP Consultant on the Canada SAP Project and became a Monsanto employee in **2001**. Mr. Paruchuri currently leads SAP OTC (Order to Cash) team and has worked on numerous SAP projects including the 4.6C SAP Upgrade project, B2B implementation for Chemistry etc.

**Mr. Mike Narducci** is currently the program chair of St. Louis Chapter of ASUG and president of NEXTEP Technology Solutions. He received a BSBA - Major in Marketing, a Certificate in Computer Science, and an M.B.A from St. Louis University. Mr. Narducci has been in the ERP / SAP space for the past 13 years and has over 25 years business experience with firms including Phillip Morris and Anheuser-Busch. Mr. Narducci helps people manage their careers focusing on the SAP space, and currently works with over a dozen companies in the St. Louis area, plus many others across the country. He is also a former five time elected official in the Wildwood Missouri, where they formed a city to help promote responsible development which respected the environment. Mr. Narducci is the founder & a Past Chair of the Missouri-St. Louis ASUG Chapter.