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What is the definition of a project?

- Temporary
- Unique
- Progressively elaborated

What is the definition of a program?

A group of interrelated projects, managed in a coordinated way

What is a product life cycle?

The cycle of a product's life from conception to withdrawal

What is a project life cycle?

What you need to do to **DO** the work

It varies by industry and type of project

What is the project management process?

What you need to do to MANAGE the work

- Initiating
- Planning
- Executing
- Monitoring and controlling
- Closing

What is a project management office?

A department that centralizes the management of projects

The PMO provides templates and guidelines, shares lessons learned between projects and is represented on the change control board

What is a constraint?

Anything that limits the team's options

These include:

- Imposed milestone dates
- Cash flow requirements
- Resources available

What are the components of the "triple constraint"?

What is it used for?

- Cost
- Time
- Scope
- Quality
- Risk
- Customer satisfaction

It is used to help evaluate competing demands

Who are stakeholders?

Anyone whose interests may be positively or negatively impacted by the project, including:

- Project manager
- Customer
- Sponsor
- Performing organization
- Team
- Funding sources
- End user
- Society
- PMO

What should we do with stakeholders?

- · Identify all stakeholders
- Determine all of their requirements
- Determine all of their expectations
- Communicate with them
- Manage their influence

What are three primary forms of organization?

- Functional
- Projectized
- Matrix

What is a functional organization?

The company is grouped by areas of specialization (e.g., accounting, marketing)

What is a projectized organization?

The company is grouped by project

The team has no department to go to at project end

The project manager has total control of the resources

What is a matrix organization?

A blend of functional and projectized organization where the team members have two bosses

See the Framework Chapter

What is a strong matrix organization?

A matrix organization where the balance of power rests with the project manager instead of the functional manager

See the Framework Chapter

What is a weak matrix organization?

A matrix organization where the balance of power rests with the functional manager instead of the project manager

Project management roles include:

- Project expediter
- Project coordinator

See the Framework Chapter

What is a balanced matrix organization?

An organization where power is equally balanced between project managers and functional managers

This is the preferred form of matrix

See the Framework Chapter

What is the process of integration management?

- Develop project charter
- Develop preliminary project scope statement
- Develop project management plan
- Direct and manage project execution
- Monitor and control project work
- Integrated change control
- Close project

What are the methods to select a project?

- Benefit measurement (comparative)
- Constrained optimization (mathematical)

What is develop project management plan?

What is its output?

The process of creating a project management plan that is bought into, approved, realistic and formal

Output: The project management plan

What is the preliminary project scope statement?

Created with input from the sponsor, it is the first attempt to determine the project scope

What must be done to accomplish the project objectives

What are key outputs of direct and manage project execution?

- Deliverables
- Requested changes
- Implemented change requests, corrective and preventive actions and defect repair

What are key outputs of monitor and control project work?

- Recommended corrective actions, preventive actions and defect repair
- Requested changes
- Forecasts

What are key outputs of integrated change control?

- Approved change requests, corrective actions, preventive actions and defect repair
- Rejected change requests
- Validated defect repair
- Deliverables

What are key outputs of close project?

- Administrative and contract closure procedures
- Final product
- Formal acceptance
- Project files
- Project closure documents
- Organizational process assets updates

Explain the project manager's role as integrator.

Making sure all the pieces of the project are properly coordinated and put together into one cohesive whole

What are baselines?

Parts of project management plan used to measure performance against

Includes:

- Schedule baseline
- Scope baseline
- Cost baseline
- · Quality baseline
- Performance measurement baselines

Can change with approved changes

What is the project statement of work?

Describes need, product scope and how project fits into the strategic plan

Created by the customer/sponsor prior to the beginning of the project

Is later refined into the preliminary and project scope statements

What is a work authorization system?

A formal procedure for sanctioning project work to ensure work is done at the right time, and in the proper sequence

What is configuration management?

Making sure everyone knows what version of the scope, schedule and other components of the project management plan are the latest versions

What is a change control system?

A system of formal procedures, set up in advance, defining how project deliverables and documentation are controlled, changed and approved

What are enterprise environmental factors?

When are they used?

Company culture and existing systems that the project will have to deal with or can make use of

Used throughout the project management process

What are organizational process assets?

When are they used?

- Company processes and procedures
- Historical information
- Lessons learned

Used throughout the project management process

What is historical information?

Records of past projects used to plan and manage future projects

Records of current project to become part of organizational process assets

What is a project management information system?

The manual and automated system to submit and track changes, and monitor and control project activities

What is a change control board?

Who may be on it?

A group of people that approves or rejects changes

May include:

- Project manager
- Customer
- Outside experts
- Sponsor
- Others

What are change requests?

When are they approved?

Fonnal requests to change parts of the project after the project management plan is approved

They are approved in integrated change control

What are preventive actions?

Actions taken to deal with anticipated or possible deviations from the performance baselines

What are corrective actions?

