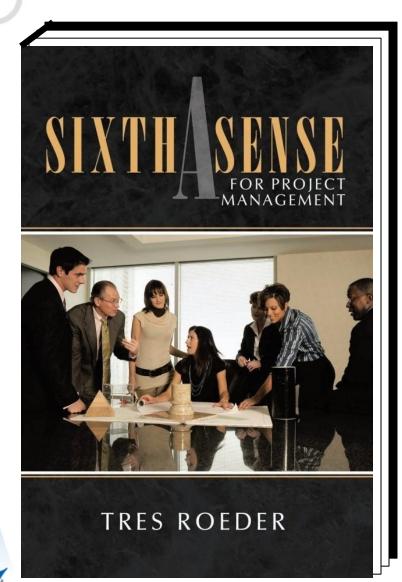


### A Sixth Sense for Project Management®

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### **Amazon Bestseller**



### **Published Spring 2011**

"A must read for any project manager seeking practical advice on how to tackle the most difficult aspect of achieving change – aligning the people involved" J. Neely, Vice President, Booz & Co.





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\*You can qualify for up to 6 Category C Self Directed Learning PDUs when you read this book. Category C PDUs are an economical way to increase your project management sixth sense abilities on your own schedule. Remember to document how your learning relates to project management.

### Managing A Project Includes ...

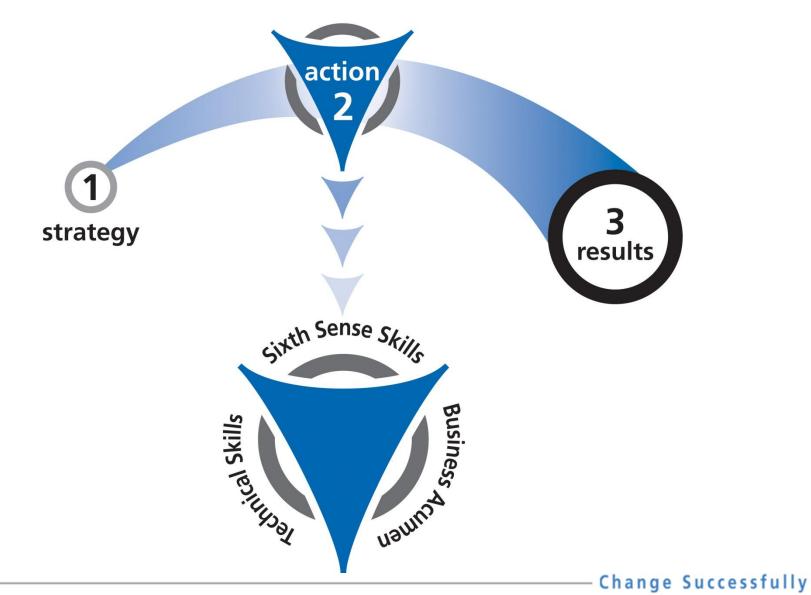
Identifying Requirements

Addressing the various *needs, concerns, and expectations of the stakeholder*s as the project is planned and carried out

**Balancing the competing project constraints** including, but not limited to: scope, quality, schedule, budget, resources, risk

Source: PMBOK 4.0 Section 1.3, registered trademark of PMI

### **A Balanced Approach**



# **Sources of Project Failure (partial list)**

#### Planning and Initiating

- Lack of business ownership and accountability
- Insufficient or non-existent approval process
- Poor definition of project scope and objectives
- Unclear or unconvincing business case

#### Stakeholder Management & Team

- Insufficient attention to stakeholders, their needs and expectations
- Lack of senior management/executive support
- Inadequate visibility of project status
- Denial adopted in preference to hard truths
- People not dedicated to project; trying to balance too many priorities
- Project team members lack experience and required skills
- <u>Team lacks authority or decision making ability</u>

Source: compilation of research from Standish Group (CHAOS report), Gartner Group and RC research

Roeder Consulting Webinar Data: Project Managers Must Work Through Others

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"Roeder Consulting, a Cleveland-based training firm, offers a free, live webinar each month on topics such as goal-setting and effective leadership."



A poll of our global webinar audience showed 76% of respondents did not have ANY project stakeholders reporting directly to them

### **2011, Sixth Sense Most Important**



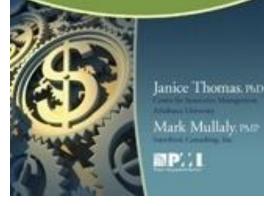
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Competency	•	ortant" and Important"
Leadership		94.8
Ability to communicate at multiple levels		93.5
Verbal Skills		87.2
Written Skills		87.1
Attitude		85.3
Ability to deal with ambiguity and change		82.9
Work history		68.9
PMP® Certification		15.4

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### 2007, Sixth Sense Most Important

Researching the Value of Project Management



Research shows that Project Management, as a profession, delivers more value when ...

