Leading & Managing Advanced Project Control Training program

Introduction:

In the Oil & Gas or Petrochemical industries, increased technical and commercial complexity, coping with commercial, environmental and political cost and risk, provides oil and gas megaprojects with an environment of intense and growing stakeholder scrutiny. This scrutiny features that despite increased recognition to the importance of project performance, a high percentage of projects fail to deliver on time or meet approved budgets. Recent research shows that the majority of mega-projects face delays and/or cost escalations and these overruns are prevalent in all segments and geographies of the industry – we must deliver improved performance in the delivery of its capital projects.

This course will feature the added value that can be achieved when effective control mechanisms are applied using project management-based techniques proven to be crucial in Baseline Management. At an advanced level, we need to consider behavioral awareness towards setting and establishing a positive culture in terms of management and leading people, particularly when dealing with collective or "ripple-effects" of myriad requests from diverse stakeholders. This is where collaboration, stakeholder management, team roles and integration will come to the fore.

The course is extremely engaging and participants will be taught using a combination of instruction, facilitated discussion, and hands-on interactive exercises all based on a real-world project example case study related to a current mega-offshore project in the Oil & Gas industry. The exercises will include many individual and group activities presented in a workbook within the training manual - the exercises are designed to provide each participant with a visual application of the principles and practices discussed throughout the course and can become a useful reference tool on their return to the workplace.

This course will feature:

- Learn how to create the right environment for project controls
- Driving performance behaviors and tools for measurement
- Understand which effective governance mechanisms will support planning, execution and performance management
- Explore different types of control afforded through various lifecycle approaches
- Master techniques to control expectations through effective stakeholder management
- Setting Project Controls, the key to a successful project
- Identify reasons that projects fail through lack of control
- Application of core planning techniques to enable management to control project scope, schedule, costs, uncertainty and quality

Who Should Attend?

Construction Engineers, Senior Construction Engineers, Construction Supervisors, Construction General Supervisors, Construction Project Managers, Engineering Technologists, Supervision Engineer, Inspection Engineers, Civil Inspectors, Foremen, Design Structural Engineers, Planners, Structural Engineers, Material Specialists, Quality Control and Quality Assurance Experts, Architects, Supervision Engineers, Team Leaders, Site Officers and Managers, Mechanical Engineers, Technical Professionals, Field Production Supervisor, Operation Engineers, Clients Representatives, Associate Project Managers, Project Managers, IT Project Managers, Project Coordinators, Project Analysts, Project Leaders, Senior Project Managers, Team Leaders, Product Managers, Program Managers, Project Sponsors, Project Team Member.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, delegates will be able to:

- Maintain continuous project performance and delivery control
- Accurately estimate and allocate project costs and resources
- Control adverse situations through proactive risk management techniques
- Produce clear and concise project progress reports
- Measure, forecast and control project performance by employing earned value techniques
- Establish best-practice performance for team members and contractors through behavior management
- Record actual project progress and use the project baseline to feature and manage variance.
- Embody BIS 11000 Working Collaboratively
- Communicate project "trade-offs" clearly and set attainable goals with clients, managers, and project team members.
- Integrate scope, time, resources and cost management into a dynamic, manageable plan
- Develop project network diagrams for CPM (Critical Path Method) and advanced PERT (Program Evaluation Review Technique) calculations to identify schedule and cost risks
- Apply generally accepted schedule optimization techniques in order to address sponsor/customer/ market needs
- Embrace the dynamic nature of many project environments through proactive change management
- Compress or accelerate the schedule when required by adverse circumstances

Course Outline:

Understanding How to Ensure Oil & Gas Projects Succeed

- Characteristics of Oil & Gas projects
- Fundamentals of project management
- Understand reasons Oil & Gas projects fail
- Starting with the end in mind, define success criteria
- Prepare the project team, Identify roles and responsibility
- Understand key challenges of Oil & Gas Project Teams
- Identify project Context & Stakeholders in a typical Oil & Gas project

Getting Started - Using Core Planning Techniques

- Product Scope planning, requirements collection & detailed specifications
- Project Scope planning, develop product and work breakdown structures
- Schedule planning, develop network diagram
- Schedule development, define critical path and available float
- Cost planning, utilize recommended estimation techniques
- Balance effort, duration and allocation
- Cost and Schedule, construction of the project baseline

Mastering Collaboration and Communication Techniques

- Establishing behavior management strategy for improved performance by all
- Establish individual and collective skills within your team
- Mastering communication techniques to manage stakeholder expectations
- Understand how BIS 11000 Working Collaboratively is used in Oil & Gas projects
- Recognize the need for Supply Chain Management in Oil & Gas projects
- Using Risk management to control Oil & Gas projects proactively
- Controlling adversity through effective response and contingency planning

Monitoring and Controlling Project Performance

- Learn how to manage Issues through escalation and recommendations
- Applying schedule acceleration techniques that work in the Oil & Gas industry
- Utilizing resource scheduling and availability conflict management techniques
- Controlling information, status reporting
- Measuring and reporting progress
- Establishing a useful project dashboard
- Understand how project information is presented to Oil & Gas clients or partners
- Using variance analysis for Earned Value Management
- Determining approach for managing cost and schedule reserves
- Creating forecasting to control project budgetary and schedule concerns

Dealing with Changes and Project Recovery

- Managing changes correctly, avoiding project creep or the claims process
- Recognizing the need for project recovery actions
- Working with the Project Recovery Team
- Preparing for pre-commissioning, engaging for operations
- Management of project records and documentation at the end of an Oil & Gas project
- Identifying and applying lessons-learned techniques
- Controlling project close-out