

SECTION III.2.A

TOOLS FOR GETTING STARTED WITH A PROJECT

The BDB approach attaches great importance to the very early phases of the project process. The fate and success of all construction projects are heavily conditioned by the activities that take place at pre-project. This is the phase when the appropriate conditions for a successful collaboration between Client and Prime contractor, and between Prime Contractor and the supply chain need to be laid out. Failure to clarify expectations, aspirations and constraints, or to negotiate and establish relationships based on mutual benefit is likely to have negative repercussions in the later stages of a project.

The Tools in this section are aimed to support the starting up of a Project based on the BDB principles. They are divided into two sub sections: Client and Supply side.

The Tools in the “Client” sub-section address the activities Clients should undertake in order to establish a project based on the Seven Principles. Tool A.1 addresses the fundamental aspects of how the Client can go about specifying needs and aspirations without imposing predetermined solutions, thus laying the premises for exploiting all the expertise and creativity of the supply chain. Tool A.2 discusses the issues in selecting a Prime Contractor able to deliver the benefits of the BDB approach. Finally, Tool A.4 takes the Client team through the critical process of deriving the Through life cost baseline to be used as a benchmark throughout the Project.

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