

Benchmarking Questionnaire On Facility Management Costs

This publication takes stock of this progress and assesses the opportunities for further strengthening of the Mexican economy through SMEs and entrepreneurship.

Facilities planning for tourism, hospitality and events (THE) is an important subject from both theoretical and applied perspectives, as land, property and resources represent major components of the foundation of the industry. As future managers, it is imperative that students have a sound basic knowledge of property and the various resources, systems and services associated with it. Covering important contemporary subjects such as sustainable planning and environmental management, this book considers the planning, development and management of facilities operations from several key perspectives, drawing upon the expertise of complementary experts in the design, management and development of THE facilities. From the moment it was first published, Facility Management became the ultimate reference for facility and design professionals who want to create a productive workplace that corresponds to the short- and long-term goals of their corporation. This Second Edition provides complete, fully up-to-date information and guidance on the evolving facility management profession that will help facility professionals and their service providers meet and exceed these goals.

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A comprehensive look at the impact of technology on facility managers Facility managers are

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tasked with operating and maintaining the built environment. Technology plays a big role in this function, and often facility managers are asked to install, implement, and work with a variety of technologies without any prior experience in information technology. Technology for Facility Managers presents the cutting-edge technology that facility managers will come across in their careers. Each chapter covers a different technology and includes an overview and basic primer about the technology—the current use of the technology, how it's evolving, and how it will impact the practice of facility management in the future—and is complemented with case studies that address how the technology was implemented and the effect it had on the organization. Technologies covered include: Building information modeling (BIM) Building automation systems (BAS) FM automation (CAFM/IWMS) Condition assessment/life cycle analysis Radio frequency identification (RFID) Geographic information systems (GIS) Social networking Sustainability and energy analysis Information and communications technology (ICT) Workflow technology that supports standards such as Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) and those developed by the Workflow Management Coalition (WfMC) Technology for Facility Managers is appropriate as a textbook for IFMA Accredited Degree Programs and as a resource for professionals studying for certification through IFMA. Safety in the process industries is critical for those who work with chemicals and hazardous substances or processes. The field of loss prevention is, and continues to be, of supreme importance to countless companies, municipalities and governments around the world, and Lees' is a detailed reference to defending against hazards. Recognized as the standard work for chemical and process engineering safety professionals, it provides the most complete collection of information on the theory, practice, design elements, equipment, regulations and

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laws covering the field of process safety. An entire library of alternative books (and cross-referencing systems) would be needed to replace or improve upon it, but everything of importance to safety professionals, engineers and managers can be found in this all-encompassing three volume reference instead. The process safety encyclopedia, trusted worldwide for over 30 years Now available in print and online, to aid searchability and portability Over 3,600 print pages cover the full scope of process safety and loss prevention, compiling theory, practice, standards, legislation, case studies and lessons learned in one resource as opposed to multiple sources

This book examines the Facilities Management (FM) of hospitals and healthcare facilities, which are among the most complex, costly and challenging kind of buildings to manage. It presents and evaluates the FM service quality standards in Singapore's hospitals from the patient's perspective, and provides recommendations on how to successfully improve FM service quality and achieve higher patient satisfaction. The book also features valuable supplementary materials, including a checklist of 32 key factors for successful facilities management and another checklist of 24 service attributes for hospitals to achieve desirable service quality in connection with facilities management. The book adopts a unique approach of combining service quality and quality theory to provide a more holistic view of how FM service quality can be achieved in hospitals. It also integrates three instruments, namely the SERVQUAL model, the Kano model and the QFD model to yield empirical results from surveys for implementation in hospitals. Although the book was written from the perspective of FM service quality for hospitals, the findings and recommendations are also relevant for other non-healthcare sectors where appropriate lessons may also be drawn for FM and service quality in

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general. It will particularly benefit Quality Managers, Facilities Managers and Hospital Administrators.

The International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management is the definitive reference work for any individual studying or working in the hospitality industry. This new edition updates and significantly revises 25% of the entries and has an additional 20 new entries. New online material makes it the most up-to-date and accessible Hospitality Management encyclopedia on the market. It covers all of the relevant issues in the field of hospitality management from both a sectoral level: Lodging, Restaurants/Food service, Time-share, Clubs and Events as well as a functional one: Accounting & Finance, Marketing, Strategic Management, Human Resources, Information Technology and Facilities Management. Its unique user-friendly structure enables readers to find exactly the information they require at a glance; whether they require broad detail which takes a more crosssectional view across each subject field, or more focused information which looks closely at specific topics and issues within the hospitality industry today.

