

“Project Management Using Earned Value”
Case Study Solution 32.1

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**Project
Performance
Analysis**

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Highway Case Study Solutions

1. **Cost/Schedule Variance Percentages**

a. Schedule Variance Percentage = $\frac{\text{Schedule Variance}_{cum}}{\text{BCWS}} \times 100$

$$\frac{-4}{17.5} \times 100$$

-22.9% unfavorable

b. Cost Variance Percentage = $\frac{\text{Cost Variance}_{cum}}{\text{BCWP}} \times 100$

$$\frac{-1.0}{13.5} \times 100$$

-7.4% unfavorable

2. **Performance Indices (PI)**

a. Cost Performance Index_{efficiency} = $\frac{\text{BCWP}_{cum}}{\text{ACWP}_{cum}}$

$$\frac{13.5}{14.5} = .93$$

b. Cost Performance Index_{performance} = $\frac{\text{ACWP}_{cum}}{\text{BCWP}_{cum}}$

$$\frac{14.5}{13.5} = 1.07$$

c. Schedule Performance Index = $\frac{\text{BCWP}_{cum}}{\text{BCWS}_{cum}}$

$$\frac{13.5}{17.5} = .77$$

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3. (a) Months (ahead or behind) = $\frac{\text{Schedule Variance}_{cum}}{\text{BCWP}_{monthly avg*}}$

$$\frac{-4}{1.93}$$

= 2.07 months behind

(b) Months (ahead or behind) = $\frac{\text{Schedule Variance}_{cum}}{\text{BCWS}_{monthly avg*}}$

$$\frac{-4}{2.5}$$

= 1.6 months behind

4. **Percent Complete/Spent**

a. Percent Complete = $\frac{\text{BCWP}_{cum}}{\text{BAC}} \times 100$

$$\frac{13.5}{30.0} \times 100 = 45\%$$

b. Percent Spent

(1) = $\frac{\text{ACWP}_{cum}}{\text{BAC}} \times 100$

$$\frac{14.5}{30.0} \times 100 = 48.3 \%$$

(2) = $\frac{\text{ACWP}_{cum}}{\text{EAC}} \times 100$

$$\frac{14.5}{30.5} \times 100 = 47.5\%$$

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5. **To Complete Performance Index**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TCPI} &= \frac{\text{Budgeted Cost of Work Remaining}}{\text{Estimate to Complete}} = \frac{\text{Budget at Completion} - \text{Earned Value}_{\text{cum}}}{\text{Estimate at Completion} - \text{Actuals}_{\text{cum}}} \\ &= \frac{30 - 13.5}{30.5 - 14.5} \\ &= \frac{16.5}{16} \\ &= 1.03 \end{aligned}$$

6. **Independent Estimate At Completion (IEAC)**

a. $\text{IEAC} = \frac{\text{BAC}}{\text{CPI}_E}$

$$\frac{30}{.93} = 32.258$$

b. $\text{IEAC} = \text{ACWP}_{\text{cum}} + \frac{(\text{BAC} - \text{BCWP}_{\text{cum}})}{(80\% \times \text{CPI}_E) + (20\% \times \text{SPI})}$

$$\begin{aligned} &14.5 + \frac{30 - 13.5}{[(.80 \times .93) + (.20 \times .77)]} \\ &= 14.5 + \frac{16.5}{.898} = 32.874 \end{aligned}$$

c. $\text{IEAC} = \text{ACWP}_{\text{cum}} + \frac{(\text{BAC} - \text{BCWP}_{\text{cum}})}{(\text{CPI}_E \times \text{SPI})}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 14.5 + \frac{30 - 13.5}{(.93 \times .77)} \\ &= 14.5 + \frac{16.5}{.716} = 37.454 \end{aligned}$$

d. $\text{IEAC} = \text{ACWP} + (\text{BAC} - \text{BCWP}_{\text{cum}})$

$$= 14.5 + (30 - 13.5) = 31.000$$

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7. **Estimated Completion Date (ECD)**

Estimated Completion Date = Months to Complete + Time Now (months)

$$(a) \text{ Months to Complete} = \frac{BAC - BCWP_{cum}}{BCWS_{current}} + \text{Time now (months)}$$

$$\frac{30 - 13.5}{2.5} + 7 = 13.6$$

$$(b) \text{ Months to Complete} = \frac{BAC - BCWP_{cum}}{BCWS_{average}} + \text{Time now (months)}$$

In this example with planned linear accomplishment Budget_{average} and Budget_{current} are the same, thus the answer will also be an Estimated Completion Date of 13.6 months.

$$(c) \text{ Months to Complete} = \frac{BAC - BCWP_{cum}}{BCWP_{current}} + \text{Time now (months)}$$

$$\frac{30 - 13.5}{4.0} + 7 = 11.13$$

$$(d) \text{ Months to Complete} = \frac{BAC - BCWP_{cum}}{BCWP_{average}} + \text{Time now (months)}$$

$$\frac{30 - 13.5}{1.93} + 7 = 15.55$$

Estimated Completion Date calculation methods (c) and (d) are preferred to methods (a) and (b) as (c) and (d) are based on actual performance data rather than budget data.