Actions taken to bring expected future project performance in line with the project management plan

What is a project charter?

How does it help the project?

A document issued by the sponsor during project initiating that:

- Formally recognizes the existence of the project
- Gives the project manager authority
- Documents the business need, justification, customer requirements and the product or service to satisfy those requirements

What is the process of scope management?

- Scope planning
- Scope definition
- Create WBS
- Scope verification
- Scope control

What is the key output of scope planning?

Project scope management plan

What are the key outputs of scope definition?

- Project scope statement
- Requested changes

What are the key outputs of create WBS?

- Workbreakdown structure (WBS)
- WBS dictionary
- Scope baseline
- Requested changes

What are the key outputs of scope verification?

- Customer formal acceptance of project deliverables
- Requested changes

What are the key outputs of scope control?

- Accepted deliverables
- Requested changes
- Recommended corrective actions

What is the definition of scope management?

- Doing all the work, and only the work, included in the project
- Determining if work is included in the project or not

What is a scope management plan?

Part of the project management plan

A plan for how scope will be planned, executed and controlled

What is a project scope statement?

What are the key items included?

A written description of the project deliverables and the work required to create those deliverables

It includes:

- Project objectives
- Product scope
- Project requirements
- Project boundaries
- Project deliverables
- Product acceptance criteria
- Project constraints and assumptions

Stakeholder analysis is part of which scope management process?

Stakeholder analysis occurs during the process of scope definition.

Product analysis is part of which scope management process?

Product analysis occurs during the process of scope definition.

What is a work breakdown structure (WBS)?

What is it used for in planning?

Created during project planning by the team and used to define or decompose the project into smaller, more manageable pieces

Used to help determine project staffing, estimating, scheduling and risk management

What do work breakdown structures show?

- · Hierarchy
- Interrelationships
- · Work packages
- · Control account
- Numbering system

What is scope decomposition?

Subdividing the major deliverables into smaller, more manageable components

What is a WBS dictionary?

A description of the work to be done for each work package

How are work packages different from activities?

Activities are generated from each work package

Work packages are shown in a WBS

Activities are shown in an activity list and network diagram

What is scope verification?

When is it done?

The process of formalizing acceptance of the project scope by the stakeholders/customer

It is done during project monitoring and controlling and at the end of each phase of the project life cycle

What is the difference between product scope and project scope?

Product scope is requirements

Project scope is the project management work needed to accomplish the product scope

What makes up the scope baseline?

- Scope statement
- WBS
- WBS dictionary

What is the process of time management?

- Schedule management planning
- Activity definition
- Activity sequencing
- Activity resource estimating
- Activity duration estimating
- Schedule development
- Schedule control

What is the key output of schedule management planning?

A schedule management plan

What is the key output of activity definition?

Activity list

What is the key output of activity sequencing?

Network diagram

What is the key output of activity resource estimating?

Activity resource requirements

What is the key output of activity duration estimating?

Activity duration estimates

What is schedule development?

What are its key outputs?

The actions and tools necessary to create a bought into, approved, realistic and formal project schedule

Outputs:

- · Project schedule
- Schedule baseline
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of schedule control?

- Schedule updates
- Performance measurements
- Recommended corrective actions
- Requested changes

How is an AOA diagram different from a AON diagram?

An AOA diagram has only finish-to-start relationships

An AON diagram can have four relationships between activities

What are mandatory dependencies and discretionary dependencies?

Mandatory: One activity
MUST be done after or
before another
May also be called hard
logic
Discretionary: When you
PREFER activities to be
accomplished in a certain
order

- May also be called:
 - Preferred
 - Preferential
 - Soft logic

What are external dependencies?

Based on the needs of a party OUTSIDE the project

What is a resource breakdown structure?

A hierarchical list of identified resources by category

What is a schedule model?

Why is it used?

A tool to perform schedule network analysis

What is the critical path?

How does it help the project?

The longest path in the network diagram that tells you the shortest time in which the project can be completed

Tells the project manager where to focus his time

Helps to shorten the length of the project

What is the near-critical path?

The path closest in length to the critical path

Define lag.

Waiting time inserted into the schedule

Define total float and the formula for total float.

The amount of time an activity can be delayed without delaying the project

Formula:

Late start - Early start OR Late finish - Early finish

Define free float and project float.

Free Float: The amount of time an activity can be delayed without delaying the early start date of its successor

<u>Project Float:</u> The amount of time the project can be delayed without affecting a project's required due date

The desired project end date less the actual end date.

What are the methods to compress a schedule?

- Crashing
- Fast tracking
- Re-estimating

What is crashing?

Schedule compression through analyzing cost and schedule trade-offs to obtain the greatest compression for the least cost while maintaining scope

What is fast tracking?

Schedule compression by doing more critical path activities in parallel

What is the critical chain method?

A schedule network analysis tool that makes use of buffers

What is re-estimating?

Decreasing project and/or activity cost by eliminating the risks in activities

What is resource leveling?

