

Strategic Project Review

Strategic Project Management Practice



BENEFITS OF UNDERTAKING A STRATEGIC PROJECT REVIEW

Based on industry best practices and an expert, objective third-party perspective, a Strategic Project Review from Interis can help any organization:

- Establish how well a project is progressing compared to the project plan.
- Determine how effective plans and processes are.
- Identify current and future risks.
- Recognize what is working well and what needs to be improved.
- Identify corrective and preventative actions to take.

Strategic projects invariably consume a significant amount of an organizations' time as well as financial and human resources. At the outset of a project or, while a project is in progress, a Strategic Project Review from Interis provides an organization with an accurate assessment of the ability of a project to meet its stated objectives. A Strategic Project Review assesses a projects overall progress towards achieving its designed outcomes and examines the effectiveness and efficiency of management processes, governance structures and skill sets. A Strategic Project review provides recommendations on how to increase the probability of delivering a project on time and on budget.

An Interis Strategic Project Review identifies areas of strength, weaknesses and key risks to obtaining the desired organizational outcomes. Conducted by experienced and knowledgeable project management professionals, a Strategic Project Review is invaluable when used to secure the next phase of project funding, as input to a go or no-go decision or, to support continuous project improvement.

Based on leading-edge project management methodologies and years of hands-on experience, Interis follows a systematic and proven project review process that is designed to assess any project against key elements necessary to ensure project success. Interis uses a review framework — developed and proven in the field — that includes a clearly defined plan, evaluation framework, data collection tools and, as a final product, presents review results in the form of a presentation or report.

As part of its suite of Strategic Project Review tools, Interis offers organizations a quantitative assessment to evaluate the potential risk associated with a project by looking at key factors such as — stakeholders, project duration, effort required, overall scope and technological complexities.

Interis always works closely with clients to develop the tools and key questions that will be used to guide the interviews and focus groups, and to identify pertinent background information that will be reviewed by knowledgeable Interis consultants.



A Proven Track Record In Strategic Project Reviews

Interis has 10 years experience delivering strategic project review in both the public and private sectors.

- Interis conducted four Strategic Project Reviews, over four consecutive years, for an extensive IT Renewal Project. Reviews were conducted using a proven project review process specifically tailored to the client's unique environment. The recommended corrective actions ensured the success of the project delivery.
- Interis conducted a review of a multi-million dollar project to assess the degree to which the project has established the necessary governance structures and procedures to achieve the objectives and expected results.
- Interis has conducted an independent assessment of a multi-year project that was at risk of not meeting its committed deliverables. Interis was asked to confirm that the vendor was meeting its contractual requirements and to provide recommendations to management on how to solve a number of contractual requirements.
- Interis has conducted a Strategic Project Review to identify the risks that have impacted the project quality and schedule objectives for a multi-year government program. This independent review provided recommendations on areas not adequately addressed by the project team and that may have compromised the project if not corrected. With Interis's assistance the project team was able to take preventative action avoiding costly project delays.

Proven Expertise In Strategic Project Management

- Clients say that the knowledge transferred from Interis strategic project management professionals to their organization has consistently proven to be invaluable in ensuring that projects progress on time and on budget.
- Interis' Strategic Project Management Practice is based on leading-edge knowledge from recognized organizations such as the Project Management Institute (PMI), the Software Engineering Institute (SEI), and international standards organizations.
- Interis Strategic Project Management professionals bring a rare blend of both extensive professional knowledge and a history of hands-on experience that effectively bridges the gap between knowing what to do and how to do it.
- Interis has 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 strategic investments a success.
- Interis brings extensive knowledge of complex information technologies and combines that knowledge with an unbiased approach for aligning technology with organizational objectives.
- Interis has built its Strategic Project Management Practice around providing custom-built project management services, tools and templates adapted specifically to each client environment while being based on the best of project management industry practices.

Strategic Project Management Services from Interis:

- Strategic Project Office Capability Enhancement
- Strategic Project Office Operations
- Project Delivery Management
- Strategic Project Review
- Project Management Mentoring
- Authority and Funding
- Project Management Maturity Assessment

For further information on this and other Strategic Project Management 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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Project Management Maturity Assessment Strategic Project Management Practice



BENEFITS OF UNDERTAKING A PROJECT MANAGEMENT MATURITY ASSESSMENT

Based on industry best practices and an expert, objective third-party perspective, a Project Management Maturity Assessment from Interis can help any organization:

- Accurately measure organization-wide project management maturity.
- Prioritize project management investments in key knowledge areas.
- Identify what is working well and what needs to be improved.

As accountability, standards and financial reporting in the delivery of strategic projects increases in complexity and consequence, many organizations are now asking —

Is our organization properly positioned to deliver on our portfolio of projects?

Attempting to answer that one question often leads to others that can include —

Have our investments in project management delivered value?

Are we investing the right amounts, in the right places?

Do we know what our strengths and weaknesses are?

Designed to answer these questions and many more, a Project Management Maturity Assessment from Interis provides an organization with a thorough understanding of its ability to undertake projects of varying complexity.

Perhaps more importantly, it assesses the likelihood of an organization being successful in delivering projects.

When compared to the cost of projects delays, low return on investment in project management and loss of credibility with interested stakeholders, a Project Management Maturity Assessment represents an affordable solution that allows organizations to understand their level of project management maturity, identify potentially expensive issues and avoid over or under investing in project management.

A Project Management Maturity Assessment provides a qualitative and quantitative measurement of an organization's maturity in essential project management industry disciplines.

Interis uses an assessment framework – developed in the field – that includes an extensive questionnaire organized by 11 project management knowledge areas, an evaluation of organizational support structures and project management standards and, as a final product, presents review results in the form of a presentation or report. Interis uses a combination of interviews and focus groups with key stakeholder groups, sponsors, clients and project team members to conduct the Project Management Maturity Assessment.

Conducted by experienced and knowledgeable project management professionals, a Project Management Maturity Assessment from Interis will provide an inventory of an organizations projects, identify strengths and weaknesses of internal project management capabilities and help prioritize project management investments and categorize areas of risk.



Expertise In Project Management Maturity Assessments

Interis has 10 years experience in working with the maturity of organizations in Project Management.

- For a major crown corporation, Interis conducted a Project Management Maturity Assessment of an IT organization. The objective was to provide management with an assessment of the project management process based on industry best practices. The assessment focused on priority setting, organizational structures, project management framework and project practices. Recommendations in the assessment provided management with concrete evidence of gaps and practical solutions for implementation.

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