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PROJECT HEALTH CHECKS

CHALLENGE

Although project success rates have risen in the recent past, research still shows that over 60% of projects are delivered late, over budget, and/or required features and functions are incomplete or omitted. A further 20% of projects are cancelled altogether prior to completion, or are delivered and never used. The Gantt chart of a project often does not reveal its true health status.

Typically, team reports and progress monitoring only provide a status snapshot. These reports can tell you that a milestone has been missed, but they do not highlight whether that is sign of a systemic problem. Further, internal project teams and their third-party counterparts tend to be subjective or equivocal in their description of project issues. The result of this behaviour can lead to project failure because problems aren't detected early enough to be dealt with by the team.

OUR SOLUTION

Sierra Systems offers an objective, straightforward, proven approach for assessing the health of your business or technology based projects.

Our approach is to determine whether critical issues, that impact the successful completion of a project, are being managed. A Project Health Check from Sierra Systems looks at the scope, quality, schedule, as well as the budget and resources of a project to determine if they are aligned with industry best practices as defined in the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®).

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Sierra Systems offers a straightforward, in-depth assessment of your projects health providing an objective insight about its current state, existing or potential failure points, and actionable recommendations to achieve success.

We focus on a project team's capabilities and managerial approach to answer questions that reveal a project's overall health. Questions asked include:

- What is the project team's understanding of the project?
- What is senior management's understanding of the project?
- What has the project put in place:
 - to determine how much of the work has been completed and how much is remaining?
 - to determine how much of the project budget has been spent?
 - to manage risk?
 - to manage change?
 - to create a productive environment for the project team?
 - to assure appropriate quality in the project deliverables?
 - to keep the project team and senior management informed of progress?
- Are all the above mechanisms working well?

Sierra Systems' Project Health Check follows a disciplined, proven methodology. A project's documentation is reviewed including definitions, resources, project plan (schedule), sequencing and team reporting. Key personnel are interviewed to provide greater insight and information about the project. Ultimately data is analyzed, recommendations are defined, and findings are presented in a Review Report. The report typically includes an executive summary, a review outline, an analysis of the findings including the strengths and risks or concerns, as well as ultimate recommendations. The report is objective, insightful and actionable.

OUR SERVICES

Sierra Systems has built its reputation on strong Project Management—it's a core competency, not a sideline. We hire, train, and nurture dedicated Project Management professionals. With close to half a century of experience Sierra Systems has developed its own proprietary Guidelines for Project Management that document repeatable processes, reduce risk, save time, ensure quality, and ultimately achieve client success.

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