The past few years have seen the emergence of a number of powerful new technologies specifically designed to help facility managers do their jobs. Unfortunately, a number of political, technical, and procedural impediments have resulted in the majority of computer-aided facility management (CAFM) systems ending up as "shelfware" sitting on the shelves of well-intentioned users. Written by two leading international experts in the field of applying information technology to facility management, this book provides facility managers with the detailed, hands-on guidance required for successfully supporting CAFM systems. Technical and procedural topics focused on within the book include strategic technology planning,

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cost/benefit analysis, CAFM system functionality, implementation planning, and technology trends. In Part I of Facility Management Technology, the authors draw on their experiences as information system consultants to identify major issues and successful strategies associated with planning, implementing, and managing facility management technology. Issues addressed deal not only with CAFM itself, but also with the processes and procedures required for minimizing the risks of technology and successfully implementing systems in the shortest possible time frame. Part 2 is devoted entirely to real-life case histories from a number of North American and Japanese corporations and government organizations, including SONY, Aetna, Siemens, the Bank of Boston, Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan, Pioneer Hi-Bred, Florida Hospital, and the City of Toronto. Selected for their relevance to specific aspects of CAFM, each study describes how a particular organization dealt with one or more crucial problems associated with the successful deployment of CAFM technology—addressing both day-to-day operations and, importantly, the larger organizational context. Facility Management Technology is the only truly comprehensive text on the subject. With the wealth of practical advice from Teicholz and Ikeda and its case-study orientation, this book will be an important resource for facility and real estate managers, IS professionals, facility management and design consultants, and students. The only totally practical, case-study based guide to using automation in facility management. FACILITY MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY Lessons from the U.S. and Japan From performing strategic facility technology planning to a cost/benefit analysis, from selecting and managing CAFM systems for your organization to integrating CAFM systems with other types of corporate computing systems, this book offers detailed, hands-on guidance to virtually every aspect of facility management technology. Written by two

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leading international experts in the field, it analyzes and contrasts how facility management technology is now being used in North America and Japan and describes successful strategies companies have evolved for incorporating CAFM into their day-to-day operations. "I strongly believe that the clear analysis of facility management technologies and the unique lessons to be learned from each case study in the book will help facility managers establish their own total systems concept." —Yoshiro Koyama Facility Manager SONY "The authors have provided a contemporary, accurate, and insightful view of the application of CAFM into the American and Japanese corporate environment. The 'icing on the cake' is the generic and real world case studies that provide much needed realism to CAFM. Readers should come away enthused by their increased understanding and feeling secure that others have blazed the trail ahead of them." —John A. Paccione, AIA Director of Design Florida Hospital "The authors' insights into past, present, and future facility management trends, as well as the clear and practical examples shown in this book, will surely contribute to the development of facility management and CAFM in both the U.S. and Japan." —Dr. Shigeyuki Yamaguchi Department of Architecture and Design Kyoto Institute of Technology

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functional one (accounting and finance, marketing, strategic management, human resources, information technology and facilities management). Its unique, user-friendly structure enables readers to find exactly the information they require at a glance – whether they require broad detail that takes a more cross-sectional view across each subject field or more focused information that looks closely at specific topics and issues within the hospitality industry today. *Managing Sport Facilities*, Third Edition, continues the tradition set by its predecessors of providing future and current sport facility managers with the knowledge they need in order to make the proper decisions in all areas of facility management. Like the previous two versions, the third edition provides a comprehensive understanding of crafting a career in running a sport facility. The third edition of *Managing Sport Facilities* engages students with a clear writing style, extensive real-world examples, and information on managing a range of facilities, from smaller health clubs, colleges, and recreational environments to professional sport stadiums. Because managers require current information to meet the needs of new facilities and audiences, this edition has been updated to include the following:

- A new chapter on green facility management
- Updated Sport Facility Management Profiles featuring industry experts introducing applied connections for each chapter
- Expanded Facility Focus sidebars presenting facts and strategies used by real facilities
- An updated instructor ancillary package, now including instructor videos that feature professionals in the field offering advice and insight