The results of method (c) should consider any unique events which impacted the incredibly favorable current Earned Value in month 7.

Method (d) does not consider any trends found in the data. However, it normalized the effect of the month 7 data by averaging it with the other 6 data points.

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8. **Performance to Date vs. Estimated Completion Dates (ECD)**

$$\frac{BCWP_{cum}}{\text{Months to Date}} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \frac{BAC - BCWP_{cum}}{\text{Months to Complete}}$$

$$\frac{13.5}{7} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \frac{30 - 13.5}{15 - 7} = \frac{16.5}{8} = 2.06$$

$$= 1.93$$

Only in months 3, 6, and 7 were they able to earn value in excess of 2.0. In each of these months the Cost Performance Index was .88. There is enough evidence to suggest that the projected date of completion (month 15) and the EAC (\$30,500.000) are not achievable or consistent.

9. **Best, Worst and Most Likely EACs**

The contractor's final CPR (attached) shows the program's outcome: \$3,450,000 overrun and completion in the month 20 (8 months late). This Case Study is based upon an actual program; the name and time frame have been changed to retain confidentiality.

Notes on Final CPR:

1. The Program Management /Support (LOE) costs continued during the 8 month slip (budget ended in month 12) resulting in an overrun of \$150K. An underrun of \$600K was predicted in the month 7 CPR.
2. General and Administrative (G&A) costs at 17.33% contributed to nearly \$600K of the program's overrun.
3. While the Materials were firm fixed price (FFP), the costs of Excavation and Hauling were the primary drivers to the program's overrun. Consequently, it is important to note that when performing analysis using only level 1 data, where LOE is a part of the program data, the results can often be a more optimistic Estimate at Completion (EAC) prediction than the outcome. When LOE is not being performed because of schedule problems on the program (reference contractor's month 7 CPR, which shows Program Management/Support CV of \$500K) the Cost Variance is not a true underrun, but merely LOE which has yet to be performed. Favorable LOE cost variances must be considered when conducting program level analysis.

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Contract Performance Report Format 1 - Work Breakdown Structure													Classification (when filled in)			Form Approved OMB No. 07040188		
													Dollars In <u> \$000 </u>					
1. Contractor				2. Contract				3. Program				4. Report Period						
a. Name Wippity Bipp Construction Co.				a. Name CALTRANS 20				a. Name Highway 73 Extension				a. From (YYYY/MM/DD)						
b. Location (Address & Zip Code) 1 Briarpatch Lane Thumperville, CA 90633				b. Number XX-0763				b. Phase RDT&E				b. To (YYYY/MM/DD) Month 20						
				c. Type CPFF		d. Share Ratio N/A		c. EVMS Acceptance No (Yes) (2001/05/06)										
5. Contract Data																		
a. Quantity 1	b. Negotiated Cost \$30,000,000	c. Est. Cost of Auth. Unpriced Work 0	d. Target Profit/Fee \$3,000,000	e. Target Price \$33,000,000	f. Estimated Price \$36,450,000	g. Contract Ceiling N/A	h. Estimated Contract Ceiling N/A	i. Date of OTB/OTS (YYYY/MM/DD)										
6. Estimated Cost at Completion						7. Authorized Contractor Representative												
			Management Estimate at Completion (1)	Contract Budget Base (2)	Variance (3)	a. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Quick, I.M.			b. Title Program Manager									
a. Best Case			33,450			c. Signature I.M. Quick			d. Date Signed (YYYY/MM/DD) Month 21, 10th									
b. Worst Case			33,450															
c. Most Likely			33,450	30,000	-3,450													
8. Performance Data																		
Item (1)	Current Period					Cumulative To Date					Reprogramming Adjustments			At Completion				
	Budgeted Cost		Actual Cost Work Performed (4)	Variance		Budgeted Cost		Actual Cost Work Performed (9)	Variance		Cost Variance (12a)	Schedule Variance (12b)	Budget (13)	Budgeted (14)	Estimated (15)	Variance (16)		
	Work Scheduled (2)	Work Performed (3)		Schedule (5)	Cost (6)	Work Scheduled (7)	Work Performed (8)		Schedule (10)	Cost (11)								
a. WBS																		
Program Mgmt./Support	0	0	115	0	-115	1,950	1,950	2,100	0	-150				1,950	2,100	-150		
Excavation/Base	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	8,000	8,900	0	-900				8,000	8,900	-900		
Hauling	0	75	110	75	-35	3,600	3,600	5,350	0	-1,750				3,600	5,350	-1,750		
Materials	0	0	0	0	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	0	0				10,500	10,500	0		
Testing/Inspection	0	10	12	10	-2	750	750	803	0	-53				750	803	-53		
b. Cost of Money																		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0		
c. Gen. & Admin.																		
	0	15	41	15	-26	5,200	5,200	5,797	0	-597				5,200	5,797	-597		
Measurement Baseline)																		
	0	100	278	100	-178	30,000	30,000	33,450	0	-3,450				30,000	33,450	-3,450		
g. TOTAL																		
	0	100	278	100	-178	30,000	30,000	33,450	0	-3,450				30,000				

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