Keeping the amount of resources used for each time period constant, thus affecting the project duration

What is a schedule management plan?

Part of the project management plan

A plan for how the schedule will be planned, executed and controlled

What is the schedule baseline?

Approved schedule with any approved changes, used to measure project schedule performance

What are the main tools for displaying a schedule?

- Network diagrams
- Bar charts
- Milestone charts
- Flowcharts

See the Time Chapter

What do network diagrams show?

- Interdependencies between activities
- How project activities will flow from beginning to end
- When estimates are added
- May also be used to find the critical path

See the Time Chapter

What do simple bar charts show?

Project schedule or project status

See the Time Chapter

What do milestone charts show?

High-level project status

See the Time Chapter

What do flowcharts show?

Work flow or process flow through a system

See the Time Chapter

What is a Monte Carlo analysis?

A schedule network analysis technique

Used to simulate the project to determine how likely you are to get the project completed by any specific date or for any specific cost

Also used in quantitative risk analysis to determine an overall level of risk on the project

See the Time Chapter

What are the following rules?

50/50 rule

20/80 rule

0/100 rule

Methods of progress reporting

50 percent of the effort is reported complete (20 percent or 0 percent) when an activity begins

The balance (50 percent, 80 percent or 100 percent) is recorded only when an activity is finished

See the Time Chapter

What is the process of cost management?

- Cost management planning
- Cost estimating
- Cost budgeting
- Cost control

What is a key output of cost management planning?

Cost management plan

What are key outputs of cost estimating?

- Activity cost estimates
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of cost budgeting?

- Cost baseline
- Funding requirements
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of cost control?

- Requested changes
- Performance measurements
- Recommended corrective actions
- Forecasted completion

Name some inputs to estimating.

- Project scope statement
- Work breakdown structure
- Network diagram
- Schedule and management plan
- Enterprise environmental factors
- Organizational process assets
- Resource pool
- Project management effort
- Risk management plan and register
- Project objectives

What is a cost management plan?

Part of the project management plan

How cost will be planned, executed and controlled

What are the main approaches to cost or schedule estimating?

- Analogous estimating
- Bottom-up estimating (cost only)
- Parametric estimating
- Three-point estimates
- One-time estimates

What is analogous estimating?

Top-down estimating that looks at the past to predict the future

"The last three projects cost \$25,000, or took six months, and so should this one"

What is bottom-up estimating?

Estimating based on the details of the project, e.g., from the bottom of the work breakdown structure

What is parametric estimating?

Extrapolating from historical information to estimate costs, e.g., cost per line of code, hours per installation

What is earned value analysis?

A method of measuring project performance that looks at the value earned for work accomplished

Can be used to predict future cost performance and project completion dates

What is the range for an order of magnitude estimate?

-50 percent to +100 percent from actual

What is the difference between a cost budget and a cost baseline?

Cost budget adds management reserve to the cost baseline

What is the formula for cost variance?

EY - AC = CY

What is the formula for schedule variance?

EV - PV = SV

What is the formula for cost performance index?

EV / AC = CPI

What is the formula for schedule performance index?

EV / PV = SPI

What are the formulas for estimate at completion?

- BAC / CPI = EAC or
- AC + ETC
- AC + BAC EV
- $\frac{AC + (BAC EV)}{CPI}$

What is the formula for estimate to complete?

EAC - AC = ETC

What is the formula for variance at completion?

BAC - EAC = VAC

Define present value.

The value today of future cash flows

$$PV = \underbrace{FV}_{(1 + r)n}$$

Define net present value.

The value in today's dollars of some future costs and expenses

For cost, the lower the number the better

For revenue, the higher the number the better

Define internal rate of return.

The rate an investment in the project will return

The higher the number the better

The rate at which a project's inflows and outflows are equal

Define payback period.

The number of time periods to recover the investment

A lower number is better than a higher one

Define benefit cost ratio.

Benefit Cost

The higher the number the better

Define opportunity cost.

The opportunity given up by selecting one project over another

What are sunk costs?

Expended costs

Define the law of diminishing returns.

The more you put into the effort, the less you get out of it

Define working capital.

Current assets minus current liabilities

The amount of funds available to spend on projects

See the Cost Chapter

Describe a variable cost and a fixed cost chargeable to the project. <u>Variable Cost:</u> A cost that varies with the amount of work done on the project

<u>Fixed Cost:</u> A cost that does not vary with the amount of work done on the project

See the Cost Chapter

Describe a direct cost and an indirect cost chargeable to the project. <u>Direct Cost:</u> A cost directly attributable to the project

Indirect Cost: Overhead

See the Cost Chapter

What are different types of depreciation?

Straight Line
Depreciation: Depreciate same amount each time period

Accelerated Depreciation: Depreciate an amount greater than straight line each time period

See the Cost Chapter

What does life cycle costing mean?

Considering the future cost of operating and maintaining the project or deliverable over its life when planning and managing the project

See the Cost Chapter

What is value analysis?

