

Challenges in Managing Projects



IT organizations have struggled to manage projects effectively to deliver on their scope, schedule and cost commitments successfully and consistently. As a result, some organizations have either implemented rigorous processes and templates or none at all. Those who have implemented processes often apply the same level of process rigor and intensity to all projects regardless of project type, size and risk level. This practice can result in increased budgets and extended schedules due to unnecessary project administration, too many meetings and too many approvals which ultimately impact time-to-market to the point of non-competitiveness. Experience has shown that despite this rigor, overall project risk still remains high and leads to a higher level of customer dissatisfaction.

CDI's Project Management Tailoring™ Service

CDI's experience has shown that the ideal solution is not a single rigorous process implementation but customization of the discipline appropriate for the project profile. With over four decades of experience in the IT field and having participated in thousands of successful projects, CDI has developed a Project Management Tailoring™ (PMT) methodology that serves as a toolset to help organizations improve project delivery accuracy, ensure compliance and reduce project cost. This comprehensive service offering includes:

- Assessment of current state and review of implemented processes and templates as well as application rigor throughout the organization.
- Design, development and implementation of process, templates and project management assets (forms and procedures).
- Customization of CDI ProjectOptimizer™ to reflect the findings and deployment organization-wide.
- Periodic assessment of success rate and modification to the process, tool or the rigor in the IT organization.

CDI ProjectOptimizer™

A key element in CDI's PMT solution is our patent-pending ProjectOptimizer™ software. This industry-first, proprietary tool is designed and developed to enable a project manager, within minutes, to configure the tool and produce:

- The "Project Standard Notebook" which contains a clear, optimized set of policies, processes, procedures, guidelines and templates. Output complies with selected company standards and methodologies.
- Consistent MS Project schedules containing the minimum set of tasks required which are customized for project type, size and risk that meet company standards.
- Automated standards process and compliance auditing capability, from start to finish, through self-audits and external QA audits.

Results

By reducing efforts of senior management, program and project management, business analysis, design and development, construction and configuration management and quality assurance, project administration is reduced by 3x-6x over large, high-risk projects. For example, CDI recently helped a Fortune 100 company reduce their overall project cost by 20% with typical savings in the range of 10% to 30%.

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CDI Core Services

IT Consulting & IT Outsourcing

Application Life Cycle Management

- Application Development
- Application Maintenance & Enhancement
- Application Migration
- Web Content Management
- Requirements Management
- Software Quality Assurance
- Application / Database Assessment

Customer Support

- Application Support
- Infrastructure Support

Quality Management

- Defect Prevention / Quality Assurance
- Defect Detection / Testing
- Project Management Tailoring

IT Process Management

- Program and Project Management
- Portfolio / Investment Management
- Risk / Security Management
- Skills Management

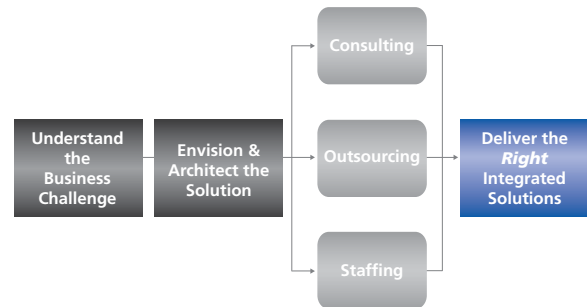
IT Operations

- Hardware & Operational Environment Management
- Remote Server & Desktop Support
- Disaster Recovery Plans & Back-up Center Service

IT Staffing

- Staff Augmentation
- Direct Hire
- Managed Staffing

Our consultative, flexible approach allows us to be your complete IT solutions provider:



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