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**Topic: *Elevate Requirements Management to the Next Level***

**Presenter: **Bob Parro, VP Product Development & Business Development, River North Solutions****

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**Date: Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Agenda: 6:00-6:30 p.m. CST – Dinner (\$5 Member / \$8 Nonmember) & Networking  
6:30-6:45 p.m. CST – Introductions & Announcements  
6:45-8:00 p.m. CST – Presentation and Q&A**

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**Locations:**

- 1. Schaumburg, IL – IBM, 10 N. Martingale Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room)**
- 2. Lake Forest, IL – Hospira, 375 N. Field Drive, Building H3, Lake Forest, IL 60045 (1st Floor R&D Innovation Conf Rm)**
- 3. Milwaukee, WI – Astronautics, 4115 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53209 (Board Room)**
- 4. Madison, WI – Bjorksten | bit 7, 7 Fen Oak Ct., Madison, WI 53718 (Mendota Conference Room)**

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## **Abstract**

One of the key pillars of systems engineering is requirements management. Requirements drive the whole product development lifecycle. Manage them well and there is a much higher success rate across all industries of hitting market windows, meeting contractual commitments on time, complying with industry standards and regulatory requirements, and producing a product that meets user needs with fewer defects. This presentation focuses on practical aspects of raising requirements management to a higher level. It will illustrate accelerated methods of processing newly imported requirements information into an RM tool, improved means of avoiding propagating poorly written requirements (and the churn they cause) throughout the product development lifecycle, effective approaches to dealing with concurrent development streams such as with product families, an efficient manner of publishing documents using automation, and useful ways to monitor the process.

## **About Our Speaker**

Bob Parro is the VP of Product Development and Business Development at River North Solutions focused on providing exceptional product development lifecycle process guidance and training, and on providing systems engineering tools that boost productivity and efficiency. Previous to River North, Bob was the Global Requirements Manager at GE Healthcare, a Senior Application Engineer at Telelogic, both an R&D Manager developing next generation aircraft power systems and a Design Automation Manager at United Technologies Aerospace Systems (formerly Hamilton Sundstrand), and an Automated Equipment Development Engineer at Delco Electronics. Bob serves in senior leadership positions with the IEEE and INCOSE, including INCOSE 2011 Chapter President, and holds three patents.

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