# Preparing for the Interview (1 of 2)

### **Before**

- Establish the objective for the interview.
- Determine correct user(s) to be involved.
- Determine project team members to participate.
- Build a list of questions and issues to be discussed.
- Review related documents and materials.
- Set the time and location.
- Inform all participants of objective, time, and locations.

## **During**

- Arrive on time.
- Look for exception and error conditions.
- Probe for details.
- Take thorough notes.
- Identify and document unanswered items or open questions.

# Preparing for the Interview (2 of 2)

### **After**

- Review notes for accuracy, completeness, and understanding.
- Transfer information to appropriate models and documents.
- Identify areas needing further clarification.
- Thank the participants.
- Follow up on open and unanswered questions.

## Interview Session Agenda (1 of 2)

## **Discussion and Interview Agenda**

## **Setting**

Objective of Interview

Determine processing rules for sales commission rates

Date, Time, and Location

April 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in William McDougal's office

User Participants (names and titles/positions)

William McDougal, vice president of marketing and sales,
and several of his staff

Project Team Participants

Mary Ellen Green and Jim Williams

## Interview Session Agenda (2 of 2)

## Interview/Discussion

- Who is eligible for sales commissions?
- 2. What is the basis for commissions? What rates are paid?
- 3. How is commission for returns handled?
- 4. Are there special incentives? Contests? Programs based on time?
- 5. Is there a variable scale for commissions? Are there quotas?
- 6. What are the exceptions?

### Follow-Up

Important decisions or answers to questions

See attached write-up on commission policies

Open items not resolved with assignments for solution See Item numbers 2 and 3 on open items list

Date and time of next meeting or follow-up session *April 28, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.* 

# Keeping an Open Items List

ID	Issue title	Date identified	Target end date	Responsible project person	User contact	Comments
1	Partial shipments	6-12-2016	7-15-2016	Jim Williams	Jason Nadold	Ship partials or wait for full shipment?
2	Returns and commissions	7-01-2016	9-01-2016	Jim Williams	William McDougal	Are commissions recouped on returns?
3	Extra commissions	7-01-2016	8-01-2016	Mary Ellen Green	William McDougal	How to handle commissions on special promotions?