# LCP Cost Estimating Process Overview

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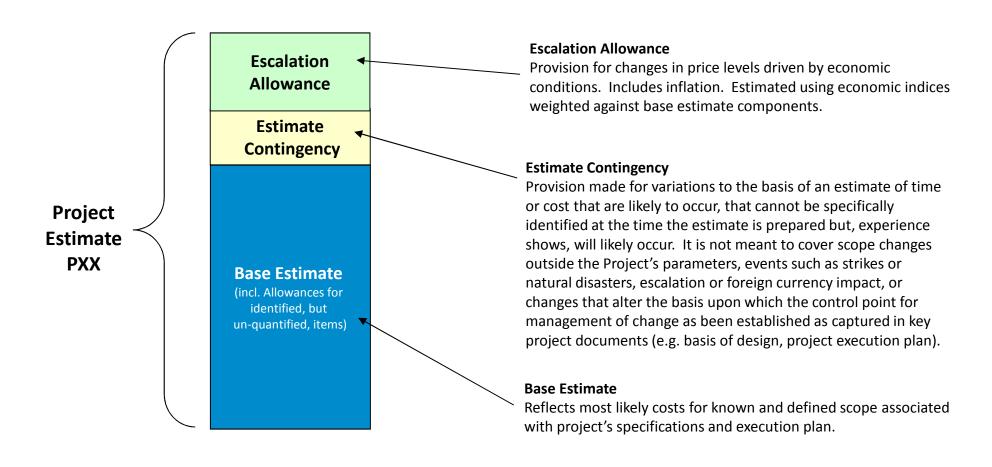


### Introduction

- The following slides are meant to provide insight into the overall process used to develop the Project Cost Estimate.
- Our processes are aligned industry standards and represent best practices
  - Documented within AACE International's Recommended Practices

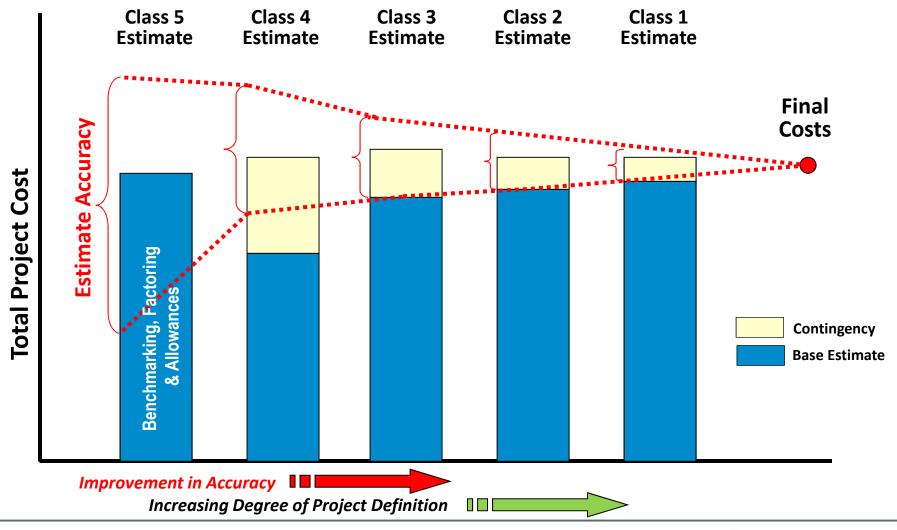


## Cost Estimate is comprised of 3 Primary Components Definitions as per AACE Recommended Practice No. 10S-90





## Cost Estimate matures as the level of engineering and project planning advances.





### **Estimation Classification**

### Nalcor's follows principles of AACE Recommend Practice No. 17R-97

		Primary Characteristic	Secondary Characteristic			
LCP DG 2 Estimate	ESTIMATE CLASS	DEGREE OF PROJECT DEFINITION Expressed as % of complete definition	END USAGE Typical purpose of estimate	METHODOLOGY Typical estimating method	EXPECTED ACCURACY RANGE Typical +/- range relative to index of 1 (i.e. Class 1 estimate) [8]	PREPARATION EFFORT Typical degree of effort relative to least cost index of 1
	Class 5	0% to 2%	Screening or feasibility	Stochastic (factors and/or models) or judgment	4 to 20	1
	Class 4	1% to 15%	Concept study or feasibility	Primarily stochastic	3 to 12	2 to 4
	Class 3	10% to 40%	Budget authorization or control	Mixed but primarily stochastic	2 to 6	3 to 10
	Class 2	30% to 70%	Control or bid/tender	Primarily deterministic	1 to 3	5 to 20
	Class 1	70% to 100%	Check estimate or bid/tender	Deterministic	1	10 to 100

Notes: [a] If the range index value of "1" represents +10/-5%, then an index value of 10 represents +100/-50%.