In response to its increasing importance over the last decade, the newest chapter in this text focuses on implementing and maintaining green facilities. This chapter details items that should be considered during the construction of new environmentally conscious facilities as well as information on retrofitting and updating older facilities with green technology, such as

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recycling initiatives and solar panels. A facility built according to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards may lose its certification if not properly maintained over time, so tips for preserving green facilities are also included. In *Managing Sport Facilities, Third Edition*, students will learn the history of the sport facility industry and the primary goals and objectives of facility managers; how to build and finance a facility; facility operation; administration of marketing, finance, and other critical areas; and event administration and management. A comprehensive approach to understanding the wide-ranging job of sport facility managers has been applied, with a structure that builds from general to specific, and finally to practical knowledge in the final chapter. In addition, the text offers updated content in the Sport Facility Management Profiles, Facilities Trivia, Behind the Scenes, and Facility Focus sidebars in each chapter, which bring the theories and concepts to life by citing specific examples of strategies used in making a facility—and the facility manager—more successful. New instructor videos that can be shared during class provide students with a glimpse into the lives of real-world professionals as they provide insight and advice. *Managing Sport Facilities, Third Edition*, contains extensive textbook learning aids, including real-world checklists and forms that allow students a glimpse of some of the tools and guidelines that professionals use in their work. Each chapter begins with objectives and an overview and concludes with a summary and discussion questions and activities. The instructor ancillaries will help instructors prepare for and teach classes, and the text itself has an engaging style that makes the reading cogent and easy to remember. Starting from its already-solid foundation, the new material, updates, ancillaries, and practical learning aids make this third edition the most complete and up-to-date text on the subject. Students using this text will learn what it takes to blend

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leadership, operations management, and creativity in promotions as they begin their journey to being top-notch sport facility managers.

This book provides the reader with inside knowledge about the application and workability of the concept of benchmarking in different industrial contexts. It takes a practical approach, including case studies in benchmarking applications from a cross-section of industry and commerce, and promotes state-of-the-art thinking and innovation through the use of benchmarking. It is the key text for senior managers, project teams, trainers and consultants in benchmarking and quality management. Effective Benchmarking features include: 20 case studies from nine different sectors; evidence that benchmarking can help achieve competitive advantage; numerous tips and useful information.

This unique reference provides a structured approach for both the development of strategy and its implementation. It includes a catalog of indicators with their uses and weaknesses and a definitive guide to measuring the success of RCM programs.

This book describes the latest methods and tools for the management of information within facility management services and explains how it is possible to collect, organize, and use information over the life cycle of a building in order to optimize the integration of these services and improve the efficiency of processes. The coverage includes presentation and analysis of basic concepts, procedures, and international standards in the development and management of real estate inventories, building registries, and information systems for facility management. Models of strategic management are discussed and the functions and roles of the strategic management center, explained. Detailed attention is also devoted to building information modeling (BIM) for facility management and potential interactions between information systems

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and BIM applications. Criteria for evaluating information system performance are identified, and guidelines of value in developing technical specifications for facility management services are proposed. The book will aid clients and facility managers in ensuring that information bases are effectively compiled and used in order to enhance building maintenance and facility management.

CD-ROM contains: Sample documents -- Standards -- Forms -- Web links -- References.

This study is based on a major research project which looks at user requirements and changing patterns in the workplace. It provides in one volume, essential information on building intelligence.

This book provides comprehensive coverage of issues that facility managers in the property industry need to understand and apply in the pursuit of value for money over the life span of built facilities. The authors introduce the fast-growing discipline of facility management, examine the core competencies that facility managers should possess and study different contemporary drivers of change. The book emphasises the need to consider facilities management issues at the pre-design stage of the construction process, rather than only when the building is completed, in order to maximise value for money.

The Facilities Management book gives a complete and comprehensive guide to

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the different aspects of the Facility Manager's role, from compliance with health and safety law through risk management to getting the most out of building and space. It enables managers to keep abreast of all key facts required in the day-to-day running of a business and offers a concise encyclopedia on all facilities management issues, combining best practice tips with proactive advice.

