



Rapid Project Start

One of the main concerns with consortia is that it can take a long time to organize and start a project. HDP User Group is aware of this, and we work hard at insuring our projects receive a thorough review of the technical feasibility and industry need by both members and non-members, while maintaining as short an organization and start-up time as possible.

A typical HDP User Group Project will take about 6 months in the definition stage (see Project Life Cycle Page), and about 1 year in Implementation. This time will vary depending on the complexity of the project and the interest of the industry. One example of a rapid project start within HDP User Group is the Mild Acceleration Project. This issue was considered to be a very important lead free concern by the high reliability section of the industry. The project idea was proposed at the October 2006 Member Meeting, and in just 4 months:

- A project Team consisting of 23 different companies was organized
- The experimental design was created and agreed to
- The test vehicle design was begun
- A firm commitment for delivery of all of the components – consisting of 132 SAC lead free and 68 Tin/Lead controls of 8 different component types – was secured from 5 different companies
- Test chambers and data loggers for all tests were committed
- Assembly of the test vehicles was secured
- The project timeline was prepared and agreed to
- The project was approved by the HDP User Group Board of Directors and Implementation began

It would be very difficult if not impossible for most individual companies to prepare a project plan of this magnitude, secure all of the necessary approvals, and acquire funding in this short a timeframe.

Because of our focus on only cooperative technical projects, our years of experience organizing and running those projects, and our dedicated membership base of committed individuals and companies; the HDP User Group can make things happen fast.