[b] If the cost index value of "1" represents 0.005% of project costs, then an index value of 100 represents 0.5%.



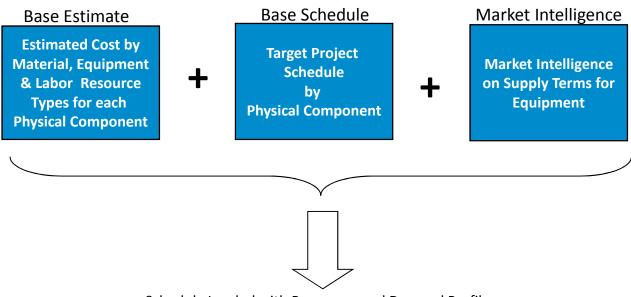
## Base Estimate developed using 4 Main Inputs

Nalcor's follows principles of AACE Recommend Practice No. 36R-08

Input 3 **Output** Input 1 Input 4 Input 2 Construction **Definition** Base Methodology **Performance** Price + **Factors** & Timeline **Factors Factors Estimate** (Scope) **Factors** • Labor Productivity Labor Rates • Build Sequence Location Factors and Constraints Mobilization Constraints • Equipment Rates Plant Definition • Construction Equip. • Seasonality Impacts Marine Construction Major Equipment Vessels Labor Demands • Equipment Productivity Bulk Quantities • Commodities Rates • Trade Mix In-Directs • Design Constraints • Permanent Equip. • In-directs • Project Management • Design Criteria Resources Materials Cost Support Facilities • Design Standards • Contracting & Seasonality **Procurement Strategy** • Technology Limits



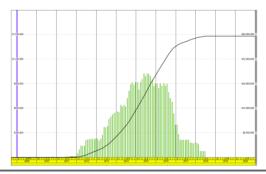
## Linking the Project Schedule and the Base Estimate to produce realistic Cost Flows



Schedule Loaded with Resources and Demand Profiles Producing Cost Flow by Physical Component and Project

#### Note:

Subsequent adjustments are then made to Base Schedule in order to generate P50 & P75 schedules and associated cost curves.



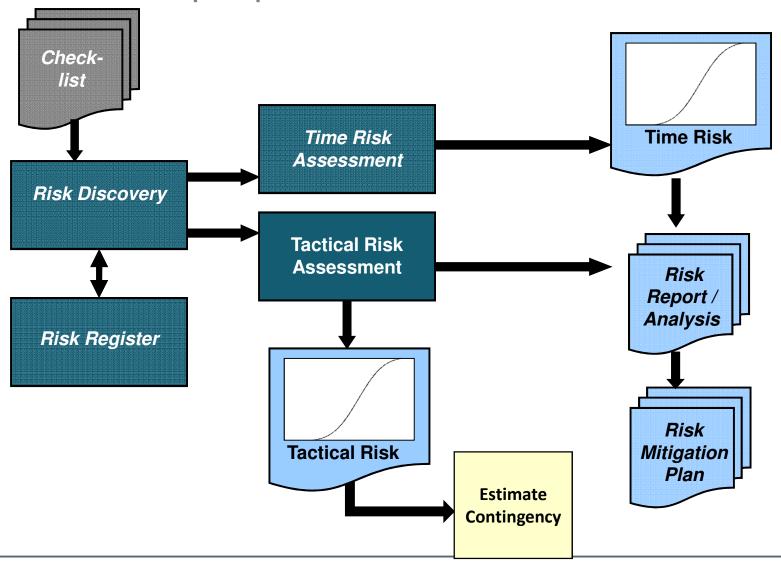
#### **Typical Physical Components**

- Dam
- Diversion
- Accommodations
- Converter Station



## **Estimate Contingency Setting**

Nalcor's follows principles of AACE Recommend Practice No. 42R-08





## Tactical Risk Assessment - Focus Areas

#### **DEFINITION RISKS**

#### PERFORMANCE RISKS

Definition Factors (Scope)

- Location Factors
- Plant Definition
- Major Equipment
- Bulk Quantities
- Design Constraints
- Design Criteria
- Design Standards
- Technology Limits

Construction Methodology & Timeline Factors

- Build Sequence and Constraints
- Construction Equip.
- Labor Demands
- Trade Mix
- In-directs
- Support Facilities
- Seasonality

Price Factors

- Labor Rates
- Equipment Rates
- Marine Construction Vessels
- Commodities Rates
- Permanent Equip.
- Materials Cost
- Contracting & Procurement Strategy

Performance Factors

- Labor Productivity
- Mobilization Constraints
- Seasonality Impacts
- Equipment Productivity
- In-Directs
- Project Management Resources



## **Escalation Estimating Process**

Nalcor's follows principles of AACE Recommend Practice No. 58R-10

#### **Inputs**

