



Stapleton

GLOBAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

Project Management

As margins are eroded and competition increases it is necessary for performance and productivity to be optimised in order to maintain competitive advantage and achieve success.

For this to be possible contracting parties need to be clear in their requirements and objectives when entering into contracts and subcontracts.

Thereafter, project personnel need to be aware of those requirements and responsibilities in order that these can be satisfied at all stages of the project execution.

Our extensive project controls and commercial management experience is available to clients to ensure contracts are properly formed and administered in order to effect savings and enhance market performance.

Cost Management

Cost Management is a broad subject encompassing all the elements of a project relating to cost, from inception to completion. Today's market requires costs to be administered in a professional and structured manner, allowing facts to be recorded and positions safeguarded.

Whilst some see stringent contract administration as potentially adversarial, this does not have to be the case. The use of accurate cost models, cost projections and contingency management are all factors which are employed in the effective delivery of a project within the cost parameters.

We employ experienced commercial and contract administration personnel with extensive practical experience of project cost management. We are able to deploy individuals to enhance a client's existing commercial team, or alternatively, deploy a commercial team, or undertake the total commercial function of the project.



Planning and Scheduling

The construction schedule and associated planning techniques provide one of the most important management tools in any project. Not only does this provide a reliable means of planning forward work but also of monitoring progress and change. This allows project management decisions to be made at the appropriate times. In a claim or dispute, the schedule and actual progress achieved will also be essential to demonstrate the real impact of critical change. In order to be effective, the project schedule and progress records need to be developed, maintained and analysed by skilled and experienced people. Change needs to be identified from the various project records and the real impact upon the schedule determined.

Our planning specialists have wide industry experience, blending practical skills with with a high level of computer and information technology literacy. Consequently we are able to ascertain the real issues quickly, logically and economically. We are well versed in all of the relevant proprietary computer software packages, which we use to help us efficiently develop and produce innovative ways to present complex matters in a comprehensible and effective manner.

When necessary, by undertaking a Schedule Risk Analysis, the uncertainty of estimates by replacing the deterministic duration for each task by a distribution representing the range of likely duration's is recognised . The analysis explores the implications for the project's schedule of risk to the activity duration's and also identifies the most important schedule risks. This analysis, building on and extending Critical Path Method of scheduling, results in a more accurate estimate of completion providing an early opportunity for planning effective risk mitigation actions.

Whether assisting with project management, recovery schedules, claim preparation, claim evaluation or providing expert witness services, our planning service produces economical and effective solutions.