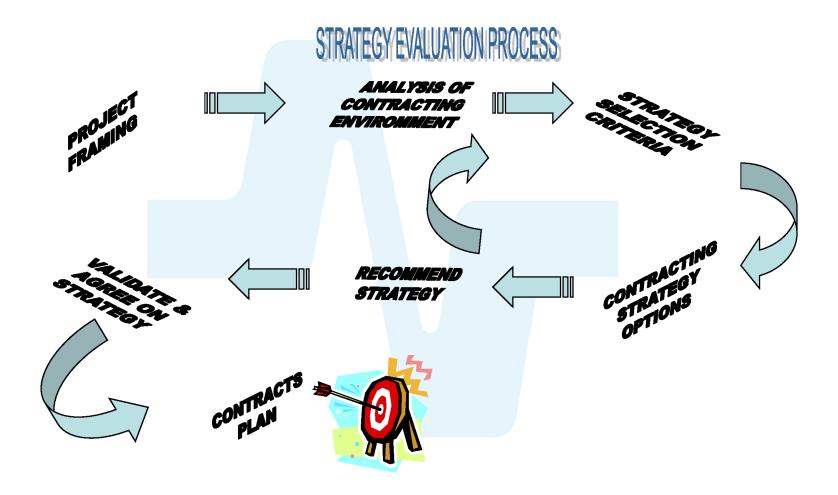




Contracting Strategy

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Risks Affecting Contracting Strategy

- Market Access
- Resources (people)
- Remote Location
- Availability of qualified contractors
- Aboriginal Negotiations
- Environmental Assessment
- Note: Lessons learned from IPA/NL & Hydro mega projects will be considered



Analysis of Current Contractor Market

- Current Trends
 - Difficult to obtain contractors
 - Input costs up
 - Spot market costs have risen
 - Harsh T&C's will see high prices
 - EPC LS have significant disadvantages for the near future
 - Smaller packages in this market work better
 - IPA recommends mixed strategy of reimbursable & LS



Project Drivers & Selection Criteria

- Project Management by Owner
- Financing Strategy
- Cost & Schedule predictability
- Driven by provincial policies
- Driven by IBA agreement
- Achieve project definition through high FEL
- Optimal allocation of risk



Project Drivers & Selection Criteria

- Maintain flexibility for development of alternate concepts when change is required
- Understanding market conditions such as contractor availability & capability



Contracting Options - FEED

- FEED (What is FEED?)
 - Develop project definition to get us through gate
 - What are FEED deliverables? DBM, Design Criteria, Performance or detail specs
 - Multiple or single FEED contracts based on work scope?
 - Do we bid FEED work or continue WTO system
 - Continue with FEED contractors into Detail design (what information is required with FEED bid to ensure commercial certainty)?
 - Stop after FEED and bid EP?
 - Will FEED contractor be allowed to bid EP?
 - Possible Compensation Model
 - Reimbursable rates
 - Reimbursable rates + fixed fee + incentives
- When does FEED need to be awarded?



Purpose of Overview

- Update on Contracting Strategy process
 - where we are
 - how we got there
- Review Contracting Strategy Responsibility Matrix
- Open discussion and feedback
- Next Steps
 - Incorporate feedback from today's session
 - Prepare RFP for FEED??
 - Present project & opportunities to Market
 - Gather market intelligence ongoing
 - Budget Pricing & Delivery information
 - Engineering scope definition

