

THE SPONSORSHIP CHECKLIST

Provides direction and guidance for strategies and initiatives
Works with the project manager to develop the project charter
Identifies and quantifies business benefits to be achieved by successful implementation of the project
Makes go/no-go decisions
Evaluates the project's success upon completion
Negotiates funding for the project
Actively participates in the initial project planning
Reviews and approves changes to plans, priorities, deliverables, schedule, and more
Identifies project steering committee members
Gains agreement among stakeholders when differences of opinion occur
Chairs the project steering committee
Assists the project when required (especially in an out-of-control situation) by exerting organizational authority and the ability to influence
Helps resolve interproject boundary issues
Supports the project manager in conflict resolution
Advises the project manager of protocols, political issues, and potential sensitivities
Makes the project visible within the organization
Encourages stakeholder involvement and builds and maintains their ongoing commitment through effective communication strategies

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