



CASE STUDY

BUSINESS CASE: SES ENGAGEMENT WITH METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE – VICTORIAN EMERGENCY RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (VERMS)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) has developed the Victorian Built Environment Risk Assessment Process (V-BERAP), a tool for assessing structure fire and HAZMAT risk in the built environment. However, using it in its current form can be a manually driven, cumbersome, resource intensive and technical process. By developing an online, software solution that guides users through the V-BERAP process, the MFB has the opportunity to achieve improved outcomes, resulting in a safer community. This software will be the Victorian Emergency Risk Management System (VERMS).

Our Service

Strategic Executive Solutions was selected to provide project management expertise to the VERMS implementation by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. We have a proven track record in managing complex projects in challenging public sector environments. Our consultant worked with the VERMS Project Control Group, Emergency Sector partners, and the Project's suppliers/contractors to deliver the following VERMS sub-projects:

- ❖ System development lifecycle;
- ❖ Technical build;
- ❖ Contract and Procurement with preferred supplier;
- ❖ External Supplier management;
- ❖ Project Team management;
- ❖ Stakeholder communication;
- ❖ Project procedures including risk management, issue and change control and communication; and
- ❖ Milestone and deliverable management.

Results

Strategic Executive Solutions delivered value for money services and expertise to the overall implementation of the VERMS Project. We developed a web-based emergency risk management system that incorporates risk identification, assessment, treatment, and reporting, providing a robust, consolidated, and consistent approach to emergency risk management. The implementation of Program Centric Reporting for General Government Sector (GGS) Entities was also achieved, where all Entities



report on a monthly basis on their administered and departmental programmes, including cash flow reporting.

Conclusion

The implementation of VERMS has enabled the MFB to achieve improved outcomes and contribute to a safer community.