

## **APPENDIX C: ELEMENT DESCRIPTIONS**

The following descriptions have been developed to help generate a clear understanding of the terms used in the Project Score Sheets located in Appendices A and B. Some descriptions include checklists to clarify concepts and facilitate ideas when scoring each element. Note that these checklists are not all-inclusive and the user may supplement these lists when necessary.

The descriptions are listed in the same order as they appear in the Project Score Sheet. They are organized in a hierarchy by section, category, and element. The Project Score Sheet consists of three main sections, each of which is broken down into a series of categories which, in turn, are further broken down into elements. Scoring is performed by evaluating the levels of definition of the elements, which are described in this attachment. The sections and categories are organized as follows:

### **SECTION I BASIS OF PROJECT DECISION**

This section consists of information necessary for understanding the project objectives. The completeness of this section determines the degree to which the project team will be able to achieve alignment in meeting the project's business objectives.

#### **CATEGORIES:**

- A - Business Strategy**
- B - Owner Philosophies**
- C - Project Requirements**

## **SECTION II BASIS OF DESIGN**

This section consists of space, site, and technical design elements that should be evaluated to fully understand the basis for design of the project.

### **CATEGORIES:**

- D - Site Information**
- E - Building Programming**
- F - Building/Project Design Parameters**
- G - Equipment**

## **SECTION III EXECUTION APPROACH**

This section consists of elements that should be evaluated to fully understand the requirements of the owner's execution strategy.

### **CATEGORIES:**

- H - Procurement Strategy**
- J - Deliverables**
- K - Project Control**
- L - Project Execution Plan**

The following pages contain detailed descriptions for each element in the Project Definition Rating Index (PDRI).

# SECTION I - BASIS OF PROJECT DECISION

## A. BUSINESS STRATEGY

### A1. Building Use

Identify and list building uses or functions. These may include uses such as:

- |  |  |                                       |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail        | <input type="checkbox"/> Research            | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | <input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia          | <input type="checkbox"/> Food service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional | <input type="checkbox"/> Office              | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical       | <input type="checkbox"/> Light manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other        |

A description of other options which could also meet the facility need should be defined. (As an example, did we consider renovating existing space rather than building new space?) A listing of current facilities that will be vacated due to the new project should be produced.

### A2. Business Justification

Identify the driving forces for the project and specify what is most important from the viewpoint of the owner including both needs and expectations. Address items such as:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possible competitors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Need date                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Level of amenities     | <input type="checkbox"/> Target consumers                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location               | <input type="checkbox"/> Building utilization justification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales or rental levels | <input type="checkbox"/> Number of lessors/occupant types   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market capacity        | <input type="checkbox"/> Support new business initiatives   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use flexibility        | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility replacement/consolidation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  |   |

### **A3. Business Plan**

The overarching project strategy should be defined that supports the business justification in relation to the following items:

- Funding availability
- Cost and financing
- Schedule milestones (including known deadlines)
- Types and sources of project funds
- Related/resulting projects
- Other

### **A4. Economic Analysis**

An economic model should be developed to determine the viability of the venture. The model should acknowledge uncertainty and outline the boundaries of the analysis. It should acknowledge items such as:

- Design life
- Building Ownership
- Tax implications of investment including length of ownership
- Long-term operating and maintenance costs
- Resale/lease potential or in the case of institutional buildings, long term use plans
- Analysis of capital and operating cost versus sales or occupancy and profitability
- Other

## **A5. Facility Requirements**

Facility size requirements are many times determined by applicable code and are often driven by occupancy. Note that this analysis is at the macro level. Some considerations are listed below:

- Number of occupants
- Volume
- Net and gross square footage by area uses
- Support infrastructure
- Classroom size
- Linear feet of display space
- Number of laboratory stations
- Occupant accommodation requirements (i.e., number of hospital beds, number of desks, number of workstations, on-site child care, on-site medical care, cot space, etc.)
- Other

## **A6. Future Expansion/Alteration Considerations**

The possibility of expansion and/or alteration of the site and building should be considered for facility design. These considerations consist of a list of items that will facilitate the expansion or evolution of building use including adaptability/flexibility. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Provisions for site space in case of possible future expansion up or out
- Technologically advanced facility requirements
- Are departments or functional areas intended to “grow in place” during the future phase?
- If there will not be a future expansion of the building, how will departments or areas expand?
- Are any functional areas more likely than others to move out of the building in the future to allow others to expand or move in?
- Who will occupy the building in 5, 10, 15, 20 years?
- Flexibility or adaptability for future uses.
- Future phasing plan
- Other

