*<Project Name>*

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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# introduction

## Purpose of Communications Management Plan

[Provide the purpose of the communication management plan.]

The overall objective of a Communications Management Plan is to promote the success of a project by meeting the information needs of project stakeholders. The *<Project Name>* Communications Management Plan (CMP) defines the project’s structure and methods of information collection, screening, formatting, and distribution and outline understanding among project teams regarding the actions and processes necessary to facilitate the critical links among people, ideas, and information that are necessary for project success.

The intended audience of the *<Project Name>* CMP is the project manager, project team, project sponsor and any senior leaders whose support is needed to carry out communication plans.

# stakeholder identification and analysis

[Insert the stakeholder analysis or provide a reference to where it is stored.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Title** | **Contact** | **Communication** | **Vehicle** | **Comments** |
| *<Joe Smith>* | *<Manager>* | *<000-000-0000 joe@joe.com>* | *<Status Reports and Internal Project Status Meeting>* | *<Email*  *Phone>* | *<comments>* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

# communications Vehicles

## Communications Matrix

[Insert the communication matrix or provide a reference to where it is stored.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Vehicle** | **Target** | **Description Purpose** | **Frequency** | **Owner** | **Distribution Vehicle** | **Internal/ External** | **Comments** |
| *<Status Report>* | *<All Stakeholders>* | *<One page communication of project progress and deliverable status>* | *<Weekly>* | *<Joe Smith>* | *<Email>* | *<Internal>* | *<comments>* |
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## Project Meetings

[Insert the project meeting schedule or provide a reference to where it is stored.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Meeting** | **Description Purpose** | **Frequency** | **Owner** | **Internal/ External** | **Comments/ Participants** |
| *<Status Meeting>* | *<Communication of project progress and deliverable status>* | *<Weekly>* | *<Joe Smith office>* | *<Internal>* | *<comments>* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Project Reporting

[Insert the project reporting schedule or provide a reference to where it is stored.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Meeting** | **Description Purpose** | **Frequency** | **Owner** | **Internal/ External** | **Comments/ Distribution List** |
| *<Status Report>* | *<Communication of project progress and deliverable status>* | *<Weekly>* | *<Joe Smith>* | *<Internal>* | *<comments>* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Other Communication Types

[Insert the project reporting schedule or provide a reference to where it is stored.]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type** | **Description Purpose** | **Frequency** | **Owner** | **Internal/ External** | **Comments/ Distribution List** |
| *<Status Report>* | *<Communication of project progress and deliverable status>* | *<Weekly>* | *<Joe Smith>* | *<Internal>* | *<comments>* |
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# Communications Management Plan approval

The undersigned acknowledge they have reviewed the *<Project Name>* Communications Management Plan and agree with the approach it presents. Changes to this Communications Management Plan will be coordinated with and approved by the undersigned or their designated representatives.

[List the individuals whose signatures are desired. Examples of such individuals are Business Steward, Project Manager or Project Sponsor. Add additional lines for signature as necessary. Although signatures are desired, they are not always required to move forward with the practices outlined within this document.]

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Role** | **Date** | **Signature** |
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APPENDIX A: REFERENCES

[Insert the name, version number, description, and physical location of any documents referenced in this document. Add rows to the table as necessary.]

The following table summarizes the documents referenced in this document.

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| **Document Name and Version** | **Description** | **Location** |
| *<Document Name and Version Number>* | *[Provide description of the document]* | *<URL or Network path where document is located>* |

APPENDIX B: KEY TERMS

*[Insert terms and definitions used in this document. Add rows to the table as necessary. Follow the link below to for definitions of project management terms and acronyms used in this and other documents.*

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The following table provides definitions for terms relevant to this document.

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