11.2.2.7 Expert Judgment

Risks may be identified directly by experts with relevant experience with similar projects or business areas. Such experts should be identified by the project manager and invited to consider all aspects of the project and suggest possible risks based on their previous experience and areas of expertise. The experts' bias should be taken into account in this process.

11.2.3 Identify Risks: Outputs

11.2.3.1 Risk Register

The primary output from Identify Risks is the initial entry into the risk register. The risk register is a document in which the results of risk analysis and risk response planning are recorded. It contains the outcomes of the other risk management processes as they are conducted, resulting in an increase in the level and type of information contained in the risk register over time. The preparation of the risk register begins in the Identify Risks process with the following information, and then becomes available to other project management and risk management processes:

- List of identified risks. The identified risks are described in as much detail as is reasonable. A
 structure for describing risks using risk statements may be applied, for example, EVENT may occur
 causing IMPACT, or If CAUSE exists, EVENT may occur leading to EFFECT. In addition to the list of
 identified risks, the root causes of those risks may become more evident. These are the fundamental
 conditions or events that may give rise to one or more identified risks. They should be recorded and
 used to support future risk identification for this and other projects.
- List of potential responses. Potential responses to a risk may sometimes be identified during the Identify
 Risks process. These responses, if identified in this process, should be used as inputs to the Plan Risk
 Responses process.