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Robert Pederson, MA, CPM, MCAPM, PMM, (Master of Arts Degree, Certified Project Manager, Master's Certification in Applied Project Management, Program Management Mastery), is a speaker, writer and trainer. Bob is a Platinum Level Speaker for MPI and is currently presenting MPI's Strategic Meeting Management Program. During his twenty eight year career at State Farm, he has written, produced and facilitated numerous training programs. In addition to his State Farm career, he formed his own company in 2005 (Premier Meetings & Events Leadership Group) which focuses on the event industry's training and developmental needs.

From 1988 to 2001, he designed and executed large regional events, national conventions, business theatre, incentive programs as well as board meetings and high end educational seminars and symposiums. In 2002, he was instrumental in developing departmental guidelines and training for project managers as well as implementing and managing a project office which handles over 300 projects annually.

His past work in local politics has enabled him to work along side the Secret Service on central Illinois presidential visits. This opportunity has provided him a unique working knowledge of high value/high impact/high security events. Pederson combines a "strategic and intentional approach" to managing the risks and logistics associated with meetings along with a "collaborative approach" to managing people.