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# How To Make Positive Changes To Your Recognition Programs

Putting program change and flexibility  
into action.

# RPI's 7 Best Practice Standards

-  Recognition Strategy
-  Management Responsibility
-  Program Measurement
-  Communication Plan
-  Recognition Training
-  Recognition Events & Celebration
-  Program Change & Flexibility





Discuss the typical problems that happen with recognition programs and the novel solutions people use to make them thrive again



List some of the various tools and techniques for continuous improvement you can apply for enhancing your recognition programs



Design a regular quality improvement approach to evolve your recognition programs when you return to the office



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# Recognition Program Improvement Process



**1** Identify a Project (or program problem)

**2** Establish the Project

**3** Diagnose the Cause

**4** Remedy the Cause

**5** Hold the Gains

**6** Replicate Results

# 1 Identify a Project (or program problem)

- Nominate projects
- Evaluate projects
- Select a project
- Ask: Is it quality improvement?

## 2 Establish the Project

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## Typical Recognition Program Problems

- Automating nomination process
- Adding elements not in original program design
- Increase program participation levels
- Ensure support staff are better recognized in the system
- Increasing offsite location participation
- Feedback that Quarterly Award program is stale
- Better communication and recognition resource tools
- Refining the award criteria for improved fairness
- Updating the selection in the rewards catalog
- Provide a peer-to-peer recognition program

What are the biggest challenges or problems you struggle with for any of your employee recognition programs?

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- Prepare a purpose or mission statement
- Select a team
- Verify the mission

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## 2

### Establish the Project

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### Challenges of Getting Improvement Project Going

- Senior leader commitment to go beyond managing recognition programs
- Time and people resources to allocate to improvement
- Knowledge of quality improvement, innovation and ideation methods
- Leadership and facilitation skills to make happen
- Lack of project management knowledge and skills

What factors get in the way of initiating quality improvement focused on employee recognition programs?

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- Analyze symptoms
- Confirm or modify the mission
- Formulate theories
- Test theories
- Identify root causes

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## You Need to Make This a More Formal Process

- Gives more objectivity to improving recognition programs
- Overcomes personal bias and opinions
- Relies upon objective data and evidence
- Draw upon quantitative and qualitative metrics
- Allows you to provide concrete actions based on objective findings
- Provides you with stronger information for leaders to use

Why should you draw upon a formal process for improving recognition programs?

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- Design remedy
- Design controls
- Design for culture
- Prove effectiveness
- Implement

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## Remedy the Cause

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## Preventing, Improving and Innovating

- Coming up with solutions and improvements becomes easier with data
- Various QI tools give structure for creating solutions
- Controls, procedures and checklists help ensure consistent program usage
- There will always be some things you cannot always control for
- Processes can be designed to rectify recurring problems

What's the best way to improve  
recognition programs where  
you work?

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- Design effective quality controls
- Foolproof the remedy
- Audit the controls

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## Hold the Gains

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## Working On The Program and Not In It

- Your goal should be to remove yourself from the program
- Design controls and processes to replicate improvements and success
- Create annual audit procedures for each of your recognition programs
- Control for all human interactions with programs

What do you think working “on”  
the program means versus “in” it?

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- Nominate new projects



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## Challenges of Keeping Improvement Going

- Use the previous data to know all of the areas needing improvement
- Let QI tools give you the objective priorities for next projects
- Collection of data should make the next project an easy step to take

How are you able to keep improving your recognition programs where you work?

