Managing the team you have not the team you wish you had

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Component Development and Launch

Project and team assigned by VP of Design Engineering



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Tasks - Outcomes

Design the Product

Customer Interaction & Approval

Manufacturing Equipment Procure & Build

Quality Documents

Supplier Development

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)



Assessment of Staff

Reviewed experience of staff members with previous managers

Informal discussion with individual team members

Tell me of a time when you were excited, involved and most proud of a job assignment?

SKAs; motivations; values



Team Members

Development Manager – Bobby

Sr. Manufacturing Engineer – Dave

Principle Design Engineer – Mike

Design Engineer – Matt

Engineering Technician – Steve

Lead Operator – Jean



Group Exercise

What assessments would you do?

Who would you align with which Knowledge, Skills and Abilities?

Refer to Handout – Project Team Competencies



Bobby – Development Manager

15 years Manufacturing Experience

Engineering Degree

Relatively young to others on team

Able to put disparate pieces in place, ordered & configured



Dave – Sr. Manufacturing Engineer

35 years of manufacturing experience

Manager role in past

"I've seen it all before and you young guys just do not know"



Mike – Principle Engineer

20 years of experience

Advanced degrees – Engineering and Mathematics

Strong Analytical Skills

Expertise in statistics



Matt – Design Engineer

Young – early to mid twenties

Mechanical Engineer

2 - 3 years out of University

Eager to learn



Steve – Engineering Technician

No formal degree

15 – 20 years of work experience

Get hands dirty

Works with prototype build orders

Good understanding of Quality



Jean – Lead Operator

Production background

Able to build prototype parts

Good communication skills – peace maker avoids conflict

Only woman on team

