



Transitioning to CMMISM: Another Fork in the Road on our Unending Journey

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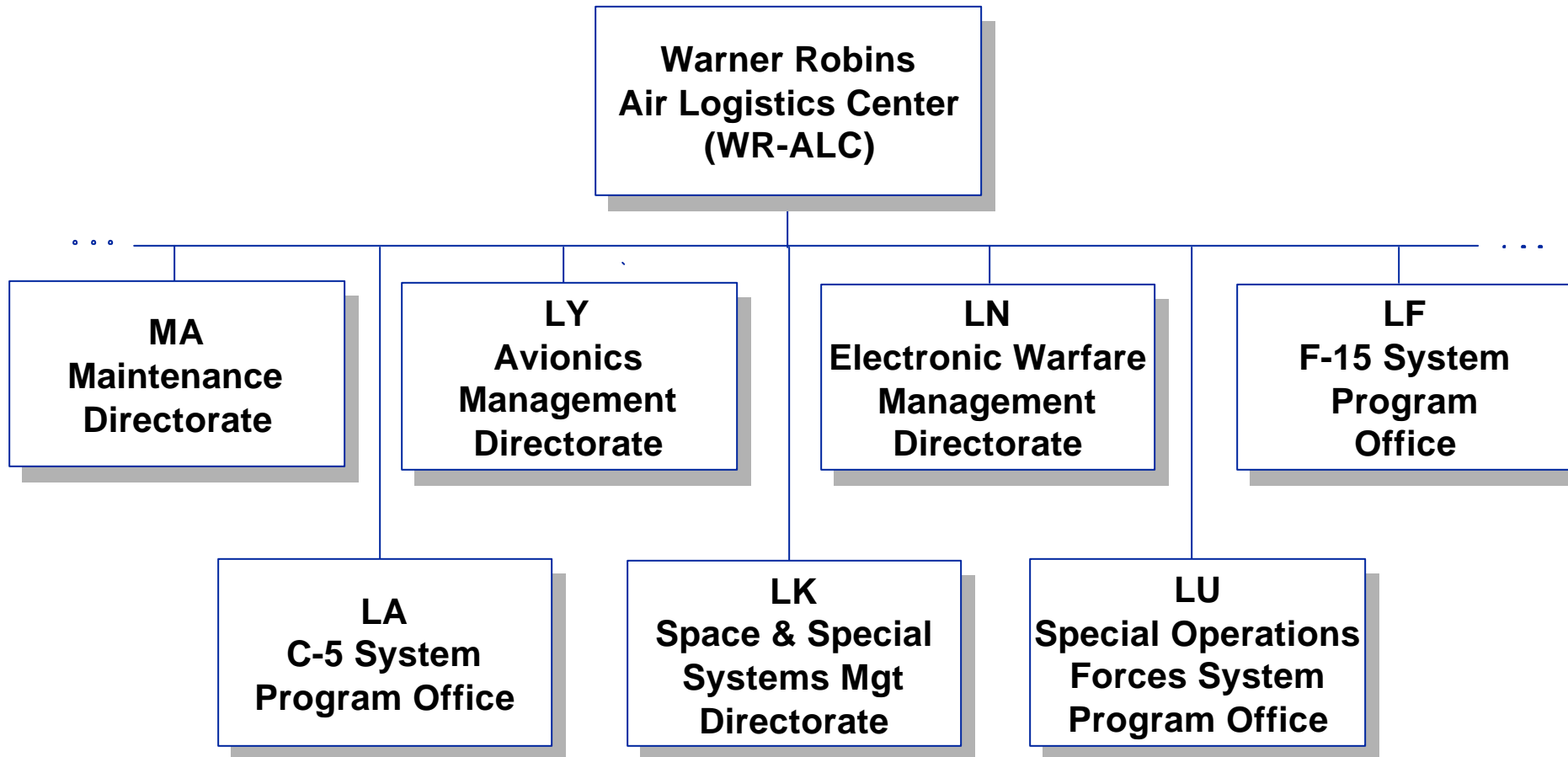
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Who We Are





Process Improvement Background (1)



Software Engineering

Individual software organizations assessed at various levels of the Software Capability Maturity Model (CMM^R)

- Avionics Management Directorate - Level 3 (March 1995)
- Electronic Warfare Directorate - Level 2 (May 1996)
- F-15 Directorate - Level 2 (December 1996)

Software organizations consolidated into Software Engineering Division in April 1997

Infrastructure established to support process improvement

Software Engineering Division was assessed at SW-CMM^R Level 3 in April 2000



Process Improvement Background (2)



Acquisition

Special Operations Forces (SOF) System Program Office assessed in June 1997 using Software Acquisition CMM^R