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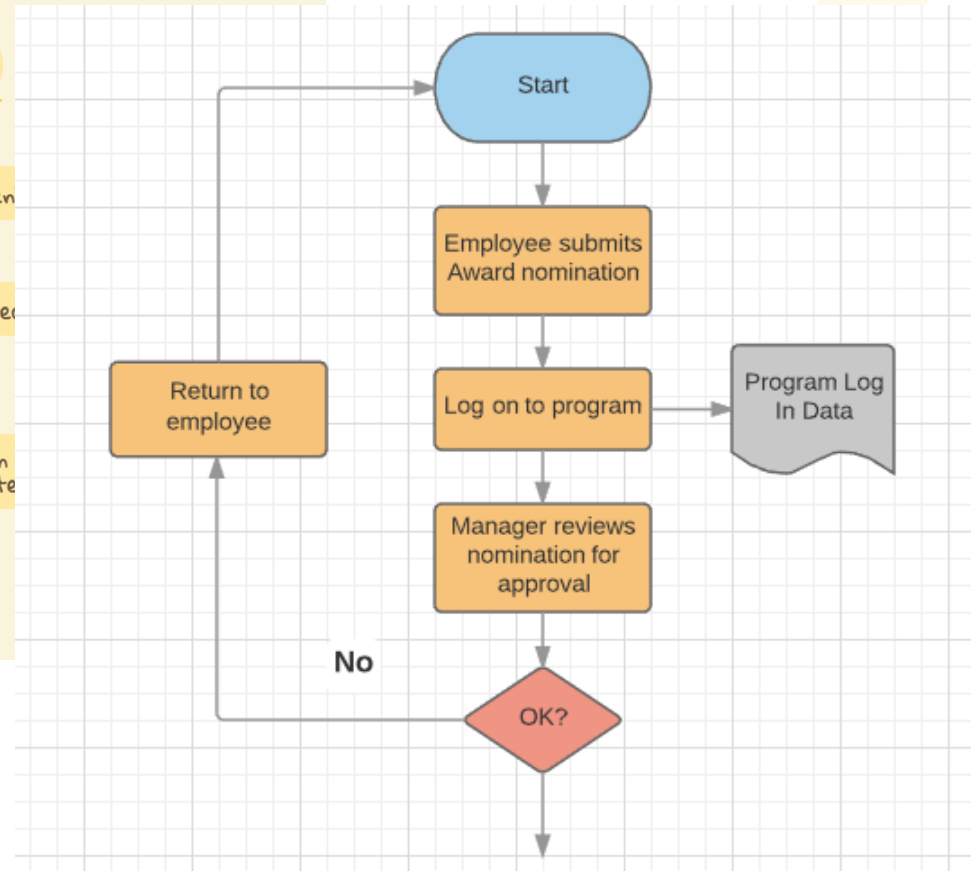
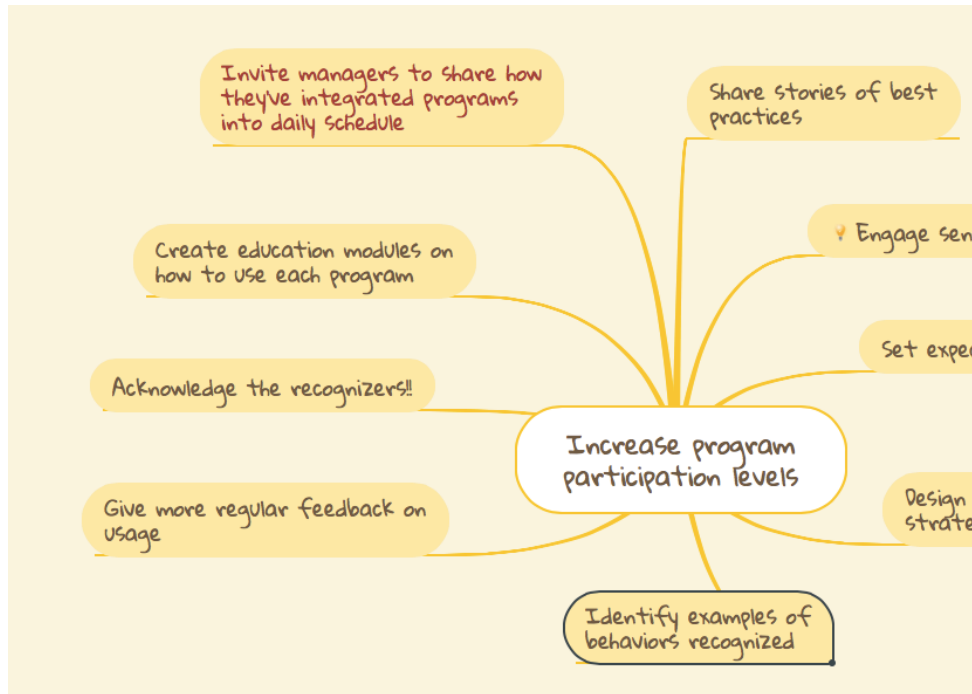
# Improvement Tools

# 1. Identify the Project

TOOL	Nominate Projects	Evaluate Projects	Select a Project	Ask: Is It Quality Improvement?
Box Plot				
Brainstorming				
Cause-Effect				
Cost/Quality				
Data Collection				
Flow Diagram				
Graphs/Charts				
Histogram				
Pareto Analysis				
Selection Matrix				

