Value Engineering in Civil Engineering Projects Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Civil Engineering and Infrastructure Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Value Engineering (VE)** in civil engineering projects.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **understanding and applying the systematic VE job plan** (information, functional analysis, creativity, evaluation, development, recommendation).
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **performing thorough functional analysis** using techniques like Function Analysis System Technique (FAST) diagrams.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **generating creative and innovative alternatives** for project components and processes.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **conducting comprehensive cost modeling and life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA)** in VE studies.

6. **Apply robust strategies** for **evaluating and selecting the most valuable alternatives** based on cost, performance, and risk criteria.
7. **Understand the deep integration of VE with sustainability principles and risk management** in civil engineering.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from successful VE applications in diverse civil engineering projects.
9. **Optimize strategies for effectively presenting and gaining approval** for VE recommendations to stakeholders.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **integrating VE into the project lifecycle** from conceptualization to execution.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of existing project designs to identify high-cost, low-value areas suitable for VE.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **resistance to change, limited data, or strict regulatory environments** in VE application.
13. **Develop a holistic, systematic, and function-oriented approach** to **Value Engineering in Civil Engineering Projects,** ensuring optimized value delivery.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Value Engineering in Civil Engineering Projects:

1. **Civil Engineers:** Design, construction, and project engineers across various specializations.
2. **Project Managers:** Overseeing civil engineering and infrastructure development projects.
3. **Cost Estimators & Quantity Surveyors:** Involved in project budgeting and cost control.
4. **Architects & Design Professionals:** Seeking to enhance value in building and infrastructure designs.
5. **Contractors & Construction Managers:** Aiming to optimize construction methods and materials.
6. **Procurement Specialists:** Responsible for acquiring materials and services efficiently.
7. **Government Officials:** From public works, infrastructure, and planning departments.
8. **Consultants:** Providing advisory services in project management and cost optimization.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Value Engineering in Civil Engineering**
  - **Defining Value Engineering (VE)**: Beyond cost-cutting to value maximization.
  - **Core Concepts of Value**: Function, cost, and worth in civil projects.
  - **Benefits of VE in Civil Engineering**: Cost savings, performance improvement, quality enhancement, risk reduction.
  - **Historical Context and Evolution of VE**: From WWII to modern project management.
  - **When and Where to Apply VE**: Optimal timing in the project lifecycle.
- **Module 2: The Value Engineering Job Plan**
  - **Understanding the Systematic VE Process**: A structured approach to value analysis.
  - **Information Phase**: Gathering relevant project data, objectives, and constraints.
  - **Functional Analysis Phase**: Identifying project functions and their associated costs.
  - **Creative Phase**: Brainstorming alternative ways to achieve functions.
  - **Evaluation, Development, and Recommendation Phases**: Analyzing and presenting the best alternatives.
- **Module 3: Functional Analysis Techniques**
  - **Defining "Function"**: Basic vs. secondary functions of project components.

    - **Verb-Noun Approach**: Systematically expressing functions (e.g., "support load," "transmit water").
    - **Function Analysis System Technique (FAST) Diagramming**: Graphically representing function relationships.
    - **Cost-to-Function Allocation**: Determining the cost of performing each function.
    - **Identifying High-Cost, Low-Value Functions**: Pinpointing areas for VE focus.
- **Module 4: Creative Thinking and Alternative Generation**
    - **Principles of Creative Problem Solving in VE**: Encouraging innovative solutions.
    - **Brainstorming Techniques**: Structured approaches for generating diverse ideas.
    - **Mind Mapping and Idea Generation Tools**: Visual aids for creative exploration.
    - **Challenging Assumptions**: Questioning conventional design and construction methods.
    - **Case Studies in Creative VE Solutions**: Examples of innovative alternatives in civil projects.
- **Module 5: Cost Modeling and Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)**
    - **Understanding Project Costs**: Initial capital costs vs. operational and maintenance costs.
    - **Introduction to LCCA**: Evaluating the total cost of a project over its entire lifespan.
    - **Components of LCCA**: Initial costs, energy, maintenance, repair, replacement, salvage value.
    - **Discounting and Net Present Value (NPV)**: Accounting for the time value of money.
    - **Applying LCCA in VE**: Comparing the long-term economic viability of alternatives.
- **Module 6: Evaluation, Selection, and Development of Alternatives**
    - **Evaluation Criteria**: Performance, quality, risk, constructability, environmental impact, cost.
    - **Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA)**: Tools for systematic evaluation of alternatives.
    - **Ranking and Prioritizing Alternatives**: Selecting the most promising options.
    - **Developing Selected Alternatives**: Refining designs and preparing detailed proposals.
    - **Risk Assessment of Alternatives**: Identifying and mitigating potential new risks.
- **Module 7: Implementation and Follow-up of VE Recommendations**
    - **Preparing the VE Report**: Clearly documenting findings, alternatives, and recommendations.
    - **Presenting Recommendations to Stakeholders**: Strategies for effective communication and gaining buy-in.
    - **Addressing Resistance to Change**: Overcoming common objections to VE proposals.
    - **Integrating VE into Project Planning and Design**: Ensuring recommendations are incorporated.
    - **Monitoring and Verifying Implemented Changes**: Tracking actual savings and performance.
- **Module 8: Advanced Topics and Practical VE Workshop Simulation**
    - **Integrating VE with Sustainable Civil Engineering**: Environmental and social value.
    - **VE and Risk Management**: Using VE to mitigate project risks.
    - **Contractual Aspects of VE**: Value engineering change proposals (VECP).
    - **Conducting a Simulated VE Workshop**: Participants apply learned techniques to a real-world civil engineering project scenario (e.g., a proposed bridge or road expansion project in Kenya).
    - **Developing a VE Action Plan**: Participants outline how to implement VE in their own organizations or future projects.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.

- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the inv

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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