

# Thirteen Pressure Relief Areas to Avoid Seismic Schedule Slips

## Portfolio and Organizational Level



1. Don't Play Portfolio Dominoes - *Do fewer, faster and improve your throughput*
2. Make Organization a Choice - *Don't stay on autopilot, optimize for the work you do*
3. Reduce the Overhead of Project Oversight - *Streamline and manage by exception*
4. Don't Slice the Bologna Too Thin - *Reward focus and partner for capacity flexibility*
5. Learn from the Outside - *Borrow from others who have already figured it out*
6. Learn from the Inside - *Make collective learning a habit and hang on to key insights*
7. Provide Teams with Great Leaders - *The best leverage point for project success*
8. Develop Great Teams as a Secret Weapon - *It's true: the Whole >> the Sum of parts*
9. Overlap Your Product Development Phases - *Avoid process mandated "full stops"*
10. Get More Concurrent - *Your best insurance against avoidable, late snags*
11. Don't Pour Cement on Risky Guesses - *Build flexibility in when needed*
12. Track the NEOs - *Risk avoidance and mitigation planning is vital to avoid big hits*
13. Ensure There's a Collective Sense of Urgency - *Distinguish commitments from goals*



## Individual Project Level