# 1. Identify the Project

## Brainstorming



forms  
e and traceability  
ite results

## 2. Establish the Project

### Cost of Poor Quality

1. Identify activities or outcomes from poor quality.
2. Determine how to estimate the cost for each activity.

• Total resources and/or  
unit costs

**COPQ** = (Cost of total resources in a category) X

### 3. Total Resources

(% of resources consumed in activity/category)  
Activities associated with costs of poor quality

the category related to poor quality)

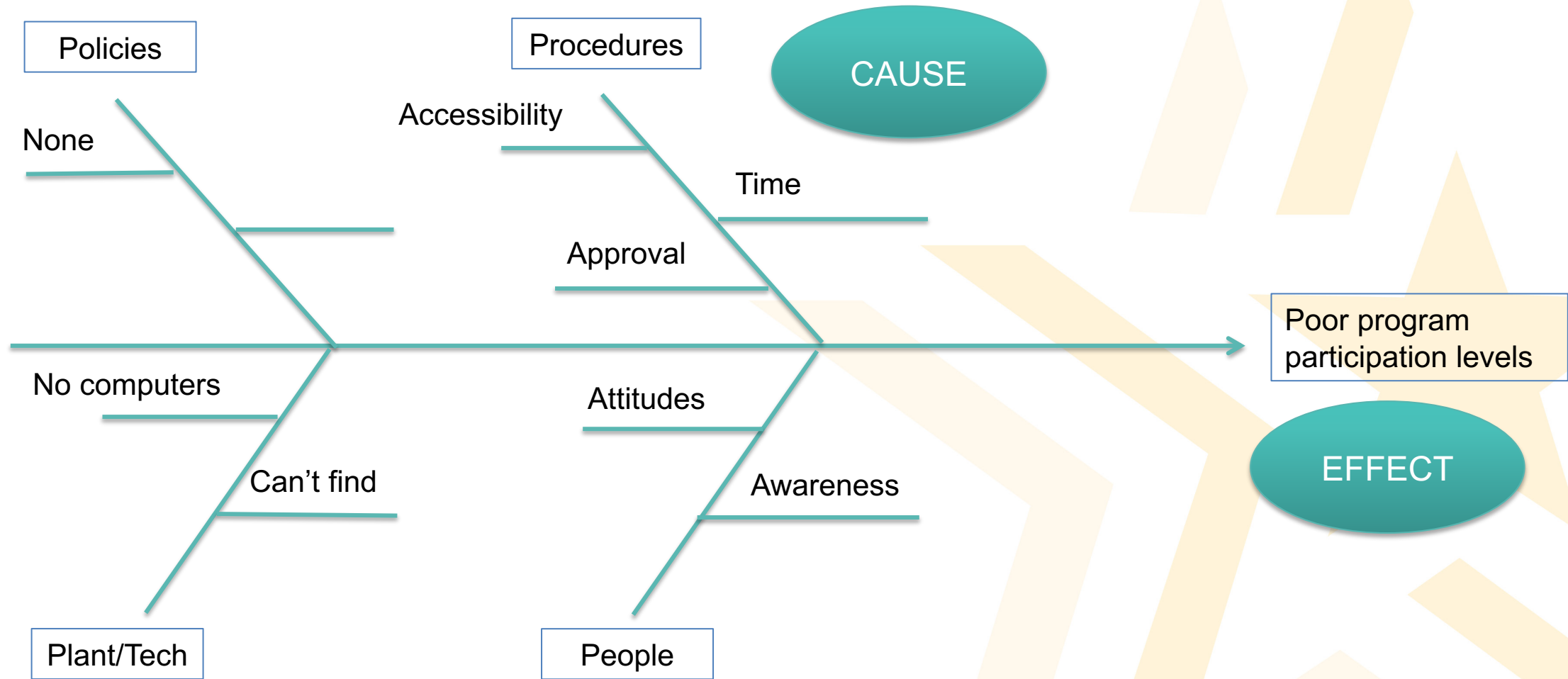
### 4. Unit Costs

- Number of times a particular deficiency occurs
- Average cost for correcting and recovering from deficiency when it does occur
- List of resources used to make correction
- Amount (units) used for each resource for single correction
- Cost of one unit of each resource

