

# **WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE**

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

The Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Dictionary is a document that describes each component in the WBS by describing each element and the resources and processes required to produce it.

<Include a general statement outlining the specific purpose of this document.>

#### 2 WBS ELEMENT DEFINITIONS

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## **Appendix A: Work Breakdown Structure Approval**

The undersigned acknowledge that they have reviewed the **Work Breakdown Structure** and agree with the information presented within this document. Changes to this Work Breakdown Structure will be coordinated with, and approved by, the undersigned, or their designated representatives.

[List the individuals whose signatures are desired. Examples of such individuals are Business Owner, Project Manager (if identified), and any appropriate stakeholders. Add additional lines for signature as necessary.]

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[Insert the name, version number, description, and physical location of any documents referenced in this document. Add rows to the table as necessary.]

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The following table provides definitions and explanations for terms and acronyms relevant to the content presented within this document.

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