

# Contractor EH&S Management Best Practice (2007)

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- The 1997 Contractor Management Best Practice was updated to reflect modern language and a progressive EH&S management philosophy.
  - A sub-committee was formed to review the existing best practice and to come forward with an update.
  - Our mission was to produce a reference document that would be viable for the next 10 years.
  - The review and revision identified a lot of progress and changes in safety management over the past 10 years.

*The primary goal was to produce a “what to do” versus a “how to do” best practice.*



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### Philosophy

- Regulation has become increasingly prescriptive, which allows best practice to be more performance based.
- The sample checklists have been eliminated in the spirit of developing a “what to do” best practice.
- Although this document reflects current best practices, the “bar has been raised” in terms of industry standards.

*This best practice is more direct in approach, and less “motherhood and apple pie” in nature...it cuts to the chase and tells the user what they need to know.*



### Drivers

- Ownership of, and accountability for Contractor safety management has improved significantly.
- Application of Prime Contractor is better understood, and impact of Bill C-45 is driving accountability.
- Direct Owner and Contractor EHS management has increased across Alberta.

*The new best practices takes into account that Contractors have ownership of their EH&S requirements, and understand their roles and responsibilities.*



### ● Language

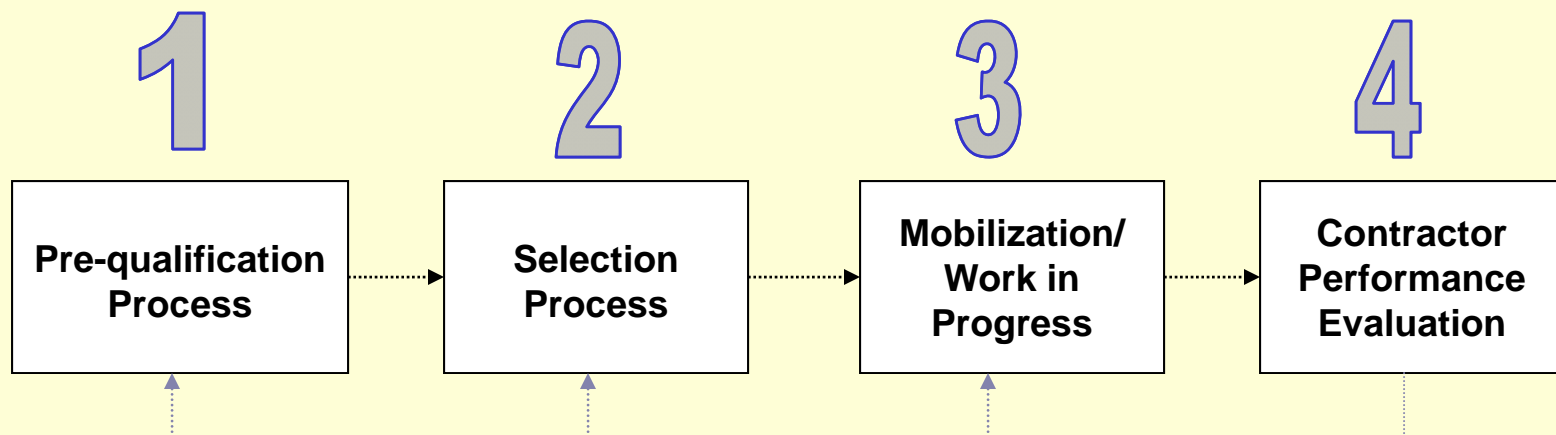
- The term “approved” used during pre-qualification has been replaced with the term “accepted”.
- Prime contractors, contractors and sub-contractors have been defined to eliminate repetition and confusion.
- The term EHS Execution plan has been introduced to cover requirements relating to Hazard ID and Control.

*The extent of document revisions reflects changes to legislation, and the evolution of EH&S management since the first contractor management best practice was developed.*



### Highlights

- The best practice has been re-structured to reflect the closed-loop continuous improvement management cycle.





### Implementation

- Consensus agreement from COAA Safety Committee in support of this best practice.
- Presentation to the Board of Directors in Q1/2007.
- Roll out and release in Q1/2007
- Present it at 2007 Best Practices conference.



Questions?