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Defining the Problem Worksheet

A. Description of Problem, Need or Value

- What are the problems and/or needs that justify the project?
- Describe the target population — who specifically experiences this problem or need?

B. Overview of the Design Team

- What is the mission of the design team?
- What are the team member's qualifications to accomplish this project?

C. Overview of Proposed Project

- What is the basic purpose of the project?
- Who will benefit from it? Describe the geographic area and population to be served.
- How does this project help fulfill the team's mission?
- How is this project unique? For example, is it similar to other projects but designed for a different target population? Does it employ a new approach?

D. Project Requirements and Constraints

- What are the project requirements?
- What constraints have been placed on your team?

E. Project Activities and Timeline

- What exactly must be done in order to achieve the desired outcomes?
- When, and in what order, must these activities be done to achieve the desired outcomes?
- Who will carry out project activities? Who is responsible?

F. Outcomes

- What immediate and long-range results are expected?
- Will these results change people's lives, the educational community and/or the world?

G. Evaluation

- By what criteria will the success or failure of this project be measured?
- What techniques or tools will be used to evaluate?
- Who will do the evaluation? When and how often will they do it?
- How will evaluation results be used? Who will see evaluations?

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H. Funding

- What is the anticipated total budget for this project? Give a complete budget breakdown.
- What is the anticipated source(s) of funding?