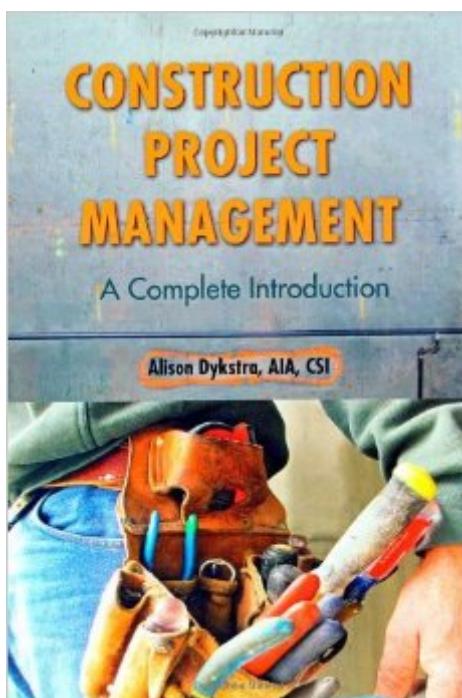


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# Construction Project Management: A Complete Introduction



## **Synopsis**

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I have been teaching construction-related courses at a California Junior College for the past 5 years and have 20 years experience managing construction projects. I am a licensed general contractor and an urban planning consultant. This is the most clearly written, comprehensive and

well-organized textbook on the construction management process I have seen to date. It has filled in gaps in my knowledge.

As a former employee of New York City and one who was involved in both contract and subcontract work, I found this text both well organized and clearly written. I would highly recommend this book to anyone involved in construction project management work, it is an extremely helpful "how to text" as one works through this difficult and at times complicated process.

Construction Project Management by Alison Dykstra is a must have for anyone who will be managing a construction project. Ms. Dykstra lays out in a very logical and complete form all the necessary steps from conceptualizing the project, vetting architects and tradesmen and other professionals, insurance, government approvals, hazardous materials, payments, organizing the work sequence to final sign-offs and Certificates of Occupancy. "Construction Project Management" lays it out in such a way that everyone will find it useful, from someone renovating a 1-bedroom apartment or bungalow to building a McMansion, from someone doing their first project to someone who needs a refresher on all the issues and details that need to be considered to make a project go smoothly.

A good introductory book to the construction world. While the construction industry lags the manufacturing industry in so many ways, it doesn't lack in established ways that work to manage it. This book presents established basics for practical knowledge and presents the latest efforts for improvement, as well. The need for across-the-board improved mindpower in this industry is evident but those who read this book can enter it both forewarned and prepared to make a positive contribution to rectify this need. It is intelligently crafted to be digestable to the average bear - very simple, practical, and very much worth the cover price. That said, this is not a book on project management in general by a long shot. It is exactly as advertised on the cover - an introduction for the typical construction type. Whether you are right out of high school, in Jr. College, an owner, or a seasoned engineer wanting an introduction as noted, you'll enjoy this made-for-easy-reading-but-very-practical book. Having a grasp of basics is good at all levels of any field. This book earns it's 5 stars - it delivers as advertised. Making things easy for all levels in construction takes more intelligence in writing than one may imagine. Most are focused on doing rather than reading. Kuda's to the author - she did it. It's a great basic reference with good scope yet is readily digestable, very practical and has something of value for all levels in the industry. Very

well done!

I am an architect with 24 years of experience in the residential building industry and have owned my own firm for the past 16 years. This book helped to broaden my understanding of the entire process, especially the role of the contractor. I will order this book for clients as I think it will give them insight as they embark on a very complex process. I will also recommend it to my employees.

The book is written in an easy way and so can be understandable both by professionals and neophytes. Due to this main feature its contents are general and provide an overall of the construction management. If you are searching for something more specific and advanced it is not the right book, move to another one!

With lots of tools and wood flying around, it's easy to let things get out of hand. "Construction Project Management: A Complete Introduction" is a guide for those who are set to manage their own larger scale construction project and what needs to be done to keep it all from getting out of hand. Stating how to manage your staff, manage contractors, the risks that need to be considered, financial planning, and much more. With additional information on dealing with legal issues, the role of technology, and more, "Construction Project Management" is a strongly recommended pick for anyone who is trying to get into the construction industry.

As a property management agent responsible for maintaining housing quality standards for several complexes I found Construction Project Management by Alison Dykstra extremely helpful for dealing with all types of contractors. This book is easy to read and comprehensive in its approach to the many, many facets of managing construction work whatever the scope of work. Ms Dykstra writes clearly and succinctly so that property managers and construction managers can work together to accomplish repairs and rehabs in a timely and efficient manner.

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