## **A7. Site Selection Considerations**

Evaluation of sites should address issues relative to different locations (i.e., global, country, or local). This evaluation may take into consideration existing buildings or properties, as well as new locations. The selection criteria include items such as:

- General geographic location
  - Access to the targeted market area
  - Local availability and cost of skilled labor (e.g., construction, operation, etc.)
  - Available utilities
  - Existing facilities
  - Economic incentive zones
  - Tax
- Land availability and developed costs
- Legal constraints
- Unusual financing requirements in region/locality
- Domestic culture vs. international culture
- Community relations
- Labor relations
- Government relations
- Political issues/constraints
- Education/training
- Safety and health considerations
- Environmental issues
- Symbolic and aesthetic
- Historic preservation
- Weather/climate
- Permitting Schedule
- Other

## **A8. Project Objectives Statement**

This statement defines the project objectives and priorities for meeting the business strategy. It should be clear, concise, measurable, and specific to the project. It is desirable to obtain total agreement from the entire project team regarding these objectives and priorities to ensure alignment. Specifically, the priorities among cost, schedule, and value-added quality features should be clear. The objectives also should comply with any master plans if applicable.

## **B. OWNER PHILOSOPHIES**

### **B1. Reliability Philosophy**

A brief description of the project intent in terms of reliability should be defined. A list of the general design principles to be considered to achieve optimum/ideal operating performance from the facility/building should be addressed. Considerations may include:

- Critical systems redundancy
- Architectural/structural/civil durability
- Mechanical/electrical/plumbing reliability
- Other

### **B2. Maintenance Philosophy**

A list of the general design principles to be considered to meet building maintenance requirements should be identified. This evaluation should include life cycle cost analysis of major facilities. Considerations may include:

- Daily occupancy loads
- Maximum building occupancy requirements
- Equipment monitoring requirements
- Energy conservation programs
- Selection of materials & finishes
- Requirements for building finishes
- Other

### **B3. Operating Philosophy**

A list of the general design issues that need to be considered to support routine operations should be developed. Issues may include:

- Operating schedule/hours
- Provisions for building rental or occupancy assignments (i.e., by room, floor, suite) including flexibility of partitioning
- Future renovation schedule
- User finish out philosophy
- Flexibility to change layout
- Other

#### **B4. Design Philosophy**

A listing of design philosophy issues should be developed. These issues should be directed at concerns such as the following:

- Design life
- Aesthetic requirements
- Compatibility with master plan
- Theme
- Image
- Environmentally sustainable design (internal/external)
- Quality of life
- Other

### **C. PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **C1. Value-Analysis Process**

A structured value analysis approach should be in place to consider design and material alternatives in terms of their cost effectiveness. Items that impact the economic viability of the project should be considered. Items to evaluate include issues such as:

- Discretionary scope issues
- Expensive materials of construction
- Life-cycle analysis of construction methods and structure
- Other



## C2. Project Design Criteria

Project design criteria are the requirements and guidelines which govern the design of the project. Any design review board or design review process should be clearly articulated. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Level of design detail required
- Climatic data
- Codes & standards
  - National
  - Local
  - Owner specific
  - International
- Utilization of design standards
  - Owner's
  - Contractor's
  - Designer's
  - Mixed
  - Level of design detail required
- Donor or benefactor requirements
- Sole source requirements for equipment or systems
- Insurance underwriter requirements
- Cultural preferences
- Other

### **C3. Evaluation of Existing Facilities**

If existing facilities are available, then a condition assessment must be performed to determine if they will meet facility requirements. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Capacity
  - Power
  - Fire water
  - Sanitary sewer
  - Security
  - Utilities (i.e., potable water, gas, oil, etc.)
  - Waste treatment/disposal
  - Telecommunications
  - Storm water containment system/filtration
- Access
  - Rail
  - Roads
  - ADA or local standards
- Parking areas
- Type and size of buildings/structures
- Amenities
  - Food service
  - Ambulatory access
  - Medical facilities
  - Recreation facilities including public outdoor spaces
  - Change rooms
- Condition assessment of existing facilities and infrastructure
- Other

### **C4. Scope of Work Overview**

This work statement overview is a complete narrative description of the project that is discipline-oriented and supports development of the project schedule and project cost estimate. It sets the limits of work by each involved party and generally articulates their financial, task, and contractual responsibilities. It clearly states both assumptions and exclusions used to define the scope of work.