### 3. Diagnose the Cause

TOOL	Analyze Symptoms	Confirm or Modify Mission	Formulate Theories	Test Theories	Identify Root Cause(s)
Box Plot					
Brainstorming					
Cause-Effect					
Cost/Quality					
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Flow Diagram					
Graphs/Charts					
Histogram					
Pareto Analysis					
Stratification					

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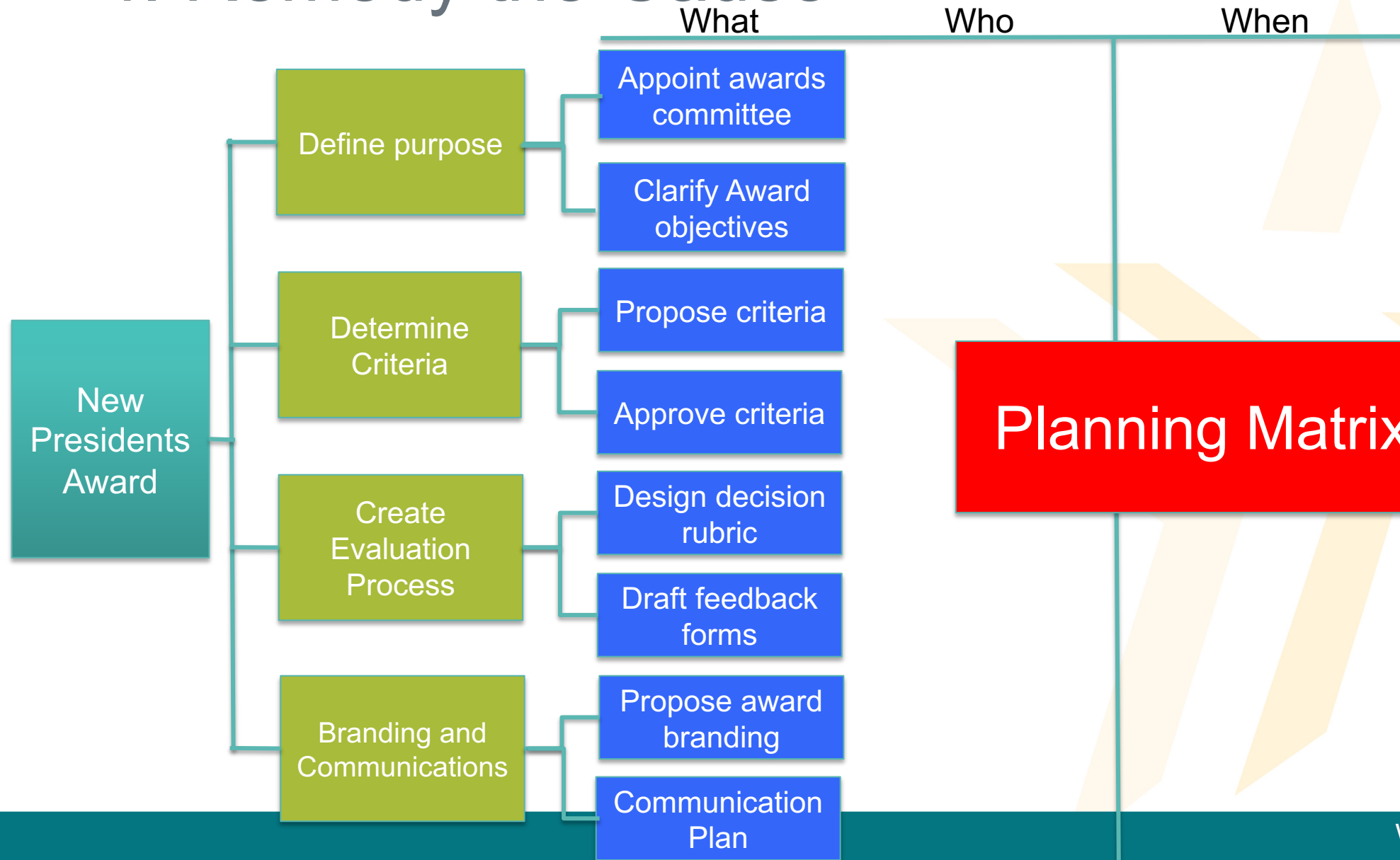




## 4. Remedy the Cause

TOOL	Evaluate Alternatives	Design Remedy	Design Controls	Design for Culture	Prove Effectiveness	Implement
Barriers/Aids						
Benefit/Cost						
Brainstorming						
Control Chart						
Control Spreadsheet						
Data Collection						
Flow Diagram						
Graphs/Charts						
Planning Matrix						
Planning Network						
Selection Matrix						
Tree Diagram						

