

## **GGI 2002 Product Development Metrics Survey Description**

North American Practices In Pipeline Loading, Resource Allocation, Cross-Functional Balancing, & The Tools Involved

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## Survey Description

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## **Survey Description** 2002GGI - DESCRIPTION v4 - 4 Focus Resource & Capacity Management Practices & Metrics The questionnaire was designed to secure the following information in five areas: **Topic Areas** • The respondent's profile (location in the company structure, title, etc.) • Loading The RD&E Capacity Pipeline • Providing Capacity For RD&E Activities • Balancing Cross-Functional Resources • Using Systems, Tools, & Metrics To Manage Capacity • RD&E Metrics Used In Industry **Response Rate** Approximately 9,677 questionnaires were distributed and 84 were returned for a response rate of 0.9%. **Respondent Profile** Over 50% of the responding companies came from the automotive, chemical, electronics, or industrial and medical products industries. 61% of respondent companies had sales revenues less than \$250 million and had less than 1000 employees. 93% of the respondents sell, develop and manufacture in North America.

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**Survey Description - GGI Survey Announcement** 

GGI RapidNews Volume 3 Issue 5, June 7, 2002

**2002 RD&E Survey - Resource & Capacity Management:** This is one of the few occasions when we send an attachment with RapidNews. Every other year, on evennumbered years, GGI conducts a survey on Product Development Metrics. Attached is GGI's 2002 Product Development Metrics Survey covering R&D, RD&E, and Product Development. Because of the attachment, we have shortened the length of RapidNews this month.

We would appreciate your time to take a moment and look at our biennial survey. Even if you elect not to complete the survey, the knowledge captured by the phrasing of the questions may be useful to you. We would certainly appreciate your participation however and we will make it worth your time. Completed surveys are due back to GGI by August 12, 2002.

Resource & Capacity Management is one of the hottest subjects in R&D and Product Development today. GGI explores 5 Subjects relating to Resource & Capacity Management.

1. Loading The RD&E Capacity Pipeline: The methods companies use to select projects and establish backlog and priorities.

2. Providing Capacity For RD&E Activities: The approaches companies take to determine outsourcing requirements and the allocation of resources to sustaining activities.

3. Balancing Cross-Functional Resources: The resource ratios companies use between functional disciplines within RD&E, and the ratios between RD&E and crossfunctional disciplines.

4. Using Systems, Tools, & Metrics To Manage Capacity: The behind-the-scenes infrastructure companies have put in place to enable resource and capacity planning and management.

5. RD&E Metrics Used In Industry: The metrics and measures companies use to plan, track, and manage resource and capacity allocation activities.

Those who fully complete the questionnaire within the allotted time will receive a free copy of the survey results in November 2002. The version you will receive will analyze the survey population as a whole, contain analysis and graphics, and will average 40-50 pages in length as we have done in prior years. The content of this report will make it worth your time. What you will receive will be far more than simple highlights or a few page executive summary. Be assured, all company information is held strictly confidential.

Finally, the attachment you have received is a .pdf document. We have found most people like to print it, complete it, and fax or mail it. The survey is available in many file formats, including an interactive MSOffice 2000, 97, or 6.0/95 and others. All 6 survey file format choices may be found at <a href="http://www.goldensegroupinc.com/biannual.shtml">http://www.goldensegroupinc.com/biannual.shtml</a>.



## Survey Demographics

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12-Pages	Study conducted using fairly large questionnaire
10,535	4853 mailer, 5227 e-mail pieces and 455 website downloads circulated in total
858	288 mailer and 570 e-mail pieces returned undeliverable
9,677	Net pieces circulated
84	Total responses
83	Analyzable records 1 duplicate response eliminated
0.9%	Response rate
Self Selected Sample	Statistical term for this advanced group of companies practicing R&D metrics and measurement
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## **Reports Published By GGI**

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		MR 21	<mark>MR 22</mark>	<mark>MR 24</mark>
COMPOSITE	Survey Population Is Analyzed As A Whole			
KEY FINDING	GS	text	text	text
SECTIONS	A. Respondent Profile B. Loading The RD&E Capacity Pipeline C. Providing Capacity For RD&E Activities D. Balancing Cross-Functional Resources E. Using Systems, Tools, & Metrics To Manage Capacity	text	text & graphic	text & graphic
SEGMENT	F. R&D Metrics Used In Industry Survey Population Is Segmented And Compared			text
KEY FINDING	GS			
SECTIONS	Public vs. Private Companies Smaller vs. Larger Companies Process vs. Repetitive/Discrete vs. Job Shop			text & graphic
Operations	Higher Technology vs. Lower Technology Companies			

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## Selected Examples Of Key Findings

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**Selected Examples Of Key Findings** 



A significant majority of respondent companies are now following a rigorous project/product selection process. 80% of the firms used a 2-Step or 2.5-Step methodology.

Almost everyone is contracting out some of its engineering work. 90% of the respondents report that practice, but of that total 82% outsource less than 16% of the workload.

On average, development professionals in technical disciplines spend twothirds of their time on new product development and one-third on sustaining engineering. Cross-functional development professionals spend one-third of their time on new product development and two-thirds on sustaining engineering.

The most common system used to manage capacity is still the spreadsheet as reported by 29% of respondents, with no underlying project management system. Stand-alone tools are still the most common.

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