- *"Implementation ... is most relevant for the organization"*
- Firms conduct more training than average on leadership, people skills

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### 1987, Sixth Sense Most Important

President of the U.S

One gallon of gas cost

Stock market notables

89 cents

22.6% on October 19

Top pop song

Born

**Top PM Problems** 

Walk like an Egyptian

Tim Tebow, Maria Sharapova

"The primary problems of project managers are not technical but human."

Quote Source: What it takes to be a good project manager, Barry Z. Posner, 1987

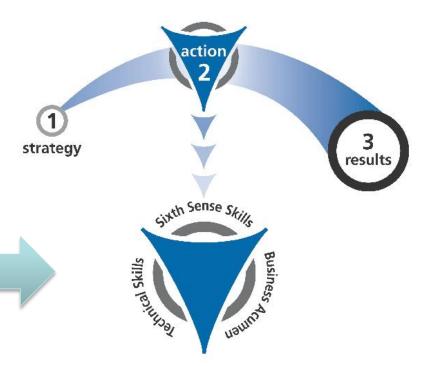
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## **PMBOK®** Appendix G

"Effective project managers acquire a balance of

### technical, interpersonal, and conceptual skills

that help them analyze situations and interact appropriately. "



PMBOK is a registered trademark of the Project Management Institute Note: PMBOK version 4.0, Appendix G

# Flip Conventional Wisdom – It's About The People Skills First



### **People Management Professional**

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### **A New Era In Project Management**

- Many Projects Fail
- Lack Of Sixth Sense Is A Key Reason
- 40 Years Of Project Management Doctrine Offers Little On Sixth Sense Skills
- Project Success Calls For A Balanced Approach That Includes...

### A Sixth Sense for Project Management<sup>®</sup>

### A Two-Year Effort Led To The Six Disciplines

#### Roeder Consulting ...

- Sponsored project manager surveys and discussions
- Studied scientific research and related articles
- Attended conferences scientific and project management
- Captured expertise within the experienced Roeder Team
- Worked with various additional Subject Matter Experts

### **Research Was Synthesized Into The Six Disciplines:**













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# **AWARENESS** Tune Your Radar To People and Situations

first discipline

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### WHOLE BODY DECISIONS<sup>™</sup> Use Your Brain, Heart and Gut To Make Great Decisions

second discipline

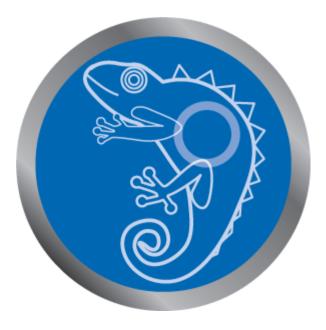
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# CLEAR COMMUNICATION Communicate Straightforward Thoughts, Words and Images

third discipline

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### ADAPTABILITY Adapt but don't Break, be a *Chameleon With A Core*™

fourth discipline

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# DIPLOMACY Unearth Common Ground and Influence Outcomes

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## PERSISTENCE

Melt Obstacles and Visualize Success

sixth discipline

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### A Sixth Sense For Project Management® Is About More Than Projects





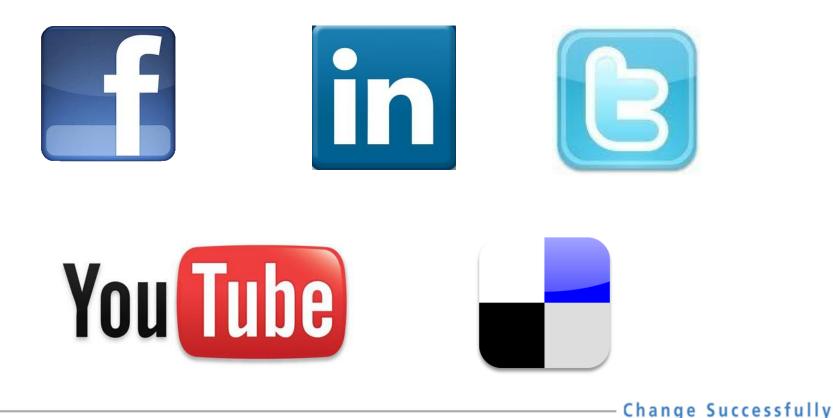


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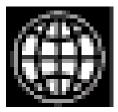
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The World Bank

### Projects Account for 1/5 of World's GDP

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### **Economist Intelligence Unit**

The Economist

Q: What capability will be most critical to your company's success in the next five years?A: Ability of key staff to lead and implement strategic change initiatives



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### **Thank You!**