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1. Purpose

This Cost Management Plan defines the policies, processes, and tools for planning, estimating, budgeting, managing, and controlling costs

throughout the lifecycle of the ADPA (Advanced Document Processing & Automation) Framework project. The plan supports ADPA's goal of delivering a modular, enterprise-grade automation platform for AI-driven document generation and project/data management, compliant with BABOK v3, PMBOK 7th Edition, and DMBOK 2.0 standards.

2. Cost Management Approach

Cost management will be conducted in alignment with PMBOK 7th Edition and industry best practices. The approach includes:

- **Cost Estimation:** Use bottom-up and parametric estimation based on work breakdown structure (WBS), resource rates, licensing, and infrastructure requirements.
- **Cost Budgeting:** Aggregate estimated costs to establish an authorized baseline.
- **Cost Control:** Monitor actuals versus estimates, manage variances, perform forecasting, and report regularly.
- **Tooling:** Leverage modern project management tools (e.g., Jira, Azure DevOps) and financial reporting integrations.

3. Cost Estimation

3.1 Cost Categories

Category	Description
Personnel	Developers (Node.js, TypeScript), QA/testers, Technical Writers, Project Managers
AI & Cloud Services	OpenAI, Google AI, Azure OpenAI, Adobe APIs, Microsoft Graph, cloud compute/storage

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Licensing & Subscriptions	API subscriptions, Node module licensing, Adobe Creative Suite, Azure/Cloud infra
Infrastructure	Servers (cloud VMs, Docker, Kubernetes), databases, storage, networking
Third-Party Integrations	Atlassian Confluence, Microsoft SharePoint, version control (GitHub/GitLab/Azure DevOps)
Security & Compliance	Tools for compliance (GDPR, SOX, PCI DSS), monitoring, logging, auditing
Testing & QA	Automated testing frameworks (Jest), CI/CD pipeline costs, staging environments
Documentation & Training	User guides, admin interface manuals, onboarding
Contingency Reserve	Risk allowance for unforeseen costs

3.2 Estimation Methodology

- **Work Breakdown Structure (WBS):** Decompose all deliverables (core modules, integrations, admin UI, API) into tasks.
- **Resource Rates:** Calculate based on blended rates for in-house and contractor resources.
- **Historical Data:** Leverage data from previous automation and integration projects.
- **Vendor Quotes:** Gather and validate quotes for cloud, AI, and integration services.

- **Contingency:** Add a percentage based on risk analysis (typically 10–20%).

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4. Cost Baseline

The cost baseline will be established and approved during project initiation. It will include:

- **Summary by Phase:** (e.g., Q1: BABOK/PMBOK core, Q2: DMBOK, Dockerization, advanced analytics, Q3: SSO, workflow automation, mobile)
- **Milestone-Based Funding:** Tie expenditures to delivery of major features (see implementation milestones and roadmap).
- **Baseline Updates:** Any baseline changes require formal change control and sponsor approval.

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5. Funding Requirements

- **Internal Funding:** Budget allocations from sponsoring departments (IT, Data, Business Analysis).
- **External Costs:** Subscription invoices for AI providers, Adobe, and cloud resources.
- **CapEx vs OpEx:** Classify costs appropriately for organizational accounting.

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6. Cost Control & Monitoring

6.1 Cost Tracking

- **Actuals vs. Baseline:** Monthly tracking of spend against the approved baseline.
- **Variance Analysis:** Early identification of overruns; root cause analysis.

- **Forecasting:** Rolling forecasts updated with real-time project data and vendor usage reports.
- **Reporting:** Regular status reporting to project sponsors and PMO.

6.2 Tools & Processes

- **Financial Management Tools:** Integration with financial systems or use of project management platforms (e.g., Jira, Azure DevOps boards with cost plugins).
- **Automated Alerts:** Set up budget threshold notifications for cloud/API usage.
- **Audit Trail:** Maintain detailed records for all major expenditures (especially for compliance).

7. Unique Project Cost Considerations

7.1 Multi-Provider AI Integration

- **Dynamic Cost Modelling:** Monitor API usage across OpenAI, Google AI, GitHub Copilot, Azure OpenAI, and Ollama. Optimize provider usage to minimize costs (e.g., fallback to local models where feasible).
- **Usage-Based Charges:** Track tokens/requests for each AI service; regularly audit invoices.

7.2 Enterprise Integration & API-First Architecture

- **Licensing Costs:** Confluence, SharePoint, Adobe Document Services, OAuth/SSO providers may have per-user or per-API-call fees.
- **Scaling Impacts:** Cloud infrastructure costs may grow with increased usage (e.g., document generation volume, API traffic).

7.3 Security & Compliance

- **Compliance Tooling:** Budget for tools and audits to ensure adherence to financial (Basel III, SOX), security (GDPR, PCI DSS), and industry (HIPAA, FedRAMP) standards.
- **Data Management:** Secure storage, encryption, and backup costs as required for regulatory compliance.

7.4 Development & Testing

- **CI/CD & Test Environments:** Cloud resources for automated testing, staging, and integration.
- **Test Data:** Ensure use of synthetic or anonymized data to avoid compliance breaches (may incur additional setup costs).

8. Change Management

- **Change Requests:** All cost-impacting changes are logged, assessed, and approved via the project's established change control process.
- **Impact Analysis:** Each change request includes a detailed cost impact assessment and mitigation plan.

9. Roles & Responsibilities

Role	Cost Management Responsibility
Project Manager	Overall budget ownership, reporting, cost control, change approvals
Technical Lead	Estimation for technical tasks, resource allocation
Finance/PMO	Cost tracking, analysis, integration with organizational finance

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Product Owner/Sponsor	Budget approval, prioritization of spending, risk acceptance
Developers/Engineers	Timesheet reporting, cost-saving recommendations

10. Performance Measurement

- **Earned Value Management (EVM):** Apply EVM or similar techniques for performance measurement where appropriate.
- **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):**
  - Cost Variance (CV)
  - Cost Performance Index (CPI)
  - Forecasted vs. Actual Burn Rate

11. Cost Reporting

- **Frequency:** Monthly (minimum); escalate for significant variances or risks.
- **Audience:** Project sponsors, PMO, key stakeholders.
- **Format:** Dashboard summary (charts, KPIs), detailed variance analysis, action items.

12. Cost Optimization & Continuous Improvement

- **Provider Optimization:** Regularly review AI and cloud provider usage for cost efficiency; switch providers or scale local models where feasible.

- **Open Source Leverage:** Prioritize open-source modules and community support to reduce licensing costs.
- **Automation:** Automate cost tracking and reporting to minimize manual overhead.
- **Lessons Learned:** Capture cost-related lessons for future phases and projects.

13. Appendix: Cost Management Tools & Integrations

Tool/Service	Purpose
Jira / Azure DevOps	Task tracking, cost plugin integration
Cloud Provider Dashboards	Real-time usage and cost tracking (Azure, AWS, GCP)
AI Provider Consoles	Monitor token/usage-based billing
Slack/Teams Alerts	Budget notifications and escalation
Custom Scripts	Automated data collection and reporting

14. Plan Review & Approval

This Cost Management Plan will be reviewed and updated at key milestones or upon major project change requests. Approval by the Project Sponsor and PMO is required for all significant cost baseline changes.

Prepared by:

[Name, Role]

[Date]

Approved by:

[Project Sponsor Name, Title]

[Date]

For detailed cost breakdowns, refer to the project WBS, vendor contracts, and financial reporting dashboards. For questions, contact the Project Manager or the ADPA Steering Committee.