

IPR vs IPA

- **What are the differences between IPR's and IPA?**
 - An IPR is by Independent Experts, IPA is a corporation that is a Project Think Tank
 - IPR's will review almost all aspects of a project, IPA reviews areas they deem to be statistically significant in the probability of a projects success
 - IPR's may go into depth in multiple areas with members of varied expertise questioning not only the existence of key items but the logic and quality as well, IPA tends to not go into the same depth for most areas and focuses more on existence of key items vs logic and quality.
 - IPR's provide a qualitative review with specific advice on multiple areas focusing on concerns and opportunities, some 35 in our case (See Charter), IPA provides a quantitative analysis that scores a project relative to others in it's database based on what they deem to be statistically relevant items with qualitative advice being limited to those items and at a higher level than an IPR

Tips for a successful Review

- Early Planning
 - Plan early! Develop a Charter and issue. *DONE*
 - Engage Executives and work proactively with IPR Team Leader to surface key issues and define scope. *DONE*
 - Prepare documentation in advance for IPR team review. *DONE*
 - Allow adequate time for the review (typically 4-5 days). *DONE*
- During the IPR
 - **Be factual in interviews, where possible supporting statements with documentation or specific examples versus opinion alone.**
 - **Leverage opportunity for networking and lessons learned transfer.**