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## THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

-  Participation is inclusive.
-  Participants are responsible for ensuring success.
-  A common sense of purpose and a definition of the problem are developed.
-  Participants educate each other.
-  Multiple options are identified and tested.
-  Decisions are made by consensus.
-  Participants share in the implementation of solutions.
-  People are kept informed.

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