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## INTRODUCTION TO CCDC 30 - INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY CONTRACT

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Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) is a Project delivery method that aligns the business interests of the IPD Team, consisting of the Owner, Consultant, Contractor, and any Other IPD Parties, through a single, multiparty Contractual arrangement. The pricing structure is cost plus with a target price, with the profits of the design and construction team members identified and allocated to a Risk Pool that remains at risk subject to achievement of mutually agreed Project objectives.

It is of the essence of IPD that the members of the IPD Team work collaboratively to achieve Project objectives in an environment of mutual trust, respect, and transparent and cooperative communication. The IPD Contract is designed to actively encourage these behaviours, including waivers of liability among the parties (subject to a few necessary exceptions).

Each party remains engaged throughout the Project, and commits the necessary resources to allow all other parties to meet or exceed their mutual commitments under the Contract and realize recovery of the Risk Pool.

A critical step in the IPD process is the establishment of a *Project Management Team*, or *PMT*, which includes representatives appointed by each party to the IPD *Contract*. The *PMT* is established at the outset of the relationship, and provides management-level guidance for planning, design, and construction to meet the *Project*'s objectives.

In addition to managing the *Project* throughout its progress, the *PMT* also develops benchmarks, metrics, and standards for progress evaluation. The *PMT* makes decisions that affect all aspects of the *Project*, including cost and schedule, and provides all parties with enhanced control over risk. *PMT* decisions are made by unanimous agreement, and may only be modified by action or instruction from the *Senior Management Team*, or *SMT*.

The IPD process involves several phases:

## VALIDATION PHASE

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During the Validation Phase, the PMT validates the Project objectives, and establishes the Base Target Cost, milestone schedule, and the profit/Risk Pool. This confirmation is set out in a lengthy and detailed Validation Report for approval by the Owner, and which confirms the business case for the Project. The Validation Report includes a Contract Tasks Matrix and staffing plan, as well as details concerning contingency, breakdown of Reimbursable Costs, insurance and contract security, as well as other matters. Importantly, the Validation Report confirms the consensus of the parties that there is a reasonable probability the Project can be completed successfully and meet the targets established by the PMT.

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There are two possible outcomes at this stage:

- The Validation Report is approved by the Owner, at which time the Project proceeds to the next phase; or.
- The Validation Report is not approved by the Owner, at which time parties are released from the IPD Contract and the members of the Design/Construction Team receive reimbursement for their costs expended to that point, without profit.

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The development and confirmation of the Risk Pool in the Validation Report is crucial to the shared risk and reward structure of an IPD Project. The Risk Pool identifies the profit that will be shared by members of the Design/Construction Team, which profit remains at risk subject to achievement of agreed Project objectives, the most typical of which will be the final Project cost coming in at or below the Final Target Cost.

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