Infrastructure established to support process improvement

Implemented the Acquisition and Sustainment Process Improvement/Re-engineering Effort (ASPIRE)

Established common processes encompassing hardware and software



WR-ALC CMMISM Involvement



Air Force Representative to draft CMMISM Reviewer Team

Air Force Member on CMMISM Configuration Control Board

Participated in Alpha Testing of CMMISM Training at OO-ALC

Participated in OO-ALC pilot appraisal

Participated in two WR-ALC pilots – Phase I and Phase II

Authorized Standard CMMISM Appraisal Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPISM) Lead Appraiser by SEI

Authorized CMMISM Instructor by SEI



CMMISM Appraisals



Phase I Pilot (Enterprise – Wide)

- Conducted 12-30 June 2000 across 4 Directorates (LF, LN, LU, LY)
- Utilized draft CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD V0.9, Continuous Representation

Phase II Pilot (SOF SPO/LU)

- Conducted 2-13 April 2001
- Utilized CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD/A V1.02d, Continuous Representation

CMMISM Quick Look (F-15 SPO/LF)

- Conducted 23-26 October 2001
- Utilized CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD V1.02d, Continuous Representation



Pilot Appraisal Objectives



Provide feedback to the CMMISM Product Development Team on:

- appropriateness of CMMISM model
- appropriateness of SCAMPISM method

Provide findings to understand strengths & improvement opportunities relative to CMMISM

Provide data to make business decision to support new CMMISM model



Lessons Learned from Pilot Appraisals



Appropriately scope the appraisals

- 1st pilot – 24 process areas; 148 hours in 10 days
- 2nd pilot – 17 process areas; 129 hours in 10 days

Business objectives play a bigger role in CMMISM than in SW-CMM^R

Upfront decisions need to be made concerning process areas that are fully or partially contracted or accomplished by another organization

- Bring in contractor as part of appraisal
- Handle through Supplier Agreement Management
- Document alternative practice
- Consider the process area or practices out of scope

CMMISM needs to be tailored for maintenance organizations



CMMISM Implementation at WR-ALC



Weapon system programs are evaluating CMMISM

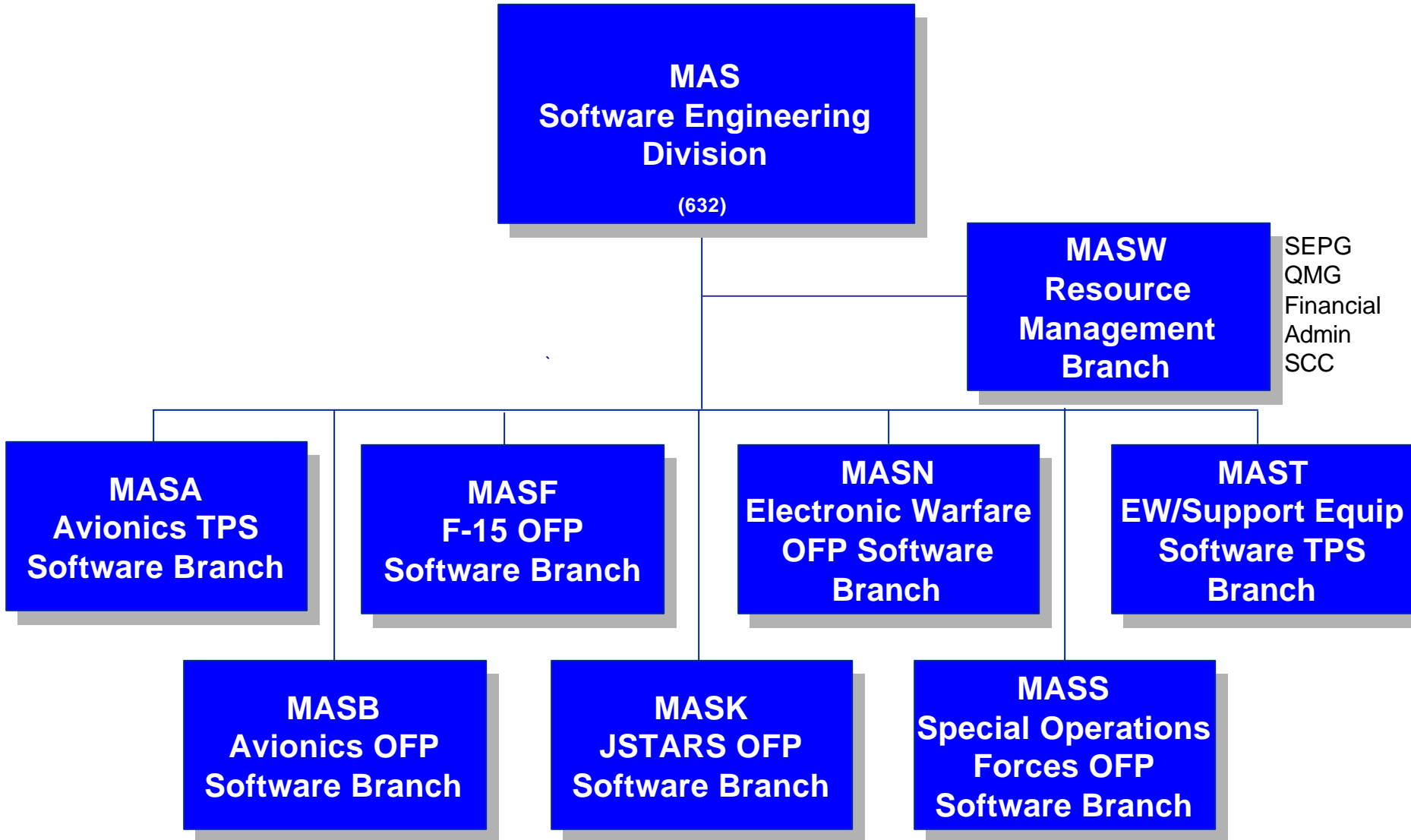
- Apply continuous representation
- Obtain capability level rating for specific process areas