Agility has become very important for the industries today as the lifetimes of the products are continuously shrinking. This book provides an excellent opportunity for updating understanding of agile methods from the design, manufacturing and business process perspectives, whether one is an industrial practitioner, academic researcher engineer or business graduate student. This volume is a compilation of various important aspects of agility consisting of systemic considerations in manufacturing, agile software systems, agile business systems, agile operations research, flexible manufacturing systems, advanced manufacturing systems with improved materials and mechanical behavior of products, agile aspects of design, clean and green manufacturing systems, environment, agile defence systems.

Governments across the globe are setting targets for reducing their carbon emissions. For example, the UK Government has committed to an eighty per cent reduction by 2050, when twenty-eight million buildings that currently exist

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will still be standing; this represents a challenge to improve the energy efficiency of more than one building per minute between now and 2050! This is a problem that needs tackling worldwide and is a challenge to both the refurbishment sector of the global construction industry and to those who own and operate existing buildings. Sustainable Retrofit and Facilities Management provides comprehensive guidance to those involved in the refurbishment and management of existing buildings on minimizing carbon emissions, water consumption and waste to landfill, along with enhancing the long term sustainability of a building. Practical guidance is provided on measures that can be used to improve the efficiency and sustainability of existing buildings, through both good management and refurbishment. Also explored is the relationship between the refurbishment of existing buildings, facility management and the wider community infrastructure. The book looks at management tools such as post occupancy evaluation, building health checks, energy management software, green building management toolkits and green leases. Illustrated throughout with case studies and examples of best practice, this is a must-have handbook for engineers, architects, developers, contractors and facility managers.

A comprehensive approach to maintenance and repair planning and budgeting

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for all major building types. Facilities professionals faced with the task of providing higher quality services on smaller budgets will find guidance for evaluating and budgeting facilities operations, maintaining and repairing major building components, and assembling costs into a defensible budget.

Establish an effective environmental performance program in your organization Providing an authoritative guide to managers responsible for their corporation's environmental performance, Corporate Environmental Management details how to effectively develop, implement, and assess a sophisticated corporate environmental management program

'Several high quality scientific journals are published in the area of building energy and indoor/outdoor environment; however, one has been missing. Advances in Building Energy Research fills the gap. I recommend ABER to all technical libraries, research institutes and universities. It should also be used by construction companies and those manufacturing building materials and building products.' Professor Olli Seppänen, President of REHVA (Federation of Heating and Air-conditioning Associations) 'Advances in Building Energy Research is a unique index. It will be an inexhaustible resource for energy related sciences and a continuous inspiration for architects around the world.' N. Fintikakis, Architect and Director of UIA-ARES WP (Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources) Advances in Building Energy Research (ABER) offers state-of-the-art information on the environmental science and performance of buildings, linking new technologies and methodologies with the latest research on systems, simulations and standards. As stringently reviewed as a journal but with the breadth of a book, this annual volume brings together invited contributions from the foremost

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international experts on energy efficiency and environmental quality of buildings. Spanning a broad range of technical subjects, this is a 'must have' reference on global developments in the field, suitable for architects and building engineers, environmental engineers, industry professionals, students, teachers and researchers in building science, technical libraries and laboratories.

This volume provides an overview of key principles, approaches, strategies, and tools that businesses have used to reduce environmental impacts and contribute to sustainability. Entries reflect the expertise of scholars and practitioners from varied fields and provide references to other entries as well as citations for further reading. The editors have also included photos, hyperlinks, cross references, and a resource guide.

This is the first book to take a truly global look at facilities operations management in the sport industry. Sports facilities management is in the national news with reports from the BBC that three 2012 Olympic venues in London are being evaluated by accountants to see whether they will deliver value for money. The current estimate of government spending on the games is £9.3billion. There is also an ongoing debate about the fate of the 80,000 seat stadium that is being constructed for the games at a cost of £500million. Sport facilities of all shapes and sizes are an ingrained part of global sport management culture. As such, it is inevitable that students who enter into the field of sport management will interact with the management and operations of a sport facility at some point during their career. This textbook provides the theoretical foundation for sport facility operations management, and is supplemented both in the text and in the companion site containing: schematics, planning documents, sample forms, and sample ownership/ management structures. In addition, each author will infuse research and

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experiences from sport facilities around the world (North America; Europe; Middle East/ Asia; Australia and New Zealand) to ensure that a global perspective is at the core of this book. This book is published with the sport management lecturer and student in mind.

