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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on work breakdown structure for those individuals working in project and programme management, and who are involved in developing and using a work breakdown structure. This document incorporates practices to provide benefits for project or programme planning and control, and provides guidance on work breakdown structure concepts, composition and relationships with other structures.

It complements ISO 21500 and ISO 21504.

The target audience of this document includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) managers and those individuals involved in sponsoring projects or programmes;
- b) individuals managing projects or programmes and work breakdown structure practises;
- c) individuals involved in the management of or performance of project management offices of project or programme control staff;
- d) developers of national or organizational standards.

The application of this document may be tailored to meet the needs of any organization or individual, so they may better apply the concepts, requirements and practice of developing and using work breakdown structures.