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Performance Based Bonuses

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Performance Based Bonuses

- Purpose
 - Shorten Timeline
 - Increase Quality
 - Measurably and incrementally exceed defined expectations





Most Common Types

- Bonus to CRO corporate
- Bonus to Project Team
- Combination of the above
- % of the milestone/metric
- Flat fee by milestone/metric





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- Corporate Bonus
 - Does this really motivate
 - What's in it for me? (Profit sharing?)
- Team Bonus
 - Who constitutes the Team (support functions)
 - What levels in the organization are included





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Team Bonus

- Who constitutes the Team (support functions)
- What levels in the organization are included
- Resource allocation issues (I want that Sponsor)
- Resentment among staff at CRO
- How much is enough to motivate a change in behavior?



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- Bonus Pool (Corporate/Team Combo)
 - Who is included in the pool
 - What % of the bonus should be allocated to the pool
 - How will the individuals be rewarded
 - By function
 - By milestone exceeded
 - By individual performance
 - By team performance
 - Plus all the other issues



Do Bonus Programs Work?

- Sponsor
 - Pay bonuses for minimal reward
 - Incentives added when performance is poor
 - If poorly designed can pay more for the same outcome

- CRO
 - Difficult to design and administer
 - Causes more issues than helps project
 - Can de-motivate staff
 - Risks associated with balancing penalties



Other Methods

- Motivation through recognition of individual accomplishment
- Team Building-empowerment
- Responsible CRO management (not micro-management)
- Good selection process