The importance of effective facility management in enabling organizations to function efficiently is widely recognized. The fourth edition of Total Facility Management offers a comprehensive treatment of what facility management means to owners, operators, tenants, facility managers and professional advisors, as well as containing advice on how facilities can be better managed from a number of perspectives. It consolidates current best practice, defines and develops emergent areas and offers a pathway for the future development of facility management. The facility management body of knowledge now benefits from the publication of several national and international standards, none of which were available when earlier editions of the book were published. The opportunity has been taken to modify the structure and content of this new edition to align it with these standards to provide readers and their organizations with a comprehensive treatment of the subject. Greater emphasis has been given to facility planning, especially the briefing stage in the design of a new or refurbished facility; design for operability; stakeholder management; outsourcing; procurement; transition; performance management; environmental management; sustainability; maintenance management; information management and building information modelling (BIM). Throughout the book, the links between facility management practice and the organisation's business objectives are emphasised. Readers worldwide will find this fourth edition a valuable and thought-provoking blend of the principles and practice of facility management.

TRB's Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) Report 19: Developing an Airport

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Performance-Measurement System provides guidance on developing and implementing an effective performance-measurement system for airports. The report's accompanying CD-ROM provides tools designed to help users complete the step-by-step process for developing an airport performance-measurement system as presented in ACRP Report 19. The CD-ROM is also available for download from TRB's website as an ISO image.

The gap between theory and practice in the leisure, sport and tourism studies areas seems to have widened as scholars have become more specialized. Nevertheless, it is imperative that students be as familiar as possible with a wide range of social and political theory, and also be able to reconcile that knowledge with their own current and future roles as practicing professionals. As well as extensive updating of sources, this new edition examines such topics as libertarianism, theocracy, anti-establishment politics, and the concept of generations. A new chapter presents discussions of a number of 'issues and challenges' facing the leisure, sport and tourism sector. Introducing the subject for undergraduate and postgraduate students of leisure, sport and tourism, this book is also a useful addition to the shelf of any policy maker or practitioner within the industries.

"Explores airport performance indicators (APIs) for use in benchmarking and performance measurement. These APIs are sorted by functional type and their criticality to the airport strategic plan. More than 800 performance indicators are presented in three main categories: Core, Key, and Other APIs. "Core" or fundamental indicators are important for overall operation of the airport and of interest to the Chief Executive Officer or governing board. "Key" or departmental indicators are important for

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the operations of key airport functions and departments. The remaining "Other" indicators are considered useful as secondary departmental unit performance indicators but not critical to the airport's overall function. The printed versions of ACRP Report 19A include a bound in CD (CRP-CD-94) of the Interactive Resource Guide that is identical to the pdf that is posted online."--Provided by publisher.

Now in this fourth edition, the Facilities Management Handbook has been fully updated from the acclaimed previous editions, continuing its status as an invaluable resource to those working in facilities management, whether just starting out or as seasoned campaigners and practitioners. Information is presented in a clear and logical way, offering easy-to-find advice and best practice information that's essential in guaranteeing the safe, efficient and cost-effective running of any facilities function. Many sections have been completely revised, such as the chapters on complying with health and safety and property law. Other information on workplace facilities has been brought completely up to date in line with legal compliance and strategic policies to create a reliable and accurate overview of the role of today's facilities manager. This up-to-date and revised handbook will be a key guide for the changing times that are ahead.

Research institutions have or are planning to build, expand and renovate animal research facilities to keep up with the demands of biomedical research caused in part by growth in the use of genetically altered rodents and the upsurge of research in

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infectious diseases. Properly designed facilities greatly facilitate effective management and high-quality day-to-day animal care that is required to optimally support animal research and testing. There are multiple solutions to address the myriad of factors that influence the design and construction of animal research facilities. There is no “best design applicable for all facilities and arguably not even a single “best design for a given facility. For this reason, *Planning and Designing Research Animal Facilities* is not intended to be a “how to book. The goal is to cover the basic programmatic requirements of animal research facilities, provide ideas for meeting those requirements while, hopefully, stimulating the creative process in which designers in consultation with those who work in animal research facilities generate even better ideas. That is how progress has been made and will continue to be made. Facilitates communication between the parties involved in planning and designing animal facilities by providing contemporary information, and stimulating creativity that will help lead to wise decisions and advance the knowledge base for planning, design and constructing animal research facilities

