

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

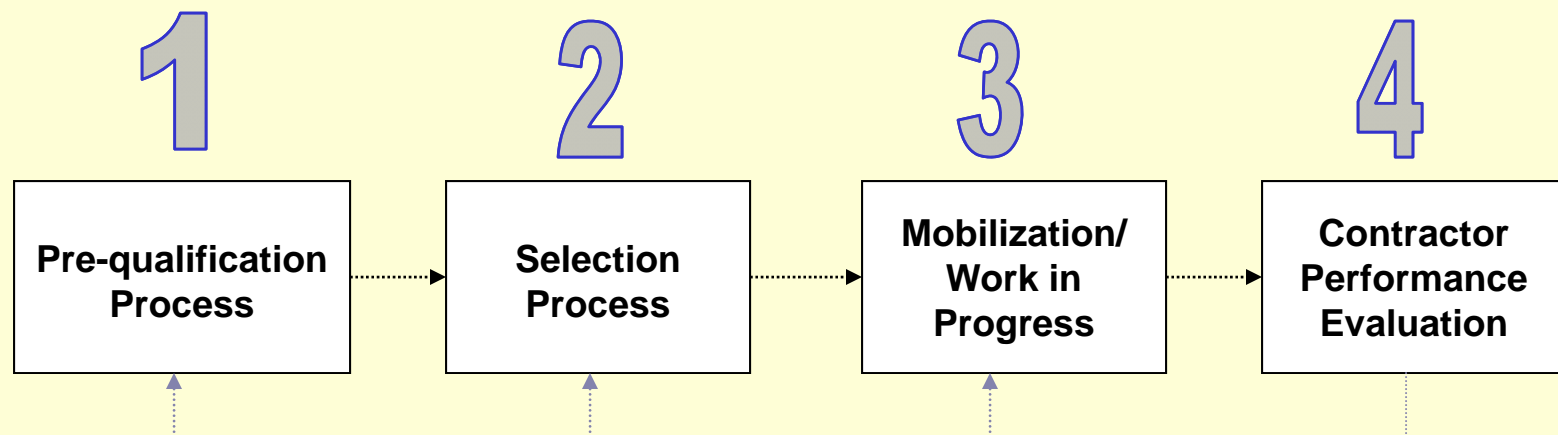
- The term “approved” used during pre-qualification has been replaced with the term “accepted”.
- Prime contractors, contractors and sub-contractors have been defined to eliminate repetition and confusion.
- The term EHS Execution plan has been introduced to cover requirements relating to Hazard ID and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