



BENEFITS OF CONDUCTING AN INVESTMENT GOVERNANCE ASSIGNMENT

- Establish an investment governance framework, including processes and tools tailored to your needs
- Establish a clear set of criteria reflecting your strategic objectives, risk tolerance, cost, intended outcomes, and their relative importance to your organization
- Build and promote consensus around those criteria through facilitated workshops amongst diverse groups of stakeholders
- Define opportunities as a portfolio; plan and review regularly and not as a reactive response
- Evaluate and monitor initiatives to make objective, defensible decisions about their performance

Making the Right Investment Decisions

Organizations regularly need to make decisions on where to allocate scarce resources so that funded opportunities provide maximum value. This challenge is amplified by the need to be innovative and responsive to changes in organizational direction, policies, or operating environment. As a senior manager you are held accountable for your decisions and therefore need to ensure that investment decisions are made with reliable information and defensible criteria. Interis' *Investment Governance* service enables you to define and quantify the value of existing and proposed investments and thereby assess, select, and fund these opportunities to ensure that they are in line with your organization's strategic objectives. We assist you in focusing on the right initiatives and identifying those that are not meeting performance expectations or are no longer aligned with the strategic direction and need to be discontinued.

The key advantage of our approach to Investment Governance is its fair and transparent process that builds trust among investment stakeholders. There is a high degree of objectivity and openness about the decisions made, including a documented record of all steps. Reaching the right investment decisions maximizes business value of those investments to your organization.

An Investment Governance engagement with Interis provides you with a variety of solutions tailored to your specific needs. Our experts ensure that you establish an investment governance regime that best meets your requirements and optimizes the conditions for success. We develop and integrate the governance structures to enhance decision making and we tailor our proven processes and tools to govern your initiatives and programs as a portfolio of investments.

Interis' practitioners guide you through the process. Together we design a practical solution that is simple to use, minimizes the development effort and promotes broad participation in the process to think about the value of each proposed initiative as well as its costs.

Through Interis' approach you gain a consolidated view of your investments enabling you to set priorities amongst the on-going and planned initiatives. Interis' skilled practitioners provide clients with clearly defined, defensible investment prioritization and selection criteria linked to strategic and tactical objectives, including your organization's overall risk profile. Finally, extensive knowledge transfer to our clients is a core way that we do business, allowing our clients to institutionalize the changes in a sustainable way.

Expertise in Investment Governance

Interis has a proven track record and has provided services to many organizations:

- The CIO at a major Canadian federal government department had a requirement to revamp their Investment Governance process for all IM/IT initiatives. Interis Consulting worked with the client to develop an integrated governance process, define the elements of value for the organization, develop an Investment Proposal template and evaluative criteria, link the proposed outcomes to the strategic goals and objectives of the department and clarify the accountabilities for achieving the outcomes of the investment.
- Interis developed a framework of processes and tools for the selection and oversight of IM/IT projects for a medium-sized agency of the Government of Canada. In addition to setting up the new structure, Interis also provided support to implementing the new Investment Management structure. As a result of establishing this regime, the agency now has visibility and increased control of funding to all IM/IT projects. Low-value projects have been culled and others have been merged for increased effectiveness and efficiency.
- Interis Consulting designed the Investment Governance and oversight processes and systems at a large government department to provide corporate boards with the information required to ensure sufficient oversight and decision-making. This included defining selection criteria, tools and reports, as well as knowledge transfer to the department's senior staff.

Proven Expertise in Business Transformation

- Interis has a track record of clearly defining paths to realizing the benefits of transformation.
- Clients say that the knowledge transferred from Interis professionals to their organization has consistently proven to be invaluable in ensuring that initiatives achieve outcomes.
- Interis Business Transformation professionals bring a rare blend of both extensive professional knowledge and a history of hands-on experience that effectively bridges the all too common gap between knowing what to do and how to do it.
- Interis has developed an envied industry-wide reputation for having been in the trenches, knowing what works in large-scale initiatives and for continually finding practical solutions for making transformation initiatives a success.
- Interis brings extensive knowledge of complex information technologies and combines that knowledge with an unbiased approach for aligning technology with organizational objectives.

Business Transformation Services from Interis:

- Business Architecture
- Outcomes Planning
- Business Case
- Investment Governance
- Performance Management

For further information on this and other Business Transformation services from Interis Consulting please visit www.interis.ca or contact one of our offices.

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About Interis Interis Consulting Inc. was founded in 1996 as a management consulting firm that focuses on providing independent and objective advice to clients in complex environments, often addressing significant changes to their business conditions.

The business outcomes are: enhanced abilities to protect corporate assets; improved predictability around corporate and investment performance; and harvested benefits from operational transformations made in the pursuit of market opportunities and corporate objectives.

Interis delivers value to clients through three complementary practices: **Business Transformation** — allows management to apply strategic management to investments. **Risk and Management Assurance** — ensures client risk profile remains within the approved thresholds. **Strategic Project Management** — assist clients in evolving from their current to their desired state. For further information please visit www.interis.ca

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