

# Strategies for Successful Completion of Projects Including Megaprojects: Part 1 of 3: Preamble The Big Picture

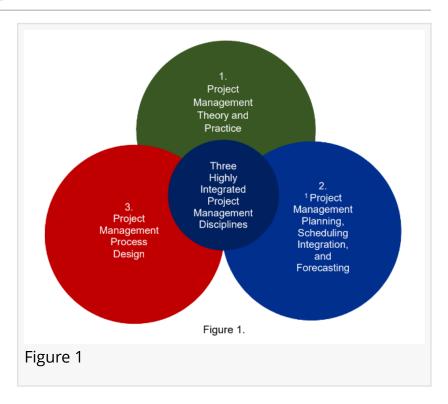
Moving from "Managing a Project to true "Project Management. Strategies for Successful Completion of Projects Part 1 of 3.

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(https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/confidential-documents-eglinton-crosstown-lrt-1.6675131).

The <u>Project Management</u> Institute (<u>PMI</u>)<sup>®</sup> researchers indicate that seventy percent of all projects fail ☐worldwide (<u>https://www.pmi.org/about/press-media/press-releases/2018-pulse-of-the</u> profession-survey). The Big Question! Why do projects fail ☐including megaprojects?

First: "Managing a Project" differs from "Project

Management." The former is often a function of "position of appointment" ☐ not essentially underpinned by the requisite proficiency in project management (PM) and best practices. The latter comprises composite knowledge, experience, policies, roles, responsibilities and accountabilities, guidelines and procedures, tools, techniques, processes, methodologies, enterprise resource planning (ERP), and enterprise reporting (ER). These are the principal aspects of the successful management of projects.

These core attributes of project management (delineated above) underpin the framework of PMIs ® Ten Knowledge Areas of Project Management (PMBOK) Seventh Edition Duniversally recognized as the benchmarks for results measurements and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) (https://www.kpi.org/) (https://www.projectmanager.com/blog/10-project-management knowledge-areas).

# TEN KNOWLEDGE AREAS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT (PMBOK)

- 1. Integration Management
- 2. Scope Management
- 3. Time Management
- 4. Cost Management
- 5. Quality Management
- 6. Resource Management
- 7. Communications Management [Enterprise Reporting (ER)]
- 8. Risk Management
- 9. Procurement Management
- 10. Stakeholder Management



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More importantly, these ten knowledge areas constitute universally accepted standards for

managing projects, supported by technology professionals and business administrators. Directors of Project Management and Project Managers need a supporting team of Project Management Professionals (PMPs) to help them understand and navigate the complex nature of integrated project management and define the "requisite expertise" to fulfill their projects. They often struggle to understand the inherent "financial value proposition" of project management. More importantly, to evaluate and quantify project management's benefits as a "critical success enabler" for completing their projects within scope, on time, on budget, and to specifications.

## A CASE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The 2018 Pulse of the Profession <sup>®</sup>, a global survey conducted by Project Management Institute (PMI), reveals around \$1 million is wasted every 20 seconds collectively by organizations □worldwide due to the ineffective implementation of business strategy through poor project management practices, equivalent to roughly 2 trillion dollars wasted a year (<a href="https://www.pmi.org/about/press">https://www.pmi.org/about/press</a> media/press-releases/2018-pulse-of-the-profession-survey).

### PROJECT MANAGEMENT [] THE BIG PICTURE

Project Management begins with understanding the three significant and highly integrated components, distinctly differentiated but equally weighted in value \( \precedeta \) depicted in Figure 1.

- 1. Project Management Theory and Practice
- 2. Project Management Planning, Scheduling, and Forecasting
- 3. Project Management Process Design

1 Figure 1: Item 2 is the critical faculty for the computerized schedule integration of all elements in the Project Management triangulation of such parameters as \( \text{Iscope}, \) time, cost, resource, budget, priority, risk, qualitative and quantitative schedule analysis, and forecasting. There is a need for expert knowledge in applying highly computerized Project Management software tools such as ORACLE Primavera P6 EPPM to facilitate the management of projects. Moreover, to function effectively in today's highly integrated multinational business environments \( \text{Ifurther complicated by logistics supply chain integration of Tier 1, 2, and 3 manufacturers, suppliers, and assemblers, and the testing and commissioning of equipment and systems for approval and operation.

### **SUMMARY**

Part 2 will introduce the principal reasons why projects and businesses fail. Finally, part 3 will present unique strategies to manage projects successfully and business enterprises throughout their respective phases and life cycles, such as planning [monthly] execution, monitoring and control, and closure. PMIs <sup>®</sup>. Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) Seventh Edition (https://www.projectmanager.com/blog/5-project-phases).

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