Project Management Topic 3.2 Project Charter



Project Charter

- Formally authorizes a project or phase
- Documents initial requirements to satisfy stakeholder needs and expectations
- Ideally PM participates in its development
- Gives the PM authority to apply resources to project activities



Charter Contents

- Mission Includes purpose/justification
- Goals Measurable objectives
- Scope Description of Project
- Acceptance Criteria
- Summary Budget
- Summary Milestone Schedule
- Major Risks Identification of High Risks
- Sponsor & PM responsibility & authority



Charter Inputs

- Business need
- Business relationship to the strategic plan
- Business case justification
- Contract
- Enterprise environmental factors
 - (Industry stds, org infrastructure, market)
- Organizational Assets
 - (Org stds, templates, lessons learned)



Charter Development

- Involves collecting information from
 - Customers and sponsors
 - Other stakeholders
 - Professional and technical resources
 - Consultants
 - Other companies and departments
- Applying expert judgment to the information used to generate the charter



Goals Must Be SMART*

- S Specific (Simple, Significant)
- M Measureable
- A Aggressive/Achievable
- R Realistic/Reachable (Reasonable Number)
- T Time Based



^{*}Kerzner 2006, pg 290

3.2.1 Team Exercise



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Project Charter Added Considerations

- Ensure each goal represents a major facet of the project
- Keep the number of goals manageable
- Ensure both cost and timing constraints are clearly identified
- Make Mission/Goal pocket cards permanent, visible, and easily communicated.



Laminated Pocket Card Examples



