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## **Abstract #XXX**

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#### **Abstract**

This document presents instructions for preparing a manuscript for the *American Society for Engineering Management International Annual Conference Proceedings*. Please note that your submission will not appear in the proceedings unless it conforms exactly to the required format. Please proofread your submissions carefully for typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors. We strongly encourage you to use this document as a template for developing your manuscript.

## **Keywords**

Provide a few keywords, separated by commas.

#### Introduction

This template will contain information on preparing the manuscript for the *American Society for Engineering Management International Annual Conference Proceedings*. The remainder of this template will provide details on general formatting style, exhibit formatting, author listing, paper structure, reference style, author biography (for final paper only), and appendix.

Two versions of the template will be provided, one for peer-review paper preparation and one for final paper preparation. This version is for the final paper submission, where instructions on author listing will be provided.

# **Manuscript Format**

The paper size is  $8.5 \times 11$  inches, this is different than the A4 paper size. Margins are 1 inch for top, bottom, left, and right margins. The acceptable paper length, including all exhibits and references, is between  $4 \times 10$  pages. Appendices are not included in the 10-page limit, however, only include relevant appendices. Final papers that do not meet this requirement will be rejected. We recommend that you use this template directly.

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The manuscript should be prepared in 10-pt Times Roman, single-spaced, with 1-inch margins all around. Use blank lines only above headings. Avoid unnecessary capitalization. Do not use quotation marks except for quotes. Left justify headings and sub-headings. All continuing text should be fully justified.

Do not indent the paragraph immediately after a heading or subheading. Second paragraph onward, use 0.25" indentation. Do not leave any blank lines between paragraphs.

#### Language

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Please limit the headings and sub-headings level to three levels. Section and subsection headings should be left justified and bold. Leave a single blank line before each heading and sub-heading. Do not number the headings and subheadings.

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## **Specific Section Instructions**

This section describes specific instructions for page layouts, exhibits, and special sections.

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The paper should include at least the following sections: abstract, introduction, text body, conclusions, and references. Acknowledgment of funding support and/or any other kind of assistance should be contained in an Acknowledgements section located immediately before the References.

**Abstract.** All manuscripts are to include an <u>abstract of no more than 250 words</u>. The abstract should give purpose, scope, and principal results and conclusions. It should not contain literature citations or formulas.

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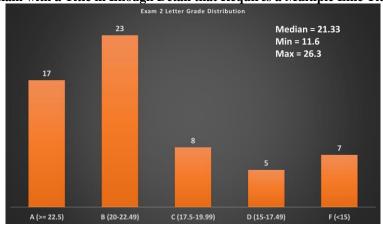
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**Exhibit 1. Typical Sections of Your Paper.** 

Sections	Definitions
Abstract	Purpose, scope, principle results, and conclusions
Introduction	Problem or issue, background, and reason for the study
Text Body	Methodology, analysis, or other value-added process
Conclusions	Summary of the result of this study in plain English
Recommendations	Specific steps to follow as a result of this study
Acknowledgments	(only in the final paper submission)
References	Published sources of information used in support of this study
Appendix	Supplementary materials that are not essential to the body of the paper
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If you are using a word processing software that has a citation and referencing capability, we recommend using it, however, care should be taken in checking the correctness and accuracy of such citations and references.

#### Recommendations

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# Acknowledgment

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## **Appendices**

Please number appendices continuously and refer to Appendices in the text. Only include an appendix if necessary.