With growing demands for increased operational efficiency and process improvement in organizations of all sizes, more and more companies are turning to benchmarking as a means of setting goals and measuring performance against the products, services and practices of other organizations that are recognized as leaders. This essential guide to process improvement through benchmarking provides all the information you need to

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carry out effective benchmarking studies and improve performance. Focused on best practice across different industries, it offers crucial guidance on how to analyse data, avoid pitfalls and structure reports to achieve the best results. Covering the background, roots and role of benchmarking, the benchmarking process itself from internal preparation to working with participants and improving performance, and important considerations such as project management and legal issues, the book also includes detailed real-life case studies to illustrate benchmarking in practice. This is a practical, step-by-step guide to quality assurance and process improvement through benchmarking. It covers benchmarking across different industry areas, with detailed case studies to illustrate pitfalls and best practice. It includes all the necessary background, definitions, planning considerations, project management tactics and data analysis tools, making this the ideal one-stop benchmarking handbook for quality managers.

This book presents state-of-the-art research and case studies on new approaches to the design, construction and planning of our cities. Emphasis is placed on the role of alternative and renewable energy in the development of urban infrastructures that enable sustainable futures. Reflecting the multi-faceted efforts required to successfully meet sustainability challenges, this book is a collaboration between practitioners and academics across a broad spectrum of specializations. Compelling research findings are explained in the context of practical implementation, enhanced by case studies from

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industry leaders in order to create a pragmatic reference across policy areas where environmentally aware decision making is required.

Free market mechanisms increasingly influence former monopoly sectors such as water and wastewater services with requirements for more transparency and efficiency. Small and large-scale consumers alike demand greater insight into how drinking water tariffs are structured and into the level of service. Public and private shareholders require guarantees on water supply at a reasonable price, with the requisite quality (both of service and product) and reliability together with careful eco-management. Developing sound policies requires information on key industry issues such as water resources, public health, water services, the environment and the cost of providing the level of the service demanded by customers and regulators. Similarly, informed decision-making on issues of ownership, industry structure, competition policy and effective regulation requires accurate analysis of performance across the industry throughout the world. In many sectors of industry Performance Indicators and Benchmarking exercises are widely used as suitable management tools for gaining and maintaining continuous improvement and competitive advantage. Addressing the need to promote best practice principles as part of the advocacy for the advancement of water and sanitation services is currently one of the major governance issues that IWA is challenged to tackle. The objective is to develop generally accepted procedures and methodologies able to provide decision makers with an overall perception of the utility

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performance as a sound basis for making strategic choices. This requires the definition of a reference framework for Performance Indicators and Benchmarking methodologies, as well as adequate models of aggregation that fit the basic needs of the key types of user. The Task Force on Performance Indicators (operating within the IWA Operation and Management Specialist Group) and the Task Force on Benchmarking (operating within the IWA Statistics and Economics Specialist Group) were set up with the remit to develop the definition of such a common language. The Task Force on Benchmarking carried out a survey among the countries represented inside the Statistics and Economics Specialist Group with the aim of designing a framework of the various national approaches to Benchmarking in terms of: The type, degree evolution and main adopted concepts of Benchmarking Development of the above concepts in focusing Benchmark objectives The survey indicated that, in the main, initiatives of Process Benchmarking are voluntary and non-systematic. It is evident that many water utilities are on what the European Foundation for Quality Management calls the "start-up" level in terms of Business excellence (or continuous improvement) and are keen to find best practices to compare with. The Task Force on Benchmarking moved to the second step, borrowing the European Commission's DG III recommendation that identify benchmarking as an important tool to improve competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises in Europe according to the methodologies developed and applied in large corporations. With the objective of

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developing a generally accepted concept and a methodology with wide applicability, deeper analyses were then made of Process Benchmarking procedures adopted in the Nordic countries and in The Netherlands. As a result this Manual aims to present well-devised guidelines for establishing a management tool based on the use of Process Benchmarking methodologies that will allow future systematic and rigorous performance comparisons to be made within the water industry. Contents Main benchmarking experiences in a water context How far we are on benchmarking Benchmarking methodologies in the Netherlands and the Nordic countries One coherent philosophy for two different approaches Process Benchmarking approach Key numbers and definitions References Relations between process benchmarking and performance indicators Introduction letter and questionnaires

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