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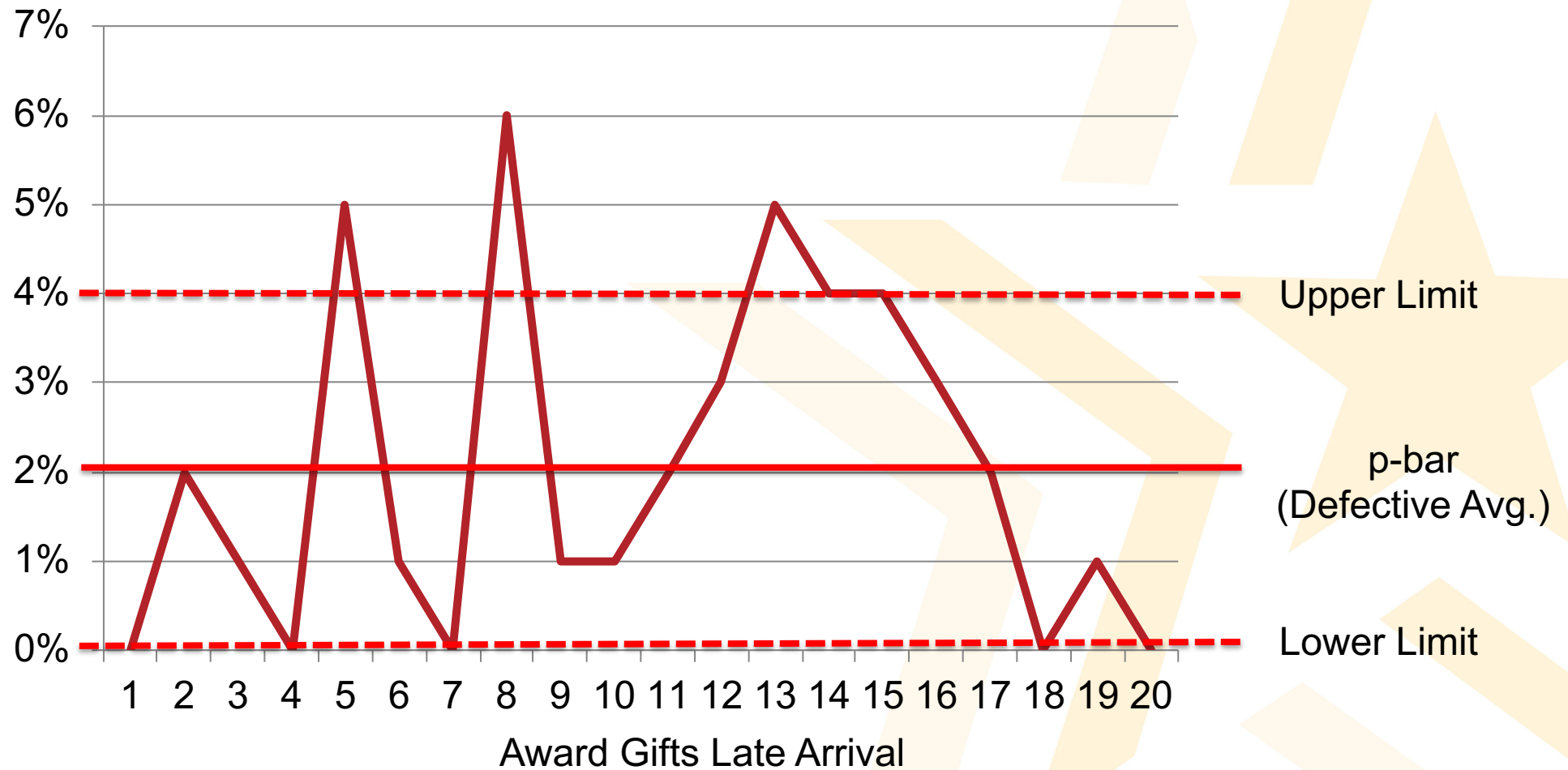
Planning Matrix

## 5. Hold the Gains

TOOL	Design Effective Quality Controls	Foolproof the Remedy	Audit the Controls
Control Chart			
Control Spreadsheet			
Data Collection			
Flow Diagram			
Graphs/Charts			
Pareto Analysis			
Planning Network			
Stratification			
Tree Diagram			

