

Five Pros and Cons of Outsourcing Project Management Responsibility

Pros

- 1. Outsourced project managers look at planning, controlling, scheduling, and tracking with fresh eyes.**
- 2. Consultants help ensure best practices are followed. If you work closely with the provider, the overall outcome and ROI often is better than if the project was kept in-house.**
- 3. Companies can hit the ground running with productivity gains. Project management professionals will do sector-specific research and will be conversant in the latest thinking.**
- 4. Clients can focus on core competencies.**
- 5. You can become better prepared for dealing with similar projects in the future.**

Cons

- 1. You must commit your internal resources even when external resources are used. Senior management must have buy-in.**
- 2. If you don't work the relationship properly, you may never develop the project management skills you need in-house.**
- 3. You don't own the resources. For instance, without an investment in resources from a human resource perspective, people can walk away.**
- 4. Money is burned quickly when there are misunderstandings or poor management at the start of the project.**
- 5. The risk of compromising sensitive company information can be high, depending on the nature of the project.**

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