Finding a less costly way of doing essentially the same work

See the Cost Chapter

What is the process of quality management?

- Quality planning
- Quality assurance
- Quality control

What are key outputs of quality planning?

- Quality management plan
- Quality metrics
- · Quality baseline
- Process improvement plan

What are key outputs of perform quality assurance?

- Requested changes
- Recommended corrective actions

What are key outputs of perform quality control?

- Quality control measurements
- Validated defect repair
- Requested changes
- Recommended corrective and preventive actions and defect repair

What does gold plating mean?

Adding extra items and services that do not necessarily contribute added value or quality to customer deliverables

What is marginal analysis?

An analysis to determine when optimal quality is reached

An analysis to determine the point where incremental revenue from improvement equals the incremental cost to secure it

What is a quality management plan?

Part of the project management plan

A plan for how the project management team will implement the performing organization's quality policy

What is a process improvement plan?

A plan for analyzing processes used on the project to decrease defects, save time and money and increase customer satisfaction

What is the quality baseline?

What is it used for?

The project's quality objectives

One of the baselines used to measure performance against

What are quality metrics?

Specific measures of quality to be used on the project in quality assurance and quality control

What does continuous improvement mean?

The never-ending enhancement of a product/service through small, continuous enhancements

How much inventory is maintained in a just in time environment?

How does this affect attention to quality?

Little inventory is maintained

It forces attention to quality

What does ISO 9000 stand for?

One of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) international quality standards that asks, "Do you have a quality standard, and are you following it?"

What is the definition of total quality management?

A comprehensive management philosophy of encouraging the finding of ways to continuously improve the quality of business practices, products or services

What does the phrase prevention over inspection mean?

The cost of avoiding or preventing mistakes is always much less than the cost of correcting them

What does mutually exclusive mean?

Two events that cannot occur in a single trial

For example, you can't roll a 5 and a 6 on one die

What does statistical independence mean?

The probability of "B" occurring does not depend on "A" occurring

For example, the outcome of a second dice roll is not influenced by (dependent on) the outcome of the first roll

What is a normal distribution curve?

Symmetric bell-shaped frequency distribution curve

The most common probability distribution

What do three sigma and six sigma refer to?

Often used as quality standards.

Three Sigma: +/- Three standard deviations from the distribution mean under which 99.73% of all items are acceptable

Six Sigma: +/- Six standard deviations from the mean under which 99.999998% of all items are acceptable A higher quality standard than three sigma See the Quality Chapter What is the difference between a population and a sample?

<u>Population:</u> The total number of individual members, items or elements comprising a uniquely defined group

For example: All women

<u>Sample:</u> A subset of population members

For example: Women over the age of 30 in England

Who has responsibility for quality on a project?

The project manager is ultimately responsible, but the team members must inspect their own work

What are the impacts of poor quality?

- · Higher costs
- Increased rework
- · Lower morale
- Lower customer satisfaction
- · Increased risk

Name costs of conformance and costs of nonconformance.

Which costs should be greater?

What does cost of nonconformance mean?

Provide examples.

Costs of conformance:

- Quality training
- Studies
- Surveys

The costs of conformance should be less than the costs of nonconformance.

Costs of nonconformance:

- Rework
- Scrap
- Inventory costs
- Warranty costs

Costs of nonconformance are associated with poor quality.

What is the purpose of quality planning?

- Find existing quality standards and processes
- Create additional project specific processes and standards
- Determine what work you will do to meet those standards
- Determine how you will measure
- Create quality plan

Name some of the tools used in quality planning.

- Benchmarking
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Design of experiments
- Cost of quality

Define benchmarking.

Comparing your company or department's performance to those of other companies

Define cost-benefit analysis.

Comparing the costs of an effort to the benefits of that effort

What is a design of experiments?

A statistical method for changing important variables to determine what combination will improve overall quality

What is the purpose of quality assurance?

- Making sure all processes are used on the project and performing continuous process improvement
- Determine if activities comply with processes
- Continuous improvement
- Identify improvements the company needs to make
- Recommend changes

What are some of the activities in quality assurance?

- Process analysis
- Quality audits

What are quality audits?

Structured reviews of quality activities that identify lessons learned

What is the purpose of quality control?

- Measure specific project results against quality standards
- Make changes to quality baseline
- Identify root causes and quality improvements
- Recommend corrective and preventive actions, changes, and defect repair
- Validate deliverables

Name the quality control tools.

- Cause and effect diagram
- Flowchart
- Histogram
- · Pareto chart
- · Run chart
- Scatter diagram
- · Control chart

What is defect repair?

Rework when a component of the project does not meet specifications

Discovered during quality control, formed into change requests during monitor and control project work, and approved or rejected during integrated change control

What is a cause and effect (fishbone) diagram?

Why is it used?

Creative way to look at the causes or potential causes of a problem

Used to explore the future or the past

Also called a fishbone or Ishikawa diagram

Maybe used in quality planning or control

What is a checklist?

