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# Introduction

## About this document

This document has been created to brief you and your organisation on our pending project and to ascertain your level of interest in participating in its delivery.

The document is only intended as a high level brief, full and detailed project documentation will be supplied to you soon, including functional requirements, should you wish to provide a quotation for the delivery of the project.

## About a

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## Key project Objectives

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# Project Scope

Currently we have identified a number of high level functional areas that we require the project to deliver upon. There are total **14** functional areas.

Future documentation will include a drill down into each of these areas, specifying a list of features within each.

* 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
* Member Services/benefits  
    
  Providing the ability for members to self serve, can represent significant savings to your organisation as well as an improved service. It can also encourage quicker renewals and processing and an increased number of renewals and new members.   
    
   Being able to cost effectively provide members with additional online services and membership benefits and being able to provide different levels of services to different membership levels can increase the attractiveness of your offerings, enable you to upsell your memberships and encourage members to continue to maintain their membership.   
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - Members can update there own details at any time  
   - Different levels of memberships can have access to different information/services  
   - Non-members (contacts or lapsed members) can also update details
* Marketing Communications  
    
  Moving your communications from the traditional posting of letters also represents significant savings and flexibility. Many organisations are in-fact being pushed by there members and constituents to stop sending letters, in preference to email.   
    
   Whilst for many the transition from letters to email can take some time, even moving 50% of your communications will save money and benefit the environment. 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:  
   - Newsletters (as well as notifications to individuals) can be sent from the system  
   - Subsets of database can be chosen based on a range of profile information and/or custom segments  
   - Statistics are available to allow analysis of success of communication
* Member Directory  
    
  In some cases the publication of certain membership details back to the website is necessary. This often occurs amongst networking groups or where members are organisations and the organisational details are being published.   
    
   These directories or lists can be published publicly or log in only areas. 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:  
    
   - Members receive directory listings as part of their membership benefits  
   - Details to be included in the directory can be configured  
   - The member directory can be filtered by a range of custom options
* Events Registration  
    
  The management of events is a common activity and therefore requirement for Associations and non-profit systems. Its automation often represents dramatic savings because of the high level of manual processing required for each ticket and attendee for every event.   
    
   A list of functional line items relating to Event Registration are provided below for you to include or exclude and to provide a ranking of importance for your project.  
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - Events can be quickly and easily published onto the website  
   - Members receive different event pricing to non-members  
   - Registrants can purchase tickets to all events in a suite of events or purchase in groups
* Event Administration  
    
  The 'back-office' activities required when running an event can be extensive and time consuming. Many however can be automated to some extent, which represents a significant saving of time and money.   
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - Seating allocation can be done automatically but with manual override as required  
   - Name tags can be automatically generated for event  
   - Follow up emails can be sent to both attendees and non-attendees after event
* Order Management  
    
  If you require to take online payments you will need also to manage the related orders. These orders might be membership payments, events bookings or product purchases. Each will require actioning and reconciliation. This is therefore an essential feature if payments are to be processed.   
    
   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:  
    
   - A range of online payment gateways are supported  
   - Orders can be processed through a number of different statuses reflecting your processes  
   - Integration with common accounting packages is available
* Continuing Professional Development  
    
  Many Associations focus on assisting in improve industry standards by providing, monitoring and rewarding members for undertaking ongoing professional development activities.   
    
   The steps and actions required to be taken by members in this process vary between industries, but many are based on points systems that require tracking. 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:  
    
   - CPD goals and points can be set-up flexibility in the system  
   - Members can be prevented from renewing their membership if CPD goal(s) have not been met  
   - Members can track and manage their own CPD record e.g. to add external activities that qualify for CPD recognition
* 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
* Online Store  
    
  Online stores, or mechanisms to purchase products and resources can drive considerable revenue for Associations. They are also becoming quicker and easier to build into online platforms. In combination with a willingness to purchase online, this means that the ability to generate revenue from selling merchandise and products via your website is becoming increasingly attainable and popular.   
    
   Online stores can range dramatically in complexity and sophistication, so truly specifying and costing this area of functionality can be difficult.   
    
   Key features include:  
    
   - Any number of categories/subcategories of products can be defined  
   - Online payment can be taken flexibly via payment systems  
   - Different shipping methods and pricing can be configured

# Milestones and timelines

The project duration is expected to be **8** days.

* The intended start date is: **02 September 2014**
* The target completion date is: **10 September 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 | 02 September 2014 |
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| 3 | Project Completion | 10 September 2014 |