



THE EIGHT QUESTIONS – REMOTE OPERATIONS

We are often asked by senior level business executives: “What questions should I be asking when considering operations in remote locations?”

Although that can be a loaded question, here are eight questions we believe have merit and can be the starting point for an intelligent and valuable conversation.



1. Explain the political and cultural climate in the regions you will be operating? How do these impact our operations? How dynamic are they and how are you keeping abreast of changes within an appropriate context?
2. How are you assessing operations risk and how are you keeping this information current?
3. Who and how many people will be travelling to the area? How long will they stay? How will they get to and from the region? How do plans differ between nationals and expatriates?
4. How do health and environmental factors impact our people and operations? What are the protection provisions in place for our people and continuity of operations?
5. What is the technology infrastructure in the region we will be operating? Is it adequately reliable and with sufficient capacity to meet normal and emergency operations needs? What is your plan to overcome these limitations?
6. Where will our personnel live? Will they have families with them and where will their children attend school?
7. What is your emergency extraction plan? Provisions for early warning? Recovery and operations restart plans?
8. Do you know where your staff are located? Are you able to reliably contact them and are they able to reliably contact you in the event of an emergency?

Butchko, Inc. can be an invaluable resource to proactively assess programs and assist leaders in answering these critical questions. We do this using the disciplined and success-driven Butchko Solutions Process.

The Eight Questions series provides business leaders with tools to take a project or topic from inception to successful operation, spanning challenges from executive management to technology detail. These elements of the Butchko Solutions Process provide an introductory tool to guide leaders through the technology and business process lifecycle. Butchko, Inc. extends these Eight Questions to prioritize, design, implement, and verify enhancements that fit into your organizational culture, achieve balanced system performance, and meet sustainable budget and schedule targets.

Butchko, Inc. aligns the Right Technology, Right Process, and Right Resources to take your program to the next level. Our experience spans the following industries:

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- Mining
- Industrial / Manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical
- Healthcare
- Financial / Banking
- Government
- Transportation

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