A list of items to inspect or a picture of an item that is marked to show locations of defects found during inspection

What does a Pareto chart show?

Why is it used?

Graphically prioritizes causes of process problems (by frequency of occurrence) to help focus attention on the most critical issues affecting quality

What is the 80/20 rule?

80 percent of process problems are caused by 20 percent of the causes

What is statistical sampling?

Inspecting by choosing only part of a population (a sample) to test

What is a control chart?

Specialized trend chart documenting whether a measured process is in or out of statistical control

What are control limits?

The acceptable range of variation on a control chart

What are the specification limits on a control chart?

Customer's measures defining acceptable product/service characteristics and tolerances

What does out of control mean?

The process is performing neither consistently nor predictably, due to the existence of assignable causes

What does the rule of seven mean?

Seven consecutive data points appearing on a control chart on one side of the mean, suggesting that the process is out of statistical control

What is a special cause?

A data point on a control chart or rule of seven indicating that the measured process is out of statistical control and that the cause(s) of the event must be investigated

What is the process of human resource management?

- Human resource planning
- Acquire project team
- Develop project team
- Manage project team

See the Human Resources Chapter

What are key outputs of human resource planning?

- Roles and responsibilities
- Staffing management plan
- Project organizational chart

See the Human Resources Chapter

What are key outputs of acquire project team?

- Project staff (team) assignment
- Resource availability

See the Human Resources Chapter

What is a key output of develop project team?

Team performance assessment: Evaluating team effectiveness

What are key outputs of manage project team?

- Requested changes
- Recommended preventive and corrective actions

Describe the roles and responsibilities of all the people involved in a project.

This topic cannot be summarized here, but it is critical to understand who does what on the exam.

See the Human Resources Chapter in PMP Exam Prep for more on this topic.

Define sponsor.

- Provides information for preliminary project scope statement
- Issues the charter
- Provides funding
- May dictate dates
- Approves project management plan
- Agrees to the change control board
- Is involved in risk

Describe the team's role.

- Create the work breakdown structure and help with project management planning
- Estimate activities
- Complete activities
- Help control and close out the project
- Held accountable for assigned activities

Define the role of the stakeholders.

They may help:

- Plan the project
- Approve changes
- Identify constraints
- Perform the risk management process

Define the role of functional managers.

Resource managers:

- Participate in planning
- Approve final project management plan
- Approve final schedule
- Assist with problems related to team member performance

What are the key elements in a staffing management plan?

When and how human resource requirements will be met

- Recognition and rewards
- · Staff acquisition
- Timetable
- Release criteria
- Training needs

What must a project manager do in order to develop the project team?

- Hold team building activities throughout the project life
- Obtain and provide training where needed
- Establish ground rules
- Create and give recognition and rewards
- Place team members in the same location (co-location)

What must a project manager do to manage a project team?

- Observe
- Use an issue log
- Keep in touch
- Complete project performance appraisals
- Actively look for and help resolve conflicts that the team cannot resolve on their own

What is a team performance assessment?

An assessment by the project manager of project team effectiveness

Name the powers of the project manager.

- Formal
- Reward
- Penalty
- Expert
- Referent

Name the different leadership styles a project manager may choose to use.

- Directing
- Facilitating
- Coaching
- Supportive
- Autocratic
- Consultative
- Consensus

Name the most common sources of conflict on projects.

- Schedules
- Priorities
- Resources
- Technical opinions

NOT personalities

Name conflict resolution techniques.

- Problem solving (confronting)
- Compromise
- Withdrawal (avoidance)
- Smoothing
- Forcing

Define problem solving.

Define compromising.

<u>Problem Solving:</u> Solving the real problem (Win-win)

Compromising: Making all parties somewhat happy (Lose-lose)

Define withdrawal.

Define smoothing.

Define forcing.

Withdrawal: Postponing a project decision or avoiding addressing the problem

Smoothing: Emphasizing agreement rather than differences of opinion

Forcing: Do it my way

What are the project manager's human resource responsibilities?

- Create a team directory
- Negotiate for best resources
- Create project-related job descriptions for team members
- Make sure team members obtain needed training
- Create reward systems
- Create a staffing management plan

What is a project performance appraisal?

An evaluation of individual team member effectiveness

See the Human Resources Chapter

What is Maslow's theory?

People are motivated according to hierarchy:

- Self-actualization
- Esteem
- Social
- Safety
- Physiological

See the Human Resources Chapter

What did McGregor describe?

Theory X: Managers who accept this theory believe that people need to be watched every second

Theory Y: Managers who accept this theory believe that people want to achieve and can work without supervision

See the Human Resources Chapter

What did Herzberg describe?

- Hygiene factors
- Motivating agents

See the Human Resources Chapter

Why is releasing resources the last activity in closure?

The team and other resources are needed to complete closure

What is a kickoff meeting?

When does it occur?

