

BI Project Methodology

Project Management Methodology

TriCore Solutions has positioned itself as a “trusted advisory” partner to its end clients in an effort to promote customer loyalty. Our many years of practice within the BI industry has allowed us to build an inventory of *Best Practices, Lessons Learned, What Works and the necessity of Governance* that has led us to promote good practice to all of our prospects, clients and projects.

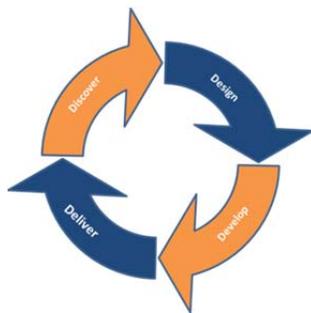
Key Characteristics of our Proposed Methodology

- Discovery
 - Establish Project Scope and Boundaries
 - Determine Measurements for Success
 - Interviews, Surveys and Planning
- Design
 - Refine Requirements and Software Specification
 - Design and Prototype of Candidate Architecture
 - Test Plans, Use Case Development, Design Reviews
- Development
 - Component Development and Architecture Refinement
 - Parallelism and Iterative Deployments as Necessary
 - Deployment Planning
- Delivery
 - UAT and Project Acceptance
 - Deployment and Validation

TriCore Provides:

- Over 500 successful BI implementations and counting
- Kimball Warehouse Methodology Experts
- Certified consultants across numerous platforms and technologies
- Strategic partnerships with leading platform and BI vendors
- Published and contributing authors to industry and trade magazines

Principles in BI are clear, quantifiable and proven within the industry





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TriCore Implementation Methodology

Major planning activities performed during the organizational requirements definition phase are listed as follows:

- Organizational Requirements Collection and Consolidation: All business intelligence platforms must be performance driven. Key Performance Indicators must be role-based, available, reliable, analyzable (for root-cause), comparable to known benchmarks and across clearly defined organizational subject areas (dimensions).
- Business Justification: Understanding the quantifiable and strategic benefit when prioritizing projects is critical to the process of prioritizing and selecting projects. From a governance perspective, there must be processes in place to assess, define and monitor success when determining cost savings or ROI realized from projects.
- Technical Feasibility Assessment: Known requirements must be evaluated against business systems for availability, completeness, reliability and quality. This task allows us to understand in more detail the level of effort and difficulty in fulfilling known requirements.
- Implementation Planning (Roadmap): Implementation and delivery goals are reassessed by the project team based on the above items. Project planning is further defined and communicated to the leadership team, business functional area leaders and project sponsors. Once a general agreement to the plan has been reached, project mobilization can begin.
- Infrastructure Planning: As critical to information management definition and flow is to supporting strategic and tactical organizational objectives, so is the infrastructure to support usage. Infrastructure planning includes capacity planning, identifying infrastructure integration 3rd party components, service level planning and BI component distribution.

BI Monitoring and Measurement for Success

It is our fundamental belief that BI is much more than just technology or achieving payback on technology. Rather, BI is a multi-level decision support platform built for planned and unplanned events that can be measured in terms of quality of actions taken by BI consumers and actions which translate into quantifiable ROI or cost- savings.

The process of monitoring for project success in itself promotes effective user adoption and continuous improvements within the BI platform itself, plus provides feedback by the committee group!