

Executing Process Group Artifacts

9.2 Acquire Project Teams

9.2.2 Virtual Teams (Tools and Techniques)

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9.2.2 Virtual Teams (Tools and Techniques): Virtual teams are people coming together to meet specific goals and objectives, however they are not face to face. They conduct meetings and teleconferences online, via skype, email, or phone calls. This technique can be used in acquiring project teams. This technique has been adopted abroad due to its ability to reach far out to personnel covering the globe. It enables organizations an element of flexibility the industry has never seen. It has its disadvantages too. The PMI (2013) states there can be misunderstanding and things can be open for interpretation. Additional time may be needed to set clear expectations and follow up with teams to ensure continuity (p. 271).

In my work organization, virtual teams are becoming more and more common. Networking and branching out to other departments and units are a key element in addressing and fixing issues. An example with this would be trying to implement light sources at entry control points on the flight line. I had to coordinate with other bases and team leaders to get an idea on how they were able to plan, coordinate, budget and schedule for these light sources to be installed. It took time along with the help from my virtual team to implement this proposal to leadership from my unit. By utilizing virtual teams, I was able to get this plan approved and get these light units installed.

Reference List

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