### **C5. Project Schedule**

Ideally, the project schedule should be developed by the project team (owner, A/E, and construction contractor). It should include milestones, unusual schedule considerations and appropriate master schedule “contingency” time (float), procurement of long lead or critical pacing equipment, and required submissions and approvals.

## C6. Project Cost Estimate

The project cost estimate should address all costs necessary for completion of the project. This cost estimate may include the following:

- Construction contract estimate
- Professional fees
- Land cost
- Furnishings
- Administrative costs
- Contingencies
- Cost escalation for elements outside the project cost estimate
- Startup costs including installation
- Miscellaneous expenses including but not limited to:
  - Specialty consultants
  - Inspection & testing services
  - Bidding costs
  - Site clearance
  - Bringing utilities to the site
  - Environmental impact mitigation measures
  - Local authority permit fees
  - Occupant moving & staging costs
  - Utility costs during construction (if paid by owner)
  - Interest on borrowed funds (cost of money)
  - Site surveys, soils tests
  - Availability of construction laydown & storage at site or in remote or rented facilities
- Other

## SECTION II - BASIS OF DESIGN

### D. SITE INFORMATION

#### D1. Site Layout

The facility should be sited on the selected property. Layout criteria may include items such as:

- Access (e.g., road, rail, marine, air, etc.)
- Construction access
- Historical/cultural
- Trees and vegetation
- Site massing and context constraints or guidelines (i.e., how a building will look in 3-dimensions at the site)
- Access transportation parking, delivery/service, & pedestrian circulation considerations
- Open space, street amenities, “urban context concerns”
- Climate, wind, and sun orientation for natural lighting views, heat loss/gain, energy conservation, and aesthetic concerns
- Other

## **D2. Site Surveys**

The site should be surveyed for the exact property boundaries, including limits of construction. A topography map with the overall plot and site plan is also needed.

Evaluation criteria may include:

- Legal property descriptions with property lines
- Easements
- Rights-of-way
- Drainage patterns
- Deeds
- Definition of final site elevation
- Benchmark control systems
- Setbacks
- Access & curb cuts
- Proximity to drainage ways and flood plains
- Known below grade structures and utilities (both active and inactive)
- Trees & vegetation
- Existing facility locations and conditions
- Solar/shadows
- Other

### **D3. Civil/Geotechnical Information**

The civil/geotechnical site evaluation provides a basis for foundation, structural, and hydrological design. Evaluations of the proposed site should include items such as:

- Depth to bedrock
- General site description (e.g., terrain, soils type, existing structures, spoil removal, areas of hazardous waste, etc.)
- Expansive or collapse potential of soils
- Fault line locations
- Spoil area for excess soil (i.e., location of on-site area or off-site instructions)
- Seismic requirements
- Water table elevation
- Flood plain analysis
- Soil percolation rate & conductivity
- Ground water flow rates and directions
- Need for soil treatment or replacement
- Description of foundation design options
- Allowable bearing capacities
- Pier/pile capacities
- Paving design options
- Overall site analysis
- Other

#### **D4. Governing Regulatory Requirements**

The local, state, and federal government permits necessary to construct and operate the facility should be identified. A work plan should be in place to prepare, submit, and track permit, regulatory, re-zoning, and code compliance for the project. It should include items such as:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire              | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unique requirements     | <input type="checkbox"/> Building          | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental           | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupancy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural calculations | <input type="checkbox"/> Special           | <input type="checkbox"/> Platting       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building height limits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage           | <input type="checkbox"/> Air/water      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setback requirements    | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |  |   |

The codes that will have a significant impact on the scope of the project should also be investigated and explained in detail. Particular attention should be paid to local requirements. Regulatory and code requirements may affect the defined physical characteristics and project cost estimate. The project schedule may be affected by regulatory approval processes. For some technically complex buildings, regulations change fairly often.

## **D5. Environmental Assessment**

An environmental assessment should be performed for the site to evaluate issues that can impact the cost estimate or delay the project. These issues may include:

- Archeological
- Location in an EPA air quality non-compliance zone
- Location in a wet lands area
- Environmental permits now in force
- Existing contamination
- Location of nearest residential area
- Ground water monitoring in place
- Downstream uses of ground water
- Existing environmental problems with the site
- Past/present use of site
- Noise/vibration requirements
- Air/water discharge requirements and options evaluated
- Discharge limits of sanitary and storm sewers identified
- Detention requirements
- Endangered species
- Erosion/sediment control
- Other

## **D6. Utility Sources with Supply Conditions**

The availability/non-availability of site utilities needed to operate the facility with supply conditions of quantity, temperature, pressure, and quality should be evaluated. This may include items such as:

