Contract Management and Legal Aspects in Infrastructure Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Management	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles of contract law and their application in infrastructure projects.
2. Comprehend the entire contract lifecycle, from planning and procurement to administration and close-out.[5]
3. Master techniques for drafting, reviewing, and negotiating various types of infrastructure contracts.
4. Develop expertise in understanding and applying common international contract forms (e.g., FIDIC, NEC).
5. Formulate strategies for effective contract administration, including change management and payment certification.[6]
6. Understand the critical role of robust claims management and dispute avoidance in infrastructure projects.
7. Implement effective processes for managing delays, disruptions, and extensions of time.
8. Explore key strategies for navigating legal issues related to intellectual property, liability, and insurance.
9. Apply methodologies for resolving contractual disputes through negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

10. Understand the importance of legal compliance, ethical considerations, and anti-corruption in contracting.
11. Develop preliminary skills in utilizing contract management software and legal research tools.
12. Design a comprehensive contract management plan for a hypothetical complex infrastructure project.
13. Examine global best practices, emerging trends (e.g., smart contracts), and legal challenges in infrastructure contracting.

Target Audience

This course is ideal for professionals dealing with contracts and legal matters in infrastructure:

1. Project Managers: Responsible for contract execution in infrastructure projects.
2. Contract Managers & Administrators: Overseeing the lifecycle of infrastructure contracts.
3. Legal Professionals: Specializing in construction, engineering, and infrastructure law.
4. Procurement Managers: Involved in contract drafting and negotiation.[7]
5. Engineers & Consultants: Seeking a deeper understanding of contractual implications.
6. Quantity Surveyors & Commercial Managers: Managing financial and contractual aspects.
7. Government Officials: Overseeing public works contracts and concessions.
8. Claims Consultants: Specializing in dispute resolution for infrastructure.

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Course Modules

- Module 1: Foundations of Contract Law in Infrastructure
  - Define key principles of contract law (offer, acceptance, consideration, intent).[8]
  - Discuss the elements of a valid contract and common pitfalls in formation.
  - Understand different types of contracts used in infrastructure (e.g., Lump Sum, Cost Plus, Unit Price, DBB, EPC).
  - Explore concepts of privity of contract, assignment, and sub-contracting.
  - Identify the legal implications of letters of intent and memoranda of understanding.
- Module 2: Contract Lifecycle and Procurement Processes
  - Comprehend the sequential phases of the contract lifecycle from planning to close-out.
  - Learn about pre-contractual stages: needs assessment, feasibility, and procurement strategy.
  - Master techniques for preparing tender documents and conducting bid evaluations.
  - Discuss the importance of due diligence in contractor selection.
  - Apply procurement principles to select the appropriate contract type for an infrastructure project.
- Module 3: International Contract Forms: FIDIC Suite
  - Develop expertise in the widely used FIDIC Conditions of Contract (e.g., Red, Yellow, Silver Books).[9]
  - Learn about the roles and responsibilities of parties (Employer, Engineer, Contractor).
  - Master techniques for interpreting key clauses related to payments, variations, and claims.
  - Discuss the dispute resolution mechanisms under FIDIC (e.g., DABs).
  - Apply FIDIC principles to a sample contractual scenario.
- Module 4: International Contract Forms: NEC and Others
  - Formulate strategies for understanding the NEC (New Engineering Contract) family of contracts.
  - Understand the principles of collaboration, early warning, and project management under NEC.
  - Explore techniques for managing compensation events and program updates under NEC.
  - Discuss other common contract forms (e.g., JCT, bespoke contracts) and their features.
  - Apply NEC principles to a practical project management scenario.

- Module 5: Contract Administration and Management
    - Understand the critical role of proactive contract administration throughout the project.
    - Implement robust approaches to managing communications, meetings, and record-keeping.
    - Explore techniques for certifying payments, managing advances, and retention.
    - Discuss the importance of project schedules, progress monitoring, and reporting.
    - Apply contract administration best practices to maintain project control.
- Module 6: Change Management and Variations
    - Develop expertise in managing changes and variations within infrastructure contracts.
    - Learn about different types of changes (e.g., scope change, site conditions, regulatory).
    - Master techniques for valuing variations and negotiating change orders.
    - Discuss the legal implications of unauthorized changes and constructive changes.
    - Apply change management processes to resolve a complex variation scenario.
- Module 7: Claims Management and Dispute Avoidance
    - Comprehend the principles of claims origination, substantiation, and presentation.
    - Learn about common causes of claims (e.g., delays, disruptions, acceleration, defects).
    - Master techniques for effective record-keeping and contemporaneous documentation.
    - Discuss the importance of early warning and proactive dispute avoidance strategies.
    - Apply claims management principles to prepare and analyze a sample claim.
- Module 8: Delay Analysis and Extension of Time
    - Formulate strategies for conducting robust delay analysis to determine entitlement to Extension of Time (EOT).
    - Understand various delay analysis methods (e.g., Critical Path Method, As-Built vs. As-Planned).
    - Explore techniques for identifying concurrent delays, pacing, and acceleration.
    - Discuss the legal implications of different types of delays (e.g., excusable, compensable).
    - Apply delay analysis techniques to a project schedule affected by delays.
- Module 9: Contract Breach, Termination, and Remedies
    - Understand the critical concepts of contract breach and repudiation.
    - Implement robust approaches to assessing the grounds for contract termination (e.g., default, convenience).
    - Explore techniques for calculating damages and other legal remedies.
    - Discuss the implications of force majeure, frustration, and impossibility of performance.
    - Apply knowledge to analyze a hypothetical scenario involving contract breach and termination.
- Module 10: Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Infrastructure
    - Develop expertise in various formal and informal dispute resolution mechanisms.
    - Learn about negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and expert determination.
    - Master techniques for preparing for and participating in arbitration proceedings.
    - Discuss the role of Dispute Adjudication Boards (DABs) and litigation in infrastructure.
    - Apply dispute resolution strategies to resolve a complex contractual disagreement.
- Module 11: Legal Aspects: Liability, Insurance, and Intellectual Property
    - Comprehend the principles of contractual liability, negligence, and strict liability.
    - Learn about different types of insurance relevant to infrastructure projects (e.g., CAR, PI, D&O).
    - Master techniques for managing intellectual property rights in design and construction.
    - Discuss environmental law, health and safety regulations, and public procurement law.[10]
    - Apply legal knowledge to identify key liability and insurance considerations in a project.
- Module 12: Emerging Trends, Digitalization, and Ethical Considerations
    - Examine global best practices and innovative approaches in infrastructure contract management.
    - Develop preliminary skills in assessing emerging trends: smart contracts, blockchain in construction.

- Discuss the impact of digitalization (BIM, digital twins) on contract administration.
- Explore ethical considerations, anti-corruption measures, and corporate social responsibility in contracting.
- Design a strategic roadmap for implementing advanced contract management practices in an organization.

Training Methodology

- Interactive Workshops: Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- Case Studies: Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- Role-Playing and Simulations: Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- Expert Presentations: Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- Group Projects: Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- Action Planning: Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- Digital Tools and Resources: Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- Peer-to-Peer Learning: Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- Post-Training Support: Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
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