Project Introduction & Rationale

**Project L3**

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# About this document

This document provides an introduction to, and summary of, the **Project L3** project that we believe will provide significant operational, service and financial benefits to **LCubed** and its stakeholders.

It is provided to:

1. Inform stakeholders about our proposed project, resulting systems and key benefits; and
2. To assess and attain the, financial commitment, enthusiasm and endorsement to progress it further.

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# Project objectives and benefits

This document provides an introduction to, and summary of, the **Project L3** project that we believe will provide significant operational, service and financial benefits to **LCubed** and its stakeholders.

Assuming that the project progresses we anticipate that it will be completed by **31 August 2014**, at an expect cost of **Dont Know**.

## Contribution to LCubed mission

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## Contribution to LCubed goals

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## Operational savings / Return on Investment

This project is intended to generate ongoing savings/returns against the initial financial investment. Should the project proceed to the next planning phase the returns will be quantified through completion of comprehensive functional requirements.

At this stage are expecting to create efficiencies and reduce errors in the **6** areas listed below in the project scope section of this document.

## Non-financial benefits

In addition to the financial savings we are also expecting to achieve improvements in our operations and service through automation, systemisation and enabling 'self-service' for the following groups:

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| Stakeholder group |
| Board of Directors |
| Professional Associations |
| Industry Experts |
| Vendors |

# Project Scope

We have identified **6** functional areas that the implemented system will facilitate, these are listed below.

The project scope will be further defined by specifying a list of key features within each of these functional areas.

The Project Detail Document (a key deliverable of the next project phase), will contain:

* Estimates return on investment (ROI), saving per year based on the current operations costs, and
* Expected non-financial stakeholder / constituencies benefits of these functional areas.

At this stage new additional revenues are not estimated or included in this documentation.

## Functional areas to be implemented

The identified functional areas to be implemented are:

* Contact Database  
    
  In almost all membership system builds, whether on or off line, the contact database is a central feature. It is mandatory to the implementation of a working membership system.  
    
   Your contact database records information on all of your constituency, independent of their relationship to your organisation. These attributes (for example, subscriber, current member, committee member) all refer back to the central contact database.  
    
   A list of functional line items are provided below for you to include or exclude and to provide a ranking of importance for your project.  
    
   Contact database features include:  
   - Adding new contact details  
   - Managing and editing contacts and status  
   - Manage access and user permissions
* Membership management  
    
  Members are the lifeblood of the organisation, delivering services to them and enhancing their lives is a key priority. Membership Management is therefore an essential function for Associations and many other other non-profits groups.  
    
   The level of functionality required to support the management of your membership data and membership interactions will vary with the complexity of your membership structures and the overall level of automation and interaction you require.  
    
   Closely tracking and growing membership numbers is often a primary goal and key revenue generator, so storing and (quickly and flexibly) accessing information on them is essential.  
    
   Key Membership Management features include:  
   - Membership cycles can be defined (calendar year, pro-rater etc)  
   - Membership levels and pricing can be configured  
   - Membership reporting tools
* Membership Application  
    
  Automation of membership processes, and providing the ability for members to self serve, can represent a significant saving (operational efficiency) to your organisation at the same time as providing improved (self) service.  
    
   Online membership application and membership processing can also encourage quicker renewals and an increase the overall number of renewals and new member applications. A list of functional line items relating to Membership Application are provided below for you to include or exclude.   
    
   Key Membership Application features are:  
   - Individuals / corporations can apply for membership via the public website  
   - Members can choose applicable options and levels  
   - Communications and payments are handeled by the system
* Membership renewal  
    
  Allowing members to renew through your website in a simple and intuitive way will also create significant cost savings.  
    
   It also represents improved service and convenience to many who are happy using the internet to make payments. It allows members to renew any hour of the day or night from anywhere. This convenience can be the difference between the renewal and a lapsed member.   
    
   Key features include:  
   - Automated notifications of membership expiry  
   - Members can modify their membership types, interests and settings  
   - Online payments processed for renewals
* Website Content Management  
    
  Websites are a critical channel of communication for Associations. To keep a website up to date, fresh, relevant and attractive to search engines the content on the site should be modified and updated regularly. It is therefore essential that this task can be easily and quickly managed by non-technical personnel.   
    
   A list of functional line items are provided below for you to include or exclude and to provide a ranking of importance for your project.  
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - All site content can be managed by non-technical administrators  
   - Menu structures and Information Architectures (site maps) can managed  
   - Content approval workflow is supported
* Resource Library  
    
  Many membership organisations have accumulated a considerable library of resources that need to be readily accessible to either to the public or, more often, available only to members as a benefit of membership.   
    
   The usefulness of this library is predicated on it being easily browsed or filtered via a variety of meta data relevant to the resources and their application.   
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - Resources within the resource library can be publicly available or restricted to members  
   - Metadata to be assigned to resources can be configured  
   - The resource library can be browsed by category or search/filtered by metadata

# Price, Process, Timelines & Milestones

We intend to "go-to market" to finalise pricing, however we are provisionally recommending a project budget of **Dont Know**.

In addition to the financial costs, the project will also require the time, input and enthusiasm of the following team members listed in the Roles and Responsibilities section below.

## Timeline & milestones

The project duration is expected to be **61** days.

* The intended start date is: **01 July 2014**
* The target completion date is: **31 August 2014**

The project will include key milestones, these will help us monitor and keep the project on time and budget.

The milestones are not finalised, but are likely to include:

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| S Num | Milestone name | Date |
| 1 | Project Commencement | 01 July 2014 |
| 2 | Supplier engaged | 15 July 2014 |
| 3 | Scoping and planning complete | 26 July 2014 |
| 4 | Interface design complete | 02 August 2014 |
| 5 | Development complete | 06 August 2014 |
| 6 | Changed from User testing complete | 16 August 2014 |
| 7 | Training complete and system live | 17 August 2014 |
| 8 | Additional Milestone | 29 August 2014 |
| 9 | Project Completion | 31 August 2014 |

# Internal team roles

Successful execution of the project will require the input and participation of a number of team members, these are listed below along with their anticipated roles and responsibilities.

The next stage of the project will include more detail on this including estimated effort and individual responsibilities.

## Project team

The project team leader is **Dionne Davena.**

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| Team member | Role (title) |
| Dionne Davena | Supervisor / Team Manager |
| Bryant Austin | Research Team |
| Jaycob Harrison | Design Team |
| Hilary Kortney | Functional Manager |

# Conclusion and Next steps

To achieve the benefits we propose to deliver the project following the milestones outlined.

The next step is to specify the project process and system functionality in greater detail. This will be captured in a 'Project details' document which will be the primary reference for all stakeholders.

Please contact Dionne Davena on test@test.com which questions and your feedback.