- Potable water
- Drinking water
- Cooling water
- Fire water
- Sewers
- Electricity (voltage levels)
- Communications (e.g., data, cable television, telephones)
- Special requirement (e.g., deionized water or oxygen)
- Other
- Instrument air
- Facility air
- Heating water
- Gases
- Steam



#### **D7. Site Life Safety Considerations**

Fire and life safety related items should be taken into account for the selected site. These items should include fire protection practices at the site, available firewater supply (amounts and conditions), special safety requirements unique to the site, etc. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Wind direction indicator devices (e.g., wind socks)
- Fire monitors & hydrants
- Flow testing
- Access and evacuation plan
- Available emergency medical facilities
- Security considerations (site illumination, access control, etc.)
- Other

#### **D8. Special Water and Waste Treatment Requirements**

On-site or pretreatment of water and waste should be evaluated. Items for consideration may include:

- Wastewater treatment
  - Process waste
  - Sanitary waste
- Waste disposal
- Storm water containment & treatment
- Other

## E. BUILDING PROGRAMMING

### E1. Program Statement

The program statement identifies the levels of performance for the facility in terms of space planning and functional relationships. It should address the human, physical, and external aspects to be considered in the design. Each performance criteria should include these issues:

- A performance statement outlining what goals are to be attained (e.g., providing sufficient lighting levels to accomplish the specified task safely and efficiently)
- A measure that must be achieved (e.g., 200 foot-candles at surface of surgical table)
- A test which is an accepted approach to establish that the criterion has been met (e.g., using a standard light meter to do the job)
- Other

### E2. Building Summary Space List

The *summary* space list includes *all* space requirements for the entire project. This list should address specific types and areas. Possible space listings include:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building population               | <input type="checkbox"/> Classrooms           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative offices            | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratories         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lounges                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Corridors            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service Cafeteria            | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage facilities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference rooms                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical rooms     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vending alcoves                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical rooms     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Janitorial closets                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking space        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elevators                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Entry lobby          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stairs                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loading docks                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Data/computer areas  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dwelling units                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other considerations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special technology considerations |   |

A room data sheet should correspond to each entry on the summary space list. Room data sheets are discussed in element E11. The room data sheet contains information that is necessary for the summary space list. This list is used to determine assignable (usable) and non-assignable (gross) areas.

### **E3. Overall Adjacency Diagrams**

The overall adjacency diagrams depict the layout of each department or division of the entire building. They show the relationship of specific rooms, offices, and sections. The adjacency diagrams must adequately convey the overall relationships between functional areas within the facility. Note that these diagrams are sometimes known as “bubble diagrams” or “balloon diagrams.” They are also commonly expressed in an adjacency matrix.

### **E4. Stacking Diagrams**

A stacking diagram portrays each department or functional unit vertically in a multi-story building. Stacking diagrams are drawn to scale, and they can help establish key design elements for the building. These diagrams are easily created with space lists and adjacency (or bubble) diagrams. Critical vertical relationships may relate to circulatory (stairs, elevators), structural elements, and mechanical or utility shafts.

Stacking diagrams can establish building elements such as floor size. This type of diagram often combines functional adjacencies and space requirements and also shows how the project is sited.

### **E5. Growth and Phased Development**

Provisions for future phases or anticipated use change must be considered during project programming. A successful initial phase necessitates a plan for the long term phases. The following phasing issues may be addressed.

- Guidelines to allow for additions (i.e., over-design of structural systems, joist layout, column spacing, etc.)
- Technology needs as facility grows and expands or changes (e.g., mechanical systems, water demands, etc.)
- Compare the additional costs involved with making the building “expandable” versus the probability of the future expansion occurring as envisioned.
- Provisions for infrastructure that allow for future expansion
- Other

## **E6. Circulation and Open Space Requirements**

An important component of space programming is common-area open spaces, both interior and exterior. These areas include the items listed and considerations such as:

- Exterior
  - Service dock areas and access
  - Circulation to parking areas
  - Passenger drop-off areas
  - Pedestrian walkways
  - Courtyards, plazas, or parks
  - Landscape buffer areas
  - Unbuildable areas (e.g., wetlands or slopes)
  - Sidewalks or other pedestrian routes
  - Bicycle facilities
  - Lobbies and entries
  - Security considerations (e.g., card access or transmitters)
  - Snow removal plan
  - Postal and newspaper delivery
  - Waste removal
  - Fire and life-safety circulation considerations
- Interior
  - Interior aisle ways and corridors
  - Vertical circulation (i.e., personnel & material transport including elevators and escalators)
  - Directional and location signage
- Other

## **E7. Functional Relationship Diagrams/Room by Room**

Room by room functional relationship diagrams show the structure of adjacencies of a group of rooms. With these adjacency diagrams (also known as bubble diagrams), the architect can convert them into a floor plan with all the relationships. Each space detail sheet should have a minimum of one functional relationship diagram. Rooms are often represented by circles, bubbles, squares, or rectangles. Larger rooms are represented with bigger symbols. They are also commonly expressed in an adjacency matrix.