A meeting of all parties to the project (project stakeholders, sellers, etc.) to make sure everyone is "on the same page"

It is held at the end of the planning process group.

What is the process of communications management?

- Communications planning
- Information distribution
- Performance reporting
- Manage stakeholders

What is the key output of communications planning?

Communications management plan

What are key outputs of information distribution?

- Team and stakeholders have the information they need
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of performance reporting?

- Stakeholders know how the project is performing
- Performance reports
- Forecasts
- Requested changes
- Recommended corrective actions

What are key outputs of manage stakeholders?

- · Resolved issues
- Approved change requests
- Approved corrective actions

Define communications planning.

Determining the information and communication needs of stakeholders

What is a communications management plan?

Part of the project management plan

A formal plan that describes what will be communicated and received from whom, when, and how often

Describe the information distribution requirements on projects.

Implementing the communications management plan

Creating reports including:

- · Lessons learned
- Performance reports

See the Communications Chapter in PMP Exam Prep for more on this topic.

Describe the communications model and its components.

Messages are encoded, transmitted and unencoded, and must include attention to:

- Nonverbal communication
- Paralingual
- Active listening
- Effective listening
- Feedback

How much of communication is nonverbal?

About 55 percent

What does paralingual mean?

Pitch and tone of voice

Name communications methods.

- Formal
- Informal
- Written
- Verbal

How much time do project managers spend communicating?

90 percent

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Name communication blockers.

- Noise
- Distance
- Improper encoding
- "That was a bad idea"
- Hostility
- Language
- Culture

See the Communications Chapter

Describe the rules for effective meetings.

- Set a time limit
- Schedule in advance
- Create an agenda with team input
- Distribute agenda in advance
- Lead meeting with a set of rules

See the Communications Chapter in PMP Exam Prep for more on this topic.

See the Communications Chapter

What is the formula for communication channels?

[N (N-I)] /2

See the Communications Chapter

What is an issue log?

Documents project issues, persons responsible for resolving issues and target resolution dates

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What are lessons learned?

What do we do with them?

What went right, wrong, and could be done differently

Used in planning a project and are generated by the project to be used by other projects in the future

See the Communications Chapter

What is the process of risk management?

- Risk management planning
- · Risk identification
- Qualitative risk analysis
- Quantitative risk analysis
- Risk response planning
- Risk monitoring and control

What is the key output of risk management planning?

Risk management plan

What are key outputs of risk identification?

- Risks
- Risk register

What are key outputs of qualitative risk analysis added to the risk register?

- · List of risks
- Ranked risks by category
- Watchlist

What are key outputs of quantitative risk analysis added to the risk register?

- Probability of achieving the cost and time objectives
- Prioritized list of quantified risks

What are key outputs of risk response planning?

- Risk response plans
- Contingency plans
- Triggers
- Reserves for time and cost
- Fallback plans
- Contracts
- Revised project management plan
- Residual risks
- Secondary risks

What are key outputs of risk monitoring and control?

- Requested changes
- Recommended preventive and corrective actions
- Updates to the risk register
- · Risk audits
- Periodic risk reviews
- · Risks closed

Define risks.

Events that can affect a project for better or worse

Threats and opportunities

Describe key things one needs to know about each risk.

- Probability
- Impact
- Timing
- Frequency

Someone who is risk averse is:

Unwilling to take risks

What is risk tolerance?

Amount of risk acceptable

Name the inputs to the risk management process.

- Organizational process assets
- Enterprise environmental factors
- · Project charter
- Project scope statement
- Project scope management plan
- Staffing plans
- WBS
- Network diagram
- Cost and time estimates

What are risk categories?

Lists of common sources of risk, including:

- Technical
- Project management
- Schedule
- Cost
- Others

What are risk identification techniques?

- Documentation reviews
- Brainstorming
- Delphi Technique
- Root cause identification
- Interviewing
- SWOT
- Checklists
- Assumptions analysis
- Diagramming techniques

What are the types of risks?

- Business
- Pure

What are risk triggers?

Early warning signs that a risk event is about to occur

What is assumptions analysis?

When is it done?

Explores the validity of project assumptions to identify new risks in risk identification

What is risk data quality assessment?

When is it done?

- Reviewing how well understood is the risk
- A method to test reliability of risk information collected
- It is done during qualitative risk analysis

What is a probability and impact matrix?

The company's scale to determine which risks continue through the risk management process

What is the formula for expected monetary value?

Probability times impact

What is a decision tree?

A model of a decision to be made which includes the probabilities and impacts of future events to help make a decision today

Who is a risk response owner?

The person assigned to execute risk responses for each critical risk

Name and define the risk response strategies for threats.

Avoid: Eliminate a specific threat by eliminating the cause

Mitigate: Reduce the probability or Impact

Accept: PassIve - Do nothing If it happens, it happens.

Active - Develop contingency plans

<u>Transfer:</u> Make another party responsible for a risk

May include: outsourcing, Insurance, warranties, bonds and guarantees
See the Risk Chapter

Name and define the risk response strategies for opportunities.

