Benefits of Effective Program Management in Ecosystem Restoration

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What is Program Management?
- A program is a group of related projects managed in a coordinated manner to obtain benefits and control NOT available from managing them individually.
- Program management ensures that organizational objectives are realized over the life of a program. Effective program management enables project teams to stay focused and stay on track. Program managers provide governance, guidance, and support to project teams. Project teams can then concentrate on project-level tasks without other unnecessary distractions.

Why Program Management in Ecosystem Restoration?
- The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program is a combination of federal, state, local and tribal initiatives. It covers 16 counties over an 18,000-square-mile area and includes more than 60 elements. It will take over 30 years to construct and cost $13.5 billion in Oct 2009 dollars.
- The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, established a robust program management organizational structure, including contractors, to more effectively control this massive endeavor.

What are the benefits?
- More efficient control and coordination of the often complex range of issues affecting all projects
- More efficient management of resources
- A consistent system of new or amended policies, guidance, standards, and work practices
- Effective response to changing strategic initiatives
- Keeping projects and tasks focused on the overall organizational objectives
- Better management of risk
- Clarifies how new organizational operations will deliver improved performance
- Helps to achieve real organizational benefits!

How can Contractors Help?
- Contractors offer trained and experienced project managers, engineers, scientists, and other specialists for flexible staff augmentation
- Contractors provide access to state-of-the-art information technology resources and innovative solutions for a variety of program needs
- Contractors can help improve efficiency and customer responsiveness