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ACTIVITY COST ESTIMATES TEMPLATE

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Activity Cost Estimates are an indispensable project management instrument for ascertaining project expenses. The activity cost estimate, similar to the way in which a project's work is divided into activities and work packages, reduces the project's costs to the activity level to enhance the estimate's reliability and accuracy.

The activity cost estimate takes into account the costs associated with the completion of each project activity. Direct costs for project resources, indirect costs that may be transferred to the project, and the amount held in contingency reserve for the activity are all included in these costs. A particular activity may be allocated a multitude of resources, all of which must be included in the estimate for that activity.

One of the characteristics of the activity cost estimate is the documentation of the process used to determine the estimate. This is typically accomplished through parametric or analogous estimation. Analogous estimating is a method that involves estimating the cost of similar past projects or activities. Parametric estimation involves the determination and application of a unit cost that is calculated over a specified duration or number of units. Parametric estimation is typically more precise and should lead to a greater degree of confidence.

An additional attribute of the activity cost estimate is that it frequently employs a confidence level and a range for the cost estimate. At various stages of project planning, certain activities may be more clearly defined, which can lead to a significantly higher level of confidence than those with a greater number of unknowns. It is crucial to acknowledge that, similar to the majority of project management documentation, the activity cost estimate should be updated and enhanced over the course of the project's lifespan.

In general, the more information and detail that is available for an activity, the more precise the cost estimate will be. Once all of the activities of a project have been completed, the activity cost estimates can be utilized to develop the overall project cost estimate.



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Standard Activity Cost Estimates Template:

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Project: Date:											
WBS No.	Resource	Direct Costs	Indirect	Reserve	Estimate	Method	Assumptions/	Additional	Range	Confidence	
			Costs				Constraints	Information	_	Level	
This should be the WBS number from the Work Breakdown Structure	Type of resource (labor, material, equipment, service, etc.)	Costs related to project work (staff salaries, supplies, training, etc.)	Costs not directly attributable to the project (utilities, rent, security, etc.)	Amount of funding held in reserves for contingencies	Estimated cost	Method used such as parametric, analogous, etc.	Any assumptions used in developing the estimate such as labor cost per hour	Information on cost of quality, interest rate, or other	Range of estimate	The degree of confidence in the estimate based on available information	

Example with Sample Data:

Activity Cost Estimates											
Project: Digital Transformation of Advantech Digital									Date: 10/08/2024		
WBS No.	Resource	Direct Costs	Indirect Costs	Reserve	Estimate	Method	Assumptions/ Constraints	Additional Informatio n	Range	Confidence Level	
4.1.1	Jr. Programmer for 40 hours	40 hrs. @ \$30.00 = \$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$1,200	Parametric	Must obtain functional manager approval to assign Jr. Programmer	N/A	\$1200 - \$1250	8	
4.1.1	Network Specialist for 10 hours	8 hrs. @ \$40.00 = \$320	\$0	\$0	\$320	Parametric	Must obtain functional manager approval to assign Network Specialist	N/A	\$320 - \$350	7	
4.1.1	Lease Network Test Equipment	4 hrs. @ \$50.00 = \$200	12 hrs. @ \$50 = \$600	\$0	\$800	Parametric	Assume test equipment will be available	Lease from Test Supply Corp.	\$800 - \$825	7	

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