Exploit: Enhance the opportunity

Share: Allocate ownership to a third party

Enhance: Increase probablhty or impacts

Accept: Passive - Do nothing If it happens, it happens

Active - Develop contingency plans

What are residual risks?

Risks that remain after risk response planning:

- Risks for which contingency and fallback plans have been created
- Risks which have been accepted

Outputs of risk response planning

What are secondary risks?

New risks created by risk response strategies

Outputs of risk response planning

How does buying insurance relate to risk response planning?

It exchanges an unknown risk for a known risk

It is a method to decrease project risk

It is an output of risk response planning

What do contracts have to do with risk response planning?

A contract helps allocate and mitigate risks

A risk analysis is done before a contract is signed

Contracts are outputs of risk response planning

What are contingency plans?

Planned responses to risks

Outputs of risk response planning

What are fallback plans?

Actions that will be taken if the contingency plan is not effective

Outputs of risk response planning

What does a revised project management plan have to do with risk management?

The components of the project management plan will need to be updated based on the results of risk planning

It is an output of risk response planning

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What are reserves?

Time or cost added to the project to account for risk

Also referred to as:

- Management reserve
- Contingency reserve

Reserves are outputs of risk response planning

See the Risk Chapter

What is a contingency reserve?

Time or cost allocated to cover known unknowns

Included in cost baseline

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What is a management reserve?

Time or cost allocated to cover unknown unknowns

Included in cost budget

See the Risk Chapter

What are risk reassessments?

When do they occur?

Identification of new risks

They occur during risk monitoring and control

See the Risk Chapter

What is reserve analysis?

When is it done?

- Determining reserves
- Managing the reserves and making sure the amount remaining is adequate

It is done during risk response planning, monitoring and controlling, activity duration estimating, cost budgeting and cost control

See the Risk Chapter

What are risk response audits?

Examining and documenting the effectiveness of the risk response and the risk response owner

See the Risk Chapter

What is the process of procurement management?

- Plan purchases and acquisitions
- Plan contracting
- Request seller responses
- Select sellers
- Contract administration
- Contract closure

Name the inputs to the procurement management process.

- Enterprise environmental factors
- Organizational process assets
- WBS
- · Risk register
- Project scope statement
- · Project schedule
- Cost estimate for contracted work
- Cost baseline for the project

What are key outputs of plan purchases and acquisitions?

- Procurement management plan
- Contract statement of work
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of plan contracting?

- Procurement documents
- Evaluation criteria

What are key outputs of request seller responses?

- Procurement documents
- Proposals

What are key outputs of select sellers?

- Contract signed
- Contract management plan
- Requested changes

What are key outputs of contract administration?

- Substantial completion
- Requested changes
- Recommended corrective actions

What are key outputs of contract closure?

- Product verification
- Financial closure
- Update and index records
- Performance reporting
- Procurement audits
- · Lessons learned
- Formal acceptance

What is a contract management plan?

A plan for how each contract will be administered

What is a procurement management plan?

Part of the project management plan

Describes how procurements will be planned, executed and controlled

What is required for a legal contract?

- Offer
- Acceptance
- Consideration
- Legal capacity
- Legal purpose

What is a contract?

May include all of the following:

- Legal terms
- Business terms
- Contract statement of work
- Marketing literature
- Drawings

Describe the project manager's role in procurement.

- Understand the procurement process
- Make sure the work described in the contract is complete
- Be involved in the whole contracting process
- Help tailor the contract to the project
- Incorporate mitigation and allocation of risks into the contract

Name the advantages of centralized contracting.

- Increased expertise in contracting
- Standardized practices
- · Clear career path

Name the disadvantages of centralized contracting.

- One person works on many projects
- May be difficult to obtain contracting help when needed

Name the advantages of decentralized contracting.

- Easier access to contracting expertise
- More loyalty to the project
- More focused contract expenence

Name the disadvantages of decentralized contracting.

- No home for the contracts person after the project
- Less focus on improving contracting expertise
- Inefficient use of resources
- Little standardization of contracting processes from one project to the next

What does make-or-buy refer to?

Analyzing whether the performing organization should do the work or buy the services/supplies from outside the organization

What are the main types of contracts?

- Cost reimbursable
- Fixed price
- · Time and material
- Purchase order

What is a cost reimbursable contract?

All costs are reimbursed

What is a cost plus fixed fee contract?

All costs are reimbursed

The fee is fixed at a certain monetary amount

What is a cost plus percentage of cost contract?

All costs are reimbursed, plus a specific percentage of costs as fee or profit

What is a cost plus incentive fee contract?

Costs are reimbursed plus an incentive, usually an additional fee, for exceeding performance criteria that have been determined in advance

What is a time and material contract?

Usually a fixed hourly rate or a fixed cost per item, plus a reimbursable component for expenses or materials

What is a fixed price contract?

