

8 Keys to Project Improvement

We have identified a number of areas in the typical Project Management approach that frequently exhibits weak execution. Our approach corrects these deficiencies and permits the highest level of program management



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Actionable Reporting



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Weighted Level of Effort

Once the project baseline schedule is developed, weight each phase or task group based on LOE. This will provide accurate status and performance tracking – a task at project midpoint milestone may not represent half of the man-hours

Engage PMs at Contract Phase

Empower PMs by including them in the contract execution. This will improve their ability to proactively manage scope, identify opportunities and eliminate overruns while managing client expectations and mitigation of risk

Budget Tracking and Projections

CPI alone falls short for project measurement. Plotting project costs such as labor and expenses as they are consumed during the project lifecycle will indicate overall health and allow for early corrective actions

Actionable Reporting

Reports must be concise and meaningful. Include what has been consumed (EV), schedule status and milestone achievements, updated projections for cost and timing and any non-ordinary circumstances

Intelligent Analysis

Leverage project tracking metrics to understand resourcing requirements, budget forecasts and schedule progression – know workforce needs at each project phase/milestone to improve schedule performance and resource availability

Meaningful Risk Management

Make risk management pay off by attaching client dependencies to risk strategies. Risk stemming from client-side variables should not impact contractor profitability of SLAs – build constraints into risk planning

Performance Measurement

Ensure performance measurement supports decision making by aligning data points with the actual project WBS to produce a performance status picture – at this point we have burned ‘x’ and have ‘x’ remaining

Information Presentation

Make client presentations informative and impactful using graphics to create clear views that showcase relevant information. A timeline with a ‘today’ marker and a bar graph of costs by type is more valuable than a task by task discussion

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