



Tip of the Month
Increase Phased Values by Fixed Rates

If you want to calculate a value that increases a fixed amount each year, you can use the OpCycle() function. You can apply the function to annual or monthly calculations for a specified number of cycles, with a basic syntax as follows:

OpCycle(Value, StartYear, CycleYears, [Multiplier, MaxCycles])

Where:

- Value = the initial value of the cycle
- StartYear = the first year of the cycle
- CycleYears = the number of years between cycles (18 months would be 1.5)
- Multiplier = *optional parameter* to adjust the value each cycle
- MaxCycles = *optional parameter* to limit the number of cycles

Define a Finish Date on your row if you choose to omit the optional MaxCycle parameter.

If a \$80,000 labor rate increases 5.00% annually for 5 additional years, you could write OpCycle(80, 2019, 1, 1.05, 6) with the following results:

WBS/CES Description	Total: Point Estimate	Units	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Labor Rate	\$544.15	\$K	\$80.00	\$84.00	\$88.20	\$92.61	\$97.24	\$102.10	

Online Help Article
RI\$K Allocation: Why and How

Cost estimators understand the need to develop a time-phased cost model that considers uncertainty, giving valuable context to the Program Manager as they work to define a program budget. A challenge to this process is the fact that RI\$K Statistics at the desired probability level don't sum from children to parent — so how can we produce estimate results that are budget friendly?



In our newest article, we investigate the importance of allocating probability adjusted (PA) dollars via ACE's RI\$K Allocation algorithm. You'll learn why allocation is necessary, what considerations to take into account when choosing allocation settings, and how to refine options to best suit your model.

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