

Project Management

How Best to Cover these responsibilities for your Facility Project



If your intention is to contract good, registered, accredited consultants (Interior Designers, Engineers and Architects if applicable), your project will most likely not benefit from the inclusion of an independent Project Management Consultant. Typically, professional Architects, Interior Designers and Engineers must include strong project management and consultant coordination in their scope of services, to meet their professional association's Standards of Practice. Professionals must ensure objectives are met and rules and regulations adhered to, or face the consequences.

Beware of Project Management firms that insist they are required on projects that will have qualified consultants on board. Clients in these situations often pay far more for professional services than they need to – for no added value.

Independent Project Management firms are most valuable when used in either very large, complex projects; or on low budget projects that do not afford experienced consultants. But in these cases, always ensure the Project Manager is an insured professional, with a good track record, who will face consequences if performance is poor. Protect yourself, and your project funds.