

# Front-End Loading (FEL) and the Stage-Gated Process

Advance your knowledge of the FEL and stage-gated process fundamentals needed to drive improved capital project performance.

## COURSE SUMMARY

The early planning work for a capital project, known as Front-End Loading (FEL), is the foundation for executing capital projects effectively. A stage-gated project delivery process breaks the project lifecycle, including FEL, into defined phases to facilitate selecting the best project, identifying the right scope of work, and preparing for effective execution.

This online training course shares Best Practices for each FEL phase and the stage-gated process, as identified through research by Independent Project Analysis (IPA). Project professionals will gain an understanding of the elements needed to drive better outcomes in safety, cost, schedule, and operational performance.

## AVAILABLE DATES & TIMES

Dates	Times	Language	Fee	Click to Register
March 25-26, 2025*	9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (AWST)	English	\$600USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
March 25–27, 2025	9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (US Eastern Time)	English	\$600USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
May 27–29, 2025	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Brasilia Time)	Spanish	\$400USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
June 3–5, 2025	9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (US Eastern Time)	English	\$600USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
June 4–6, 2025	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Brasilia Time)	Portuguese	\$400USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
October 27–29, 2025	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Brasilia Time)	Portuguese	\$400USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>
November 25–27, 2025	10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Brasilia Time)	Spanish	\$400USD	<a href="#">REGISTER</a>

\*Course delivered in 2 days instead of 3.



EARN 6 PDUs

**Understand** the FEL stages in the capital project lifecycle, including the objectives, key elements, main deliverables, and requirements for each gate

**Recognize** the warning signs and challenges for each FEL phase

**Leverage** key additional practices used during FEL to increase value: Constructability Reviews and Value Engineering

**Understand** how IPA measures the quality and completeness of FEL

## QUESTIONS?

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## FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

This online course is delivered via WebEx Training Center in three separate 2-hour sessions. Participation in all sessions is required for completion. Each session is presented live with interactive class exercises and discussions.

## COURSE TOPICS

Session 1	Introduction
	Stage-Gated Approach to FEL
	FEL 1–Business Planning
Session 2	FEL 2–Scope Development
	FEL 3–Project Definition
Session 3	Additional Leveraging Practices During FEL
	Measuring FEL Quality and Completeness
	Summary and Closing Exercise

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is intended for those who already possess project management skills and experience and have an interest in increased project value and efficiencies through disciplined project management.

## COURSE BACKGROUND

All course instruction, presentations, and supplementary course materials are rooted in IPA's decades of experience evaluating project and project systems and conducting quantitative research into capital project issues and trends. IPA maintains a proprietary database with information on thousands of projects on which to base its analyses and studies.

**Why the IPA Institute?** The IPA Institute is the training and education division of Independent Project Analysis (IPA), the world's leading advisory firm on capital projects. Our courses equip industry leaders and capital project practitioners with Best Practices for projects, portfolio, and project system management/delivery. All course instruction, presentations, and supplementary course materials are rooted in IPA's unparalleled capital project knowledge. 2024© Independent Project Analysis, Inc. *Excellence Through Measurement®*