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Selecting a Project Manager

I am often asked by clients “what are the things that should be considered when selecting a Project Manager”. These are the top 5 considerations in my experience:

1. Start by looking for an organisation that employs sufficient staff. This eliminates the risk of your project suffering due to the temporary or permanent departure of an individual. This will also ensure that additional resources are available when these are needed to keep your project on track.
2. Ideally the organisation will have been in business for at least ten years. This will prove stability and provide peace of mind that the firm that begins your project will also be there for its completion.
3. The organisation and the nominated team members should have successfully completed several projects of an equivalent nature, size and complexity. Your project will benefit from the vast corporate experience that the organisation has acquired beyond that of an individual.
4. The organisation should have a high proportion of executives to staff where the majority of the executives each have at least 20 years of industry experience. This will ensure that your project benefits from this vast experience and that you have someone to escalate to when this is needed.
5. Effective project management critically depends on robust project management systems and enabling technologies. These are best demonstrated by a third-party accredited integrated management system including quality, safety and environment.

Effective project management that will manage your risk goes well beyond one individual and you should spend time carefully selecting the organisation that you appoint to manage your projects.

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