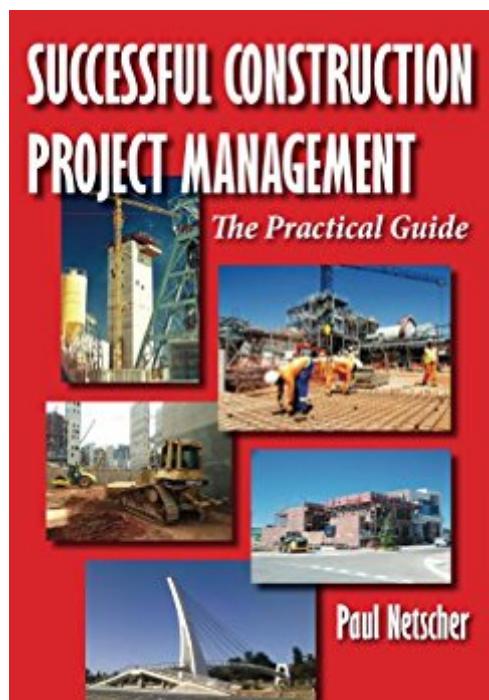


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# Successful Construction Project Management: The Practical Guide



## Synopsis

Successful Construction Project Management – The Practical Guide, provides useful tips to managing a construction project. It's aimed at construction professionals as well as those studying construction project management. Managing a construction project isn't an easy job and requires a large skill set. Some of these skills are learned by attending courses and colleges (which are often more theoretical than practical). However, others are only learned by experience, and often the hard way – learning from mistakes. This book bridges the gap between the theoretical and practical and includes chapters on planning the project, starting it, scheduling, running the project, completing it, people, materials, equipment, quality, safety, subcontractors, contractual and financial. These chapters are broken into multiple sections providing a step-by-step guide to successfully managing a construction project, and, including what-not-to-do to avoid costly mistakes. Key features of the book are it: is written for construction contractors by a contractor; is written in an easy to read, friendly style, and avoids being too 'textbook' in nature; has numerous practical examples of situations the author has seen and experienced over twenty-eight years in construction; includes many topics essential to successfully managing projects which aren't included in most other project management books (such as; teamwork, delegation, communication, time management and preparing for meetings); has the information clearly set out and easily available so the book can be used as a continuing reference; is not specific to a particular country or field of construction; includes a large amount of valuable, useful and relevant information dealing with practical everyday issues of managing a project; has a summary of the salient points at the end of each chapter.

Managing a construction project requires Project Managers with an understanding of construction processes, able to develop schedules, procure materials and equipment, aware of safety, environmental and labour legislation, capable of working with different people including the public, their workers, the client and designers, and able to manage subcontractors. They need to develop an appropriate construction methodology which uses the available personnel and equipment efficiently, enabling the project to be built in the shortest possible time, taking into account the client's requirements and the project's location and restraints. In addition, they must ensure the project is carried out safely and meets the required quality standards and complies with all permits, regulations and registrations. They must manage contractual issues with the client in a manner which doesn't jeopardise their company, ensuring the project is financially successful, while always maintaining good client relations. The project must be successfully completed on-time and closed-out correctly. The book discusses all of this, and more, in detail and includes many examples which provide relevance to the subject matter.

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reading and using this book Project Managers will avoid some of the many problems encountered everyday on construction projects. The book should prove to be an excellent reference which can continually be referred to so that Project Managers don't forget important steps in the construction management process. The contents should be easily understood by people in the construction industry and those studying construction. A glossary of terms is included since terminologies vary between countries and even companies.

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I'm learning as fast as I can to understand the challenges and pitfalls of project management. This book is fun to read and full of examples of what to be aware of with project management. His stories are insightful and educational. His style of writing is fun and useful. I recommend this book to anyone who want to hear real life stories about projects. It's relevant to any kind of project management, not just construction.

Great book, this guy is a construction genius! Highly recommended.

This is the best book on Project Management I have read

Great book, offers excellent insight

It is quite clear beyond any doubt that Mr. Netscher has been through many projects of all different sizes, in different construction categories and in many different places which opens up to different cultural labor force and different construction method and added risk. I'm glad he didn't take the usual class room process group text book approach. Most chapters deals with a specific content, ready to be applied by the contractor. It's also good to learn from someone who made mistakes, takes blame, which made the book real. He presents the information to cover everything in an easy flowing read. Great Job.

Practical; very informative, and useful

Great book thank you.

Great. Must read for the emerging contractor.

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