

List of the Effective Requirements Practices

This is a list of the ten effective requirements practices that are recommended in this book. You can use this list to analyze and prioritize the practices that you and your organization want to address. You may determine that you may need to modify or tailor the wording of some or all of the practices, or eliminate some and/or add others that facilitate continuous improvement in your organization.

By applying effective requirements practices, you can remove causes of project failure. The reasons for failure are well-documented (see Chapter 1). The needed improvement activities can be financed by the one third of total project costs now wasted. The book is full of suggestions concerning how to transform this waste into productive use.

The use of effective requirements practices will reduce costs, improve the quality of work products, and increase customer satisfaction. The practices, ideas, suggestions, and recommendations provided in this book can be used individually or collectively, and not all have to be implemented to achieve progress. One can gradually implement some good practices quickly with good payback, and then continue to work toward a more sophisticated, high-performance set of requirements practices.