What Clients *think* they want

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1.

Original thinking

- a. The consultants should not assume that the answer is the same as for previous clients.
- 2. The consultants should appreciate that they have to learn about the business before giving advice.
- 3. The consultants should be ready to define the problem before giving solution

2. A formal approach using established methods

2. But not the same package everywhere

3. Consultants who have done their homework

- 2. On the firm
- 3. On the industry

4. **Specific expertise:**

- 2. Relating to the client's business
- 3. On the industry in general, on the market
- 4. On the techniques you will use engineering, management, marketing

5. **Clear agreement on**

- 2. Goals
- 3. Outcomes
- 4. What the consultants and clients will do
- 6. **Recognizing that the final objective is increased profit or reduced costs**, not a prettier system for instance.
- 7. **Consultants who are interested in doing the job as a challenge**, not just taking it because they need the money.
- 8. **Dynamic, competent consultants**
- 9. **A win-win situation for consultants and clients**
- 10. Not one solution but a range of options
- 11. A different approach, but not too risky.
- 12. **Confidentiality**
- 13. **Reasonable prices**