There is only one fee for accomplishing all the work

What is a fixed price plus incentive fee contract?

Total price is fixed, but an additional amount may be paid for exceeding performance criteria determined in advance

What is a fixed price economic price adjustment contract?

A fixed price contract with an allowable adjustment for price increase, due to cost increases in later time periods

Describe how contract administration efforts will be different with each contract form. This critical concept cannot be summarized here.

See the Procurement Chapter in PMP Exam Prep for more on this topic.

What is a purchase order?

A unilateral contract

What are incentives?

What might they be used for?

Help bring the seller's objectives in line with the buyer's

Incentives for:

- Time
- Cost
- Quality
- Scope

Who has the cost risk in a cost reimbursable contract?

In a fixed price contract?

Risk in a cost reimbursable contract is borne by the buyer

Risk in a fixed price contract is borne by the seller

Name the types of contract statements of work.

- Performance
- Functional/detailed
- Design

What are procurement documents?

- Request for proposal (RFP)
- Invitation for bid (IFB)
- Request for quotation (RFQ)

What are standard contract terms and conditions?

What are special provisions?

<u>Standard Contract Terms</u> <u>and Provisions:</u> Terms and conditions which are used for all contracts within the company

<u>Special Provisions:</u> Terms and conditions created for the unique needs of the project

Created with the input of the project manager

Name common terms and conditions that may be in a contract.

Please review the long list ofterms and conditions and what they mean in PMP Exam Prep, Procurement Chapter.

What is a letter of intent?

A letter from the buyer, without legal binding, saying the buyer intends to hire the seller

What does privity refer to?

Contractual relationships between two or more companies

What does non-competitive procurement mean?

Work awarded to a single source or sole source without competition

When are evaluation criteria created and used?

What do they refer to?

Created during plan contracting

Rationale that the buyer will use to weight or score suppliers' proposals

Used during select sellers to pick a supplier

What is a bidder conference?

What should be watched out for?

A meeting with prospective sellers to make sure all understand the procurement and have a chance to ask questions

Watch for:

- Collusion
- Sellers not asking questions
- All questions and answers are distributed to all

What is a qualified seller list?

A list of sellers who have been pre-approved

What are the objectives of negotiation?

- Obtain a fair and reasonable price
- Develop a good relationship with the other side

Name some negotiation tactics.

- Attacks
- Personal insults
- · Good guy/Bad guy
- Deadline
- Lying
- · Limited authority
- · Missing man
- Delay
- Extreme demands
- · Withdrawal
- Fait accompli

Name some of the project manager's activities during contract administration.

- · Review invoices
- Integrated change control
- Interpret the contract
- Monitor performance against the contract
- Risk management

Please see the long list in PMP Exam Prep, Procurement Chapter.

Why might there be conflict between the contract administrator and the project manager?

The contract administrator is the only one with the power to change the contract (including the project scope)

What is a contract change control system?

A system created to modify the contract and to control changes to the contract

What must be done for all contract changes?

They must be formally documented

What is the purpose of a buyer-conducted performance review?

Identify seller's successes or failures, and allow the buyer to rate the seller's ability to perform

Define claims administration.

Managing contested changes and constructive changes (claims) requested by the seller

What is the key function of a records management system?

Maintain an index of contract documentation and records to assist in retrieval

Part of the project management information system

Name the guidelines for interpreting what is or is not included in the contract.

See the Procurement Chapter in PMP Exam Prep for more on this topic.

What is the purpose of contract closure in the procurement management process?

- Perform a procurement audit
- Complete the work done under contract

What is a procurement audit?

Structured review of the procurement process and determination of lessons learned to help other procurements

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What does professional and social responsibility mean?

- Ensure individual integrity
- Contribute to the project management knowledge base
- Enhance personal professional competence
- Promote interaction among stakeholders

For the PMP exam, make sure you read the extensive information on this topic in PMP Exam Prep, Prof Responsibility Chapter.

What does "ensure individual integrity" mean?

- Follow PMI's code of professional conduct
- Tell the truth in reports
- Follow copyright and other laws
- Treat others with respect
- Report violations
- Do not put personal gain over project needs
- Do not give or take bribes

What does "contribute to the project management knowledge base" mean?

- Share lessons learned
- Write articles
- Mentor others
- Perform research on best practices

What does "enhance personal professional competence" mean?

- Understand your own strengths and weaknesses
- · Continue to learn
- Look for new practices

What does "balance stakeholders' interests" mean?

Part of "promote interaction among stakeholders", it means:

- Work to get clear and complete project objectives and project requirements
- Understand stakeholders' interests
- Recommend approaches that strive for fair resolution

What does "interact with team and stakeholders in a professional and cooperative manner" mean? Part of "promote interaction among stakeholders", it means:

- Respect cultural differences
- Understand others' needs
- Follow practices in other countries, as long as they do not violate laws
- Provide others with project charter, schedule and project management plan they need to do their work



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