

“Some Laws of Project Management”

- 1) A project must be **“Performed”** and **“Managed”** to be successful.
- 2) To **“Perform the Project,”** you need **“Resources.”**
- 3) To define needed **“Resources”** you need a **“Plan”** and to **“Manage the Project”** you need a **“Plan.”**
- 4) To develop the **“Plan”** you need to know what **“Work”** is needed and what **“Constraints”** exist for the project, such as budget and schedule constraints.
- 5) To know what **“Work”** is needed, you must know the specifics of what the project will deliver, you need a **“Deliverable Definition.”**
- 6) To develop the **“Deliverable Definition”** you need **“Deliverable Requirements”** that define what the project’s customer wants and what the **“Deliverable”** should be and do.
- 7) To have defined **“Project Constraints”** and defined **“Deliverable Requirements,”** the project’s customer, with help as needed from the project team,
 - Needs to define **“Deliverable Requirements”** completely, accurately and in sufficient detail
 - Needs to define all real **“Constraints”** and constraints need to be feasible and appropriate
 - Needs to ensure that the **“Deliverable Requirements”** are compatible with the **“Constraints”**
 - Needs to be able to clearly communicate **“Deliverable Requirements”** and **“Constraints”**
 - Needs to eventually stop changing **“Deliverable Requirements”** and **“Constraints”**