Project Management Topic 6.4 Checklists and Visual Control Boards



Checklist

- Common tool often underrated
- Supplemental tool to ensure a task or sequence of tasks is completed



- Created from historical data, experience, and standard templates
- Provides process documentation allowing incorporation of lessons learned

Three levels of Application

- Reminder to ensure completeness
 - Template is maintained and updated with lessons learned
- Project documentation
 - Addition of signature, date, and file retention
- Process control
 - Add form ID and revision level with date



Checklists Facilitate Project Integration

- Clear identification of prerequisites
- Clear identification of deliverables
- Aids communication between phases
- Resolves potential conflict issues before they occur
- Provides sense of accomplishment through interim deliverables



Checklists to Integrate Project Phases

Preparation Checklist

- Ensures all predecessors are complete prior to starting a project phase
- Avoid false starts and inefficiencies

Deliverables Checklist

- Ensures all deliverables are complete after completing a project phase
- Synchronizes expectations between phases



6.4.1 Team Exercise



Checklists

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Visual Control Board

- Makes a project visible – –
- Contains following information
 - Overall project information
 - Contact information
 - Project progress and schedules
 - Identifies open issues
- Focal point for team meetings



Visual Control Board Lessons Learned

- Post information in original form
- Person responsible for info updates board
- Maximize use in presentations
- Meeting focal point and use team's input
- Place in highly visible location
- Archive data as it changes
- Post data on project website as well



6.4.2 Team Exercise



Visual Control Board

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