



# ONE APPROACH TO HOLDING SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

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## Risk Workshops

## What they are

- > An "expert Committee"
- "The Wisdom of Crowds"
- Self Assessment
- > Ask the people who know
- Reality Check
- First things First
- Looking across the organization
- The end of "the best PowerPoint"

## What they accomplish

- Engagement of working staff in the process and in the results of the process
- Get managers and "deliverers" and policy makers to talk
- Get "pitchers" and "catchers" to understand one another's worlds
- And their actual tolerance for risk
- They produce reliable and repeatable results that the participants understand and support

How do they work?

- > Prepare, prepare, prepare
- Use anonymous voting technology
- Open with validation and engagement
- Confirm
  - > Objective

strategies to sustainability

- Of their work
- Of the workshop
- Activities Universe
- Risk Universe
- Timing (arrival, departure, meals)

## Before the workshop

- Always provide as much background as you can
  - Risk Profiles
  - Activity Universe
  - > Objective of the workshop
  - A contact for participants to get clarification from
  - Identify who "authorized" establishing the workshop
  - "placemats" of information needed for the workshop

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Workshops



## Workshops

### Details

- Duration
  - Between 1 and 2 days
- Size
  - > No less than 6
  - No more than 18
- Composition
  - Staff from all levels, including those who:
    - Deliver the work (Pitchers)
    - Direct the work
    - > Plan the work
    - Rely on the results of the work (may include the public) (Catchers)

### **Keeping Focussed**

With activities, risks, likelihood and impact all sloshing around at the same time, people can easily get confused

- You need an excellent facilitator
- Other Strategies
- Place Mats
  - Red are criteria, Blue is program elements
- > Two Data Projectors
  - One for votes, one for whatever is being discussed



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### Sample Risk Information Sheet

There is a risk that . . .

Statement of the risk event that, if it materializes, can negatively affect the achievement of enterprise objectives

#### **Risk Drivers**

 Identifies possible sources of the risk event, such as environmental factors or management framework weaknesses

#### **Current Risk Mitigation**

 Identifies examples of current actions, processes, controls, etc., that reduce likelihood of risk occurring, or severity if it were to occur

#### **Possible Consequences**

 Describes possible impacts if the risk were to fully express





# Choose Impact Criteria

Impact Level	Definition
5 Critical	A critical event having an intolerable impact on the entity and that will require the entity to make a large scale, long term realignment of its operations, objectives or finances.
4 Major	A major event having significant impact on the entity, the consequences of which can be absorbed, but with proper management can be addressed by the entity.
3 Moderate	An event having a significant impact that can be managed by the entity.
	The consequences could mean that an activity could be subject to review or changed ways of operation.
2 Minor	An event having an impact, the consequences of which can be absorbed but management effort is required to minimize the impact.
1 Low	An event, the consequences of which can be absorbed through normal activity.

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