## **E8. Loading/Unloading/Storage Facilities Requirements**

A list of requirements identifying materials to be unloaded and stored and products to be loaded along with their specifications. This list should include items such as:

- Storage facilities to be provided and/or utilized
- Refrigeration requirements and capabilities
- Mail/small package delivery
- Recycling requirements
- Other

## **E9. Transportation Requirements**

Specifications for implementation of facility transportation (e.g., roadways, conveyers, elevators, etc.) as well as methods for receiving and shipping of materials (e.g., air, rail, truck, marine, etc.) should be identified. Provisions should be included for items such as:

- Facility access requirements based on transportation
- Drive-in doors
- Extended ramps for low clearance trailers
- Rail car access doors
- Service elevators
- Loading docks
- Temporary parking
- Other

## **E10. Building Finishes**

Levels of interior and exterior finishes should be defined for the project. For example, the finishes may include categories such as:

### Interior Schedule:

- Type A
  - Floor: vinyl composition tile
  - Walls: painted
- Type B
  - Floor: direct glue carpet
  - Walls: vinyl wall covering
- Type C
  - Floor: carpet over pad
  - Walls: wood paneling

### Exterior Schedule:

- Type 1
  - Walls: brick
  - Trim: brick
- Type 2
  - Walls: overlapping masonry
  - Trim: cedar

Finishes and local design standards are further defined in category F.

## **E11. Room Data Sheets**

Room data sheets contain the specific requirements for each room considering its functional needs. A room data sheet should correspond to each room on the building summary space list. The format of the room data sheet should be consistent. Possible issues to include on room data sheets are:

- Critical dimensions
- Technical requirements (e.g., fireproof, explosion resistance, X-ray, etc.)
- Furnishing requirements
- Equipment requirements
- Audio/visual (A/V) data and communication provisions
- Lighting requirements
- Utility requirements
- Security needs including access/hours of operation
- Finish type
- Environmental issues
- Acoustics/vibration requirements
- Life-safety
- Other

## **E12. Furnishings, Equipment, and Built-Ins**

All moveable furnishings, equipment, and built-ins should be listed on the room data sheets. Moveable and fixed in place equipment should be distinguished. Building modifications, such as wide access doors or high ceilings, necessary for any equipment also need to be listed. Long delivery time items should be identified and ordered early. It is critical to identify the utility impact of equipment (e.g., electrical, cooling, special water or drains, venting, radio frequency shielding, etc.). Examples may include:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Material handling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Partitions        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

New items and relocated existing items must be distinguished in the program. The items can be classified in the following categories.

New Items:

- Contractor furnished and contractor installed
- Owner furnished and contractor installed
- Owner furnished and owner installed
- Other

Existing Items:

- Relocated as is and contractor installed
- Refurbished and installed by contractor
- Relocated as is and owner installed
- Refurbished and installed by owner
- Other

### **E13. Window Treatment**

Any special fenestration window treatments for energy and/or light control should be noted in order to have proper use of natural light. Some examples include:

- Blocking of natural light
- Glare reducing windows
- Exterior louvers
- Interior blinds
- Other



## **F. BUILDING/PROJECT DESIGN PARAMETERS**

### **F1. Civil/Site Design**

Civil/site design issues should be addressed to provide a basis for facility design. Issues to address may include:

- Service and storage requirements
- Elevation and profile views
- High point elevations for grade, paving, and foundations
- Location of equipment
- Minimum overhead clearances
- Storm drainage system
- Location and route of underground utilities
- Site utilities
- Earth work
- Subsurface work
- Paving/curbs
- Landscape/xeriscape
- Fencing/site security
- Other

## F2. Architectural Design

Architectural design issue should be addressed to provide a basis for facility design. These issues may include the following:

- Determination of metric (hard/soft) versus Imperial (English) units  
(Note: The term “hard” metric means that materials and equipment are identified on the drawings and have to be delivered in metric-sized unit dimensions such as 200mm by 400mm. “Soft” metric means that materials and equipment can be delivered using sizes that approximate the metric dimensions given on the drawings, such as 3 inch length instead of 8 cm. It is important to set these dimensions and not “mix and match.”)
- Requirements for building location/orientation horizontal & vertical
- Access requirements
- Nature/character of building design (e.g., aesthetics, etc.)
- Construction materials
- Acoustical considerations
- American with Disabilities Act requirements or other local access requirements
- Architectural Review Boards
- Planning & zoning review boards
- Circulation considerations
- Seismic design considerations
- Color/material standards
- Hardware standards
- Furniture, furnishings, and accessories criteria
- Design grid
- Floor to floor height
- Other

### **F3. Structural Design**

Structural design considerations should be addressed to provide a basis for the facility design. These considerations may include the following:

- Structural system (e.g., construction materials, constraints, etc.)
- Seismic requirements
- Foundation system
- Corrosion control requirements/required protective coatings
- Client specifications (e.g., basis for design loads, vibration, deflection, etc.)
- Future expansion/flexibility considerations
- Design loading parameter (e.g., live/dead loads, design loads, collateral load capacity, equipment/material loads, wind/snow loads, uplift)
- Functional spatial constraints
- Other

### **F4. Mechanical Design**

Mechanical design parameters should be developed to provide a basis for facility design. Items to consider include:

- Special ventilation or exhaust requirements
- Equipment/space special requirements with respect to environmental conditions (e.g., air quality, special temperatures)
- Energy conservation and life cycle costs
- Acoustical requirements
- Zoning and controls
- Air circulation requirements
- Outdoor design conditions (e.g., minimum and maximum yearly temperatures)
- Indoor design conditions (e.g., temperature, humidity, pressure, air quality, etc.)
- Building emissions control
- Utility support requirements
- System redundancy requirements
- Plumbing requirements
- Special piping requirements
- Seismic requirements
- Other

### **F5. Electrical Design**

Electrical design parameters provide the basis for facility design. Consider items such as:

- Power sources with available voltage & amperage
- Special lighting considerations (e.g., lighting levels, color rendition)
- Voice, data, and video communications requirements
- Uninterruptable power source (UPS) and/or emergency power requirements
- Energy consumption/conservation and life cycle cost
- Ability to use daylight in lighting
- Seismic requirements
- Lightning/grounding requirements
- Other

#### **F6. Building Life Safety Requirements**

Building life safety requirements are a necessity for building operations. They should be identified at this stage of the project. Possible safety requirements are listed below:

- Fire resistant requirements
- Explosion resistant requirements
- Area of refuge requirements in case of catastrophe
- Safety and alarm requirements
- Fire detection and/or suppression requirements
- Eye wash stations
- Safety showers
- Deluge requirements and foam
- Fume hoods
- Handling of hazardous materials
- Isolation facilities
- Sterile environments
- Emergency equipment access
- Personnel shelters
- Egress
- Public address requirements
- Data or communications protection in case of disaster or emergency
- Fall hazard protection
- Gas hazard detection
- Other

## **F7. Constructability Analysis**

CII defines constructability as, "the optimum use of construction knowledge and experience in planning, design, procurement, and field operations to achieve overall project objectives. Maximum benefits occur when people with construction knowledge and experience become involved at the very beginning of a project."

Is there a structured approach for constructability analysis in place? Have provisions been made to provide this on an ongoing basis? This would include examining design options and details of construction that minimize construction costs while maintaining standards of safety, quality, and schedule. Elements of constructability during pre-project planning include:

- Constructability program in existence
- Construction knowledge/experience used in project planning
- Early construction involvement in contracting strategy development
- Developing a construction-sensitive project schedule
- Considering major construction methods in basic design approaches
- Developing site layouts for efficient construction
- Early identification of project team participants for constructability analysis
- Usage of advanced information technologies
- Other

## **F8. Technological Sophistication**

The requirements for "intelligent" or special building systems should be evaluated. Examples of these systems may include:

- Video conferencing
- Internet connections
- Advanced audio/visual (A/V) connections
- Personnel sensing
- Computer docking stations
- "Smart" heating or air-conditioning
- Intercommunication systems
- Security systems
- Communication systems
- Conveyance systems
- Other

## **G. EQUIPMENT**

### **G1. Equipment List**

Project-specific equipment should be defined and listed. (Note: Building systems equipment is addressed in element F4, Mechanical Design, and F5, Electrical Design). In situations where owners are furnishing equipment, the equipment should be properly defined and purchased. The list should define items such as:

- Process
- Medical
- Food service/vending
- Trash disposal
- Distributed control systems
- Material handling
- Existing sources and characteristics of equipment
  - Relative sizes
  - Weights
  - Location
  - Capacities
  - Materials of construction
  - Insulation and painting requirements
  - Equipment related access
  - Vendor, model, and serial number once identified
  - Equipment delivery time, if known
- Other

### **G2. Equipment Location Drawings**

Equipment location/arrangement drawings identify the specific location of each item of equipment in a project. These drawings should identify items such as:

- Plan and elevation views of equipment and platforms
- Location of equipment rooms
- Physical support requirement (e.g., installation bolt patterns)
- Coordinates or location of all major equipment
- Other

### **G3. Equipment Utility Requirements**

This evaluation should consist of a tabulated list of utility requirements for all major equipment items such as:

- Power and/or all utility requirements
- Flow diagrams
- Design temperature and pressure
- Diversity of use
- Gas
- Water
- Other

## SECTION III - EXECUTION APPROACH

### H. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

#### H1. Identify Long Lead/Critical Equipment and Materials

Identify engineered equipment and material items with lead times that will impact the design for receipt of vendor information or impact the construction schedule with long delivery times.

#### H2. Procurement Procedures and Plans

Procurement procedures and plans include specific guidelines, special requirements, or methodologies for accomplishing the purchasing, expediting, and delivery of equipment and materials required for the project. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Who will perform procurement?
- Listing of approved vendors, if applicable
- Client or contractor purchase orders
- Reimbursement terms and conditions
- Guidelines for supplier alliances, single source, or competitive bids
- Guidelines for engineering/construction contracts
- Who assumes responsibility for owner-purchased items?
  - Financial
  - Shop inspection
  - Expediting
- Tax strategy
  - Depreciation capture
  - Local sales and use tax treatment
  - Investment tax credits
- Definition of source inspection requirements and responsibilities
- Definition of traffic/insurance responsibilities
- Definition of procurement status reporting requirements
- Additional/special owner accounting requirements
- Definition of spare parts requirements
- Local regulations (e.g., tax restrictions, tax advantages, etc.)
- Incentive/penalty strategy for contracts
- Storage
- Other



## **J. DELIVERABLES**

### **J1. CADD/Model Requirements**

Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) requirements should be defined. Evaluation criteria may include:

- Software system required by client (e.g., AutoCAD, Intergraph, etc.)
- Will the project be required to be designed using 2D or 3D CADD? Will rendering be required?
- If 3D CADD is to be used, will a walk-through simulation be required?
- Owner/contractor standard symbols and details
- How will data be received and returned to/from the owner?
  - Disk
  - Electronic transfer
  - Tape
  - Reproducibles
  - Full size mock-ups

Physical model requirements depend upon the type needed for analysis, such as study models or design checks.

## **J2. Documentation/Deliverables**

Documentation and deliverables required during project execution should be identified. If electronic media are to be used, format and application packages should be outlined. The following items may be included in a list of deliverables:

- Drawings & specifications
- Project correspondence
- Permits
- Maintenance and operating information/startup procedures
- Facility keys, keying schedules, and access codes
- Project data books (quantity, format, contents, and completion date)
- Equipment folders (quantity, format, contents, and completion date)
- Design calculations (quantity, format, contents, and completion date)
- Spare parts and maintenance stock (special forms)
- Procuring documents/contract documents
- Record (as-built) documents
- Quality assurance documents
- Project signage
- Guarantees/warranties
- Inspection documents
- Certificates of inspection
- Shop drawings and samples
- Bonds
- Distribution matrix
- Other

## **K. PROJECT CONTROL**

### **K1. Project Quality Assurance and Control**

Quality assurance and quality control procedures need to be established. Responsibility for approvals needs to be developed. Electronic media requirements should be outlined. These issues may include:

- Responsibility during design and construction
- Testing of materials and workmanship
- ISO 9000 requirements
- Submittals and shop drawing approach
- Inspection reporting requirements
- Progress photos
- Reviewing changes and modifications
- Communication documents (e.g., RFI's, RFQ's, etc.)
- Commissioning tests
- Lessons-learned feedback
- Other

### **K2. Project Cost Control**

Procedures for controlling project cost need to be outlined and responsibility assigned. Electronic media requirements should be identified. These may include cost control requirements such as:

- Financial (client/regulatory)
- Phasing or area sub-accounting
- Capital vs. non-capital expenditures
- Report requirements
- Payment schedules and procedures
- Cash flow projections/draw down analysis
- Cost code scheme/strategy
- Costs for each project phase
- Periodic control check estimates
- Change order management procedure, including scope control
- Other

### **K3. Project Schedule Control**

The project schedule is created to show progress and ensure that the project is completed on time. The schedule is necessary for design and construction of the building. A schedule format should be decided on at the beginning of the project. Typical items included in a project schedule are listed below.

- Milestones
- Unusual schedule considerations
- Required submissions and/or approvals
- Required documentation and responsible party
- Baseline vs. progress to date
- Long lead or critical pacing equipment delivery
- Critical path activities
- Contingency or “float time”
- Permitting or regulatory approvals
- Activation and commissioning
- Liquidated damages/incentives
- Other

The owner must also identify how special project issues will be scheduled. These items may include:

- Selection, procurement, and installation of equipment
- Design of interior spaces (including furniture and accessory selection)
- Stages of the project that must be handled differently than the rest of the project
- Tie-ins, service interruptions, and road closures
- Other

#### **K4. Risk Management**

Major project risks need to be identified, quantified, and management actions taken to mitigate problems developed. Pertinent elements may include:

- Design risks
  - Expertise
  - Experience
  - Work load
  - Teamwork orientation
  - Communication
  - Integration and coordination
  - Other
- Construction risks
  - Availability of craft labor and construction materials
  - Weather
  - Differing/unforeseen/difficult site conditions
  - Long lead item delays
  - Strikes
  - Inflation
  - Scope growth
  - Other
- Management risks
  - Availability of designers
  - Critical quality issues
  - Bidders
  - Human error
  - Cost & schedule estimates
  - Timely decisions
  - Team chemistry
  - Other
- Insurance considerations

## **K5. Safety Procedures**

Safety procedures and responsibilities must be identified for design consideration and construction. Safety issues to be addressed may include:

- Hazardous material handling
- Interaction with the public
- Working at elevations/fall hazards
- Evacuation plans & procedures
- Drug testing
- First aid stations
- Accident reporting & investigation
- Pre-task planning
- Safety orientation & planning
- Safety incentives
- Other special or unusual safety issues

## **L. PROJECT EXECUTION PLAN**

### **L1. Project Organization**

The project team should be identified including roles, responsibilities, and authority. Items to consider include:

- Core team members
- Project manager assigned
- Project sponsor assigned
- Working relationships between participants
- Communication channels
- Organizational chart
- Approval responsibilities/responsibility matrix
- Other

### **L2. Owner Approval Requirements**

All documents that require owner approval should be clearly defined. These may include:

- Milestones for drawing approval by phase
  - Comment
  - Approval
  - Bid issues (public or private)
  - Construction
- Durations of approval cycle compatible with schedule
- Individual(s) responsible for reconciling comments before return
- Types of drawings/specifications
- Purchase documents/general conditions & contract documents
  - Data sheets
  - Inquiries
  - Bid tabulations
  - Purchase orders
- Vendor information
- Other

### **L3. Project Delivery Method**

The methods of project design and construction delivery, including fee structure should be identified. Issues to consider include:

- Owner self-performed
- Designer and constructor qualification selection process
- Selected methods (e.g., design/build, CM at risk, competitive sealed proposal, bridging, design-bid-build, etc.)
- Contracting strategies (e.g., lump sum, cost-plus, etc.)
- Design/build scope package considerations
- Other

### **L4. Design/Construction Plan and Approach**

This is a documented plan identifying the specific approach to be used in designing and constructing the project. It should include items such as:

- Responsibility matrix
- Subcontracting strategy
- Work week plan/schedule
- Organizational structure
- Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)
- Construction sequencing of events
- Site logistics plan
- Safety requirements/program
- Identification of critical activities that have potential impact on facilities (i.e., existing facilities, crane usage, utility shut downs and tie-ins, testing, etc.)
- Quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) plan
- Design and approvals sequencing of events
- Equipment procurement and staging
- Contractor meeting/reporting schedule
- Partnering or strategic alliances
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Furnishings, equipment, and built-ins responsibility
- Other



## **L5. Substantial Completion Requirements**

Substantial Completion (SC) is defined as the point in time when the building is ready to be occupied. The following may need to be addressed:

- Have specific requirements for SC responsibilities been developed?
- Have warranty, permitting, insurance, tax implications, etc., been considered?
- Commissioning
  - Equipment/systems startup and testing
  - Occupancy phasing
  - Final code inspection
  - Calibration
  - Verification
  - Documentation
  - Training
  - Acceptance
- Landscape requirements
- Punchlist completion plan and schedule
- Substantial completion certificate
- Other