## 5. Hold the Gains

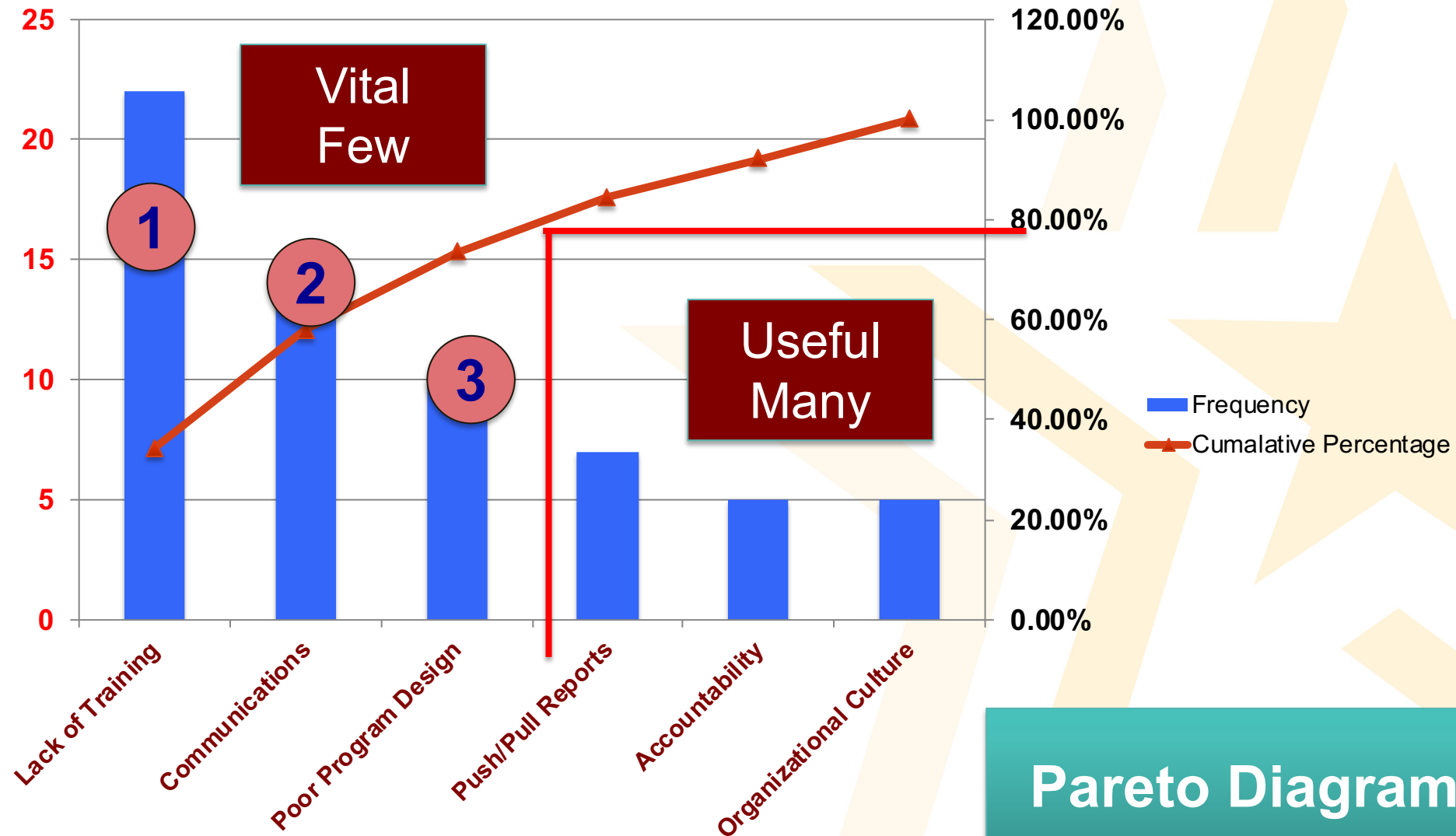
### Control Chart



## 6. Replicate and Nominate

TOOL	Replicate the Project Results	Nominate New Projects
Barriers/Aids		
Control Chart		
Control Spreadsheet		
Data Collection		
Flow Diagram		
Graphs/Charts		
Pareto Analysis		
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Stratification		
Tree Diagram		

## 6. Replicate and Nominate



Lack of Program Participation

Pareto Diagram



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