Software providers are transitioning to CMMISM

- Apply staged representation
- Obtain maturity level rating



Software Engineering Division





CMMISM Transition Approach (1)

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Revise strategic plan

- Re-evaluate mission, vision, and goals
- Identify quantifiable measures

Focus on lessons learned and recommendations from previous process improvement efforts

- Assessment findings
- Process improvement recommendations

Restructure process improvement teams

- Establish Branch Process POCs
- Spread the wealth – get more people involved



CMMISM Transition Approach (2)

MAS



Restructure documentation

- Simplify documentation
- Use more checklists, templates, and examples

Begin with process architecture used for SW-CMM^R Level 3

- Streamline processes
- Map practices to CMMISM
- Identify holes
- Fill gaps
- Determine tailoring requirements



OSSP Architecture Example (1)

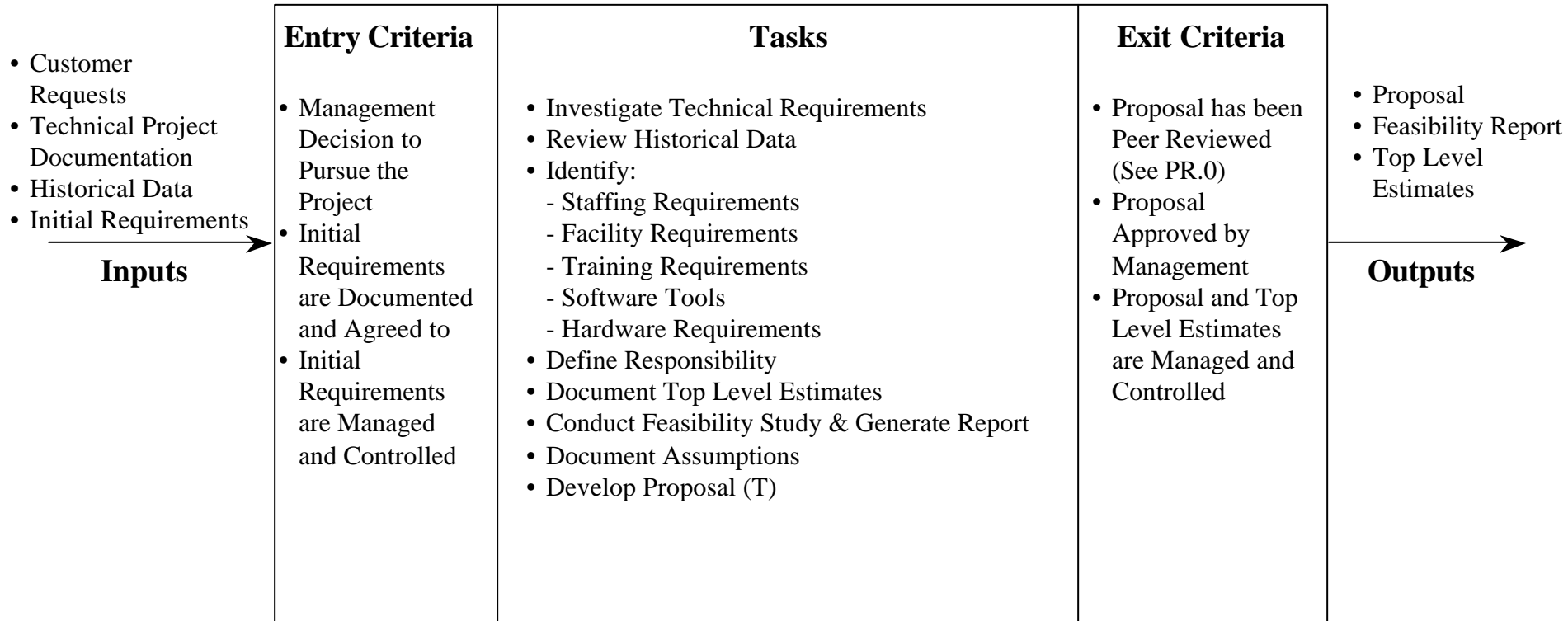
SW-CMM^R



1 - Proposal for New Workload Phase - 1.2 Perform Preliminary Planning

Purpose: To determine the organization's ability to accomplish the technical requirements and make estimates necessary to develop work products.

Controls: MAS Guidance, Customer Guidance, Legal Issues



Measures: Time, Effort, Defects, Rework

Participants: Software Engineering Group, (SEG), Customer/User, Business Office, Management, Affected Groups

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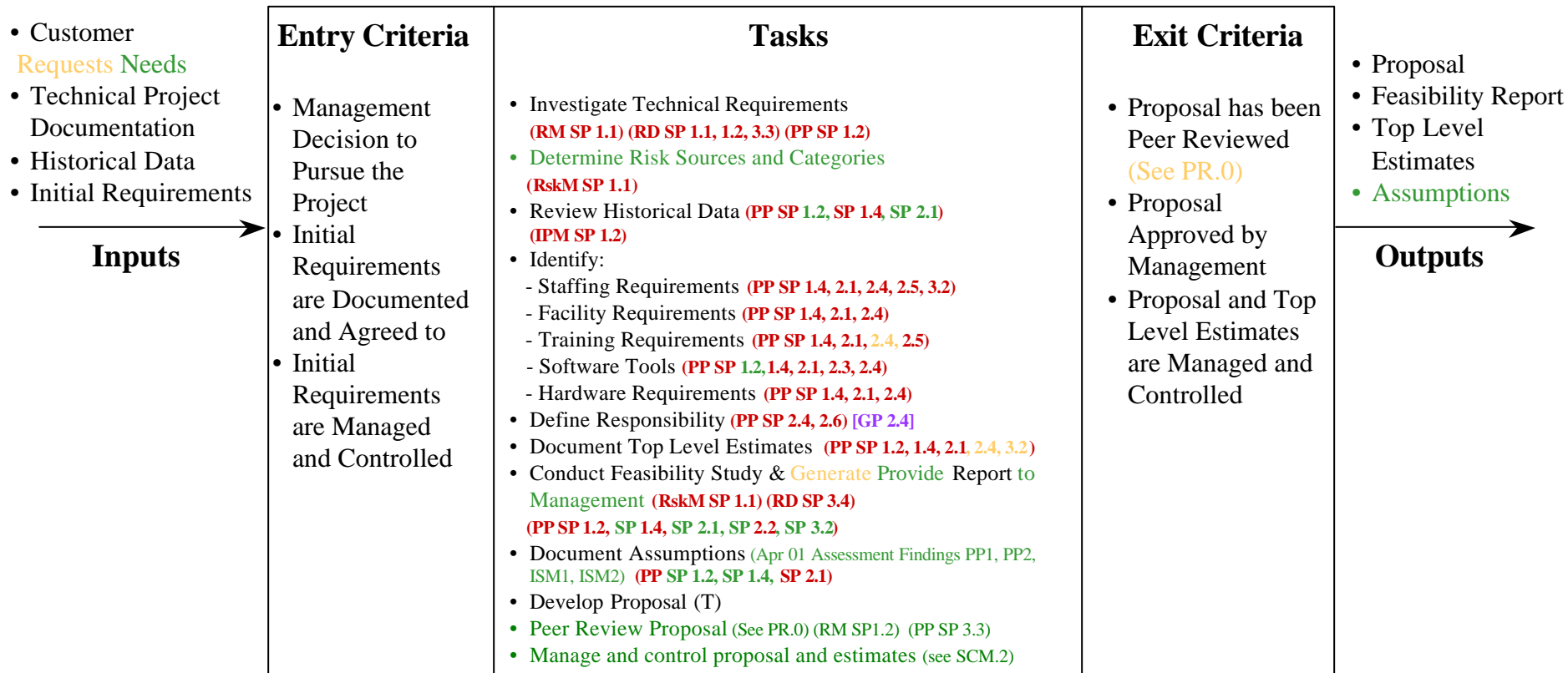
SW-CMM^R to CMMISM



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