

Project Management

Introduction

GeoSpace has vast experience in the management of censuses, surveys and other large projects. Prior to joining the company one of the directors of the Company has for example been the Head: Field Operations, of the 1996 Population and Housing Census in South Africa. Furthermore the Company is often involved in larger than average projects with strict milestones and deliverables. Hence we apply modern project management methods to ensure the delivery of projects within the agreed timeframe, specification, and budget. Project Management is critical to the success of any enterprise in the modern competitive business environment. Over the years many of our clients have expressed a need for project management support.

The value proposition: In response to the demand from our clients we decided to expand our business to include project management consultancy services. Our focus is to provide services to clients that have to implement larger than average projects but who lacks the internal capacity to handle the required project management function. Often our clients are professionals in their field and they do not have the time or internal capacity to do project management. We assist with project conceptualization, scoping and formulation, scheduling, budgeting, tracking and reporting. This is complemented by strategic and operational support during implementation. The value to the client is that they can tap into highly skilled and experienced project management services that are usually difficult, if not impossible, to be sourced from within the organization.

Case study

The Public Administration and Learning Academy (PALAMA) of South Africa is mandated by the South African Government to facilitate the compulsory induction program for all new entrants into the Civil Service. Based on the Ministerial Directive all new entrants into the Civil Service must be inducted within the first six months after appointment. The initiative is known as the Massified Induction Program (MIP). GeoSpace provides the project management services for MIP. The support is at two levels: strategic and operational. It started with the development of a statistical model that was used to determine the extent of the required induction program. Based on the model a project plan with timelines and budget was prepared. During implementation GeoSpace provided (and still is providing) the usual project management services of project tracking, reporting and troubleshooting. We also provide IT and database technical support related to the project.

In conclusion

GeoSpace offers quality, cost effective project management services. This enables clients to focus on their core function/expertise whilst we take care of the project management functions. Clients include National Statistical Organisations, PALAMA and the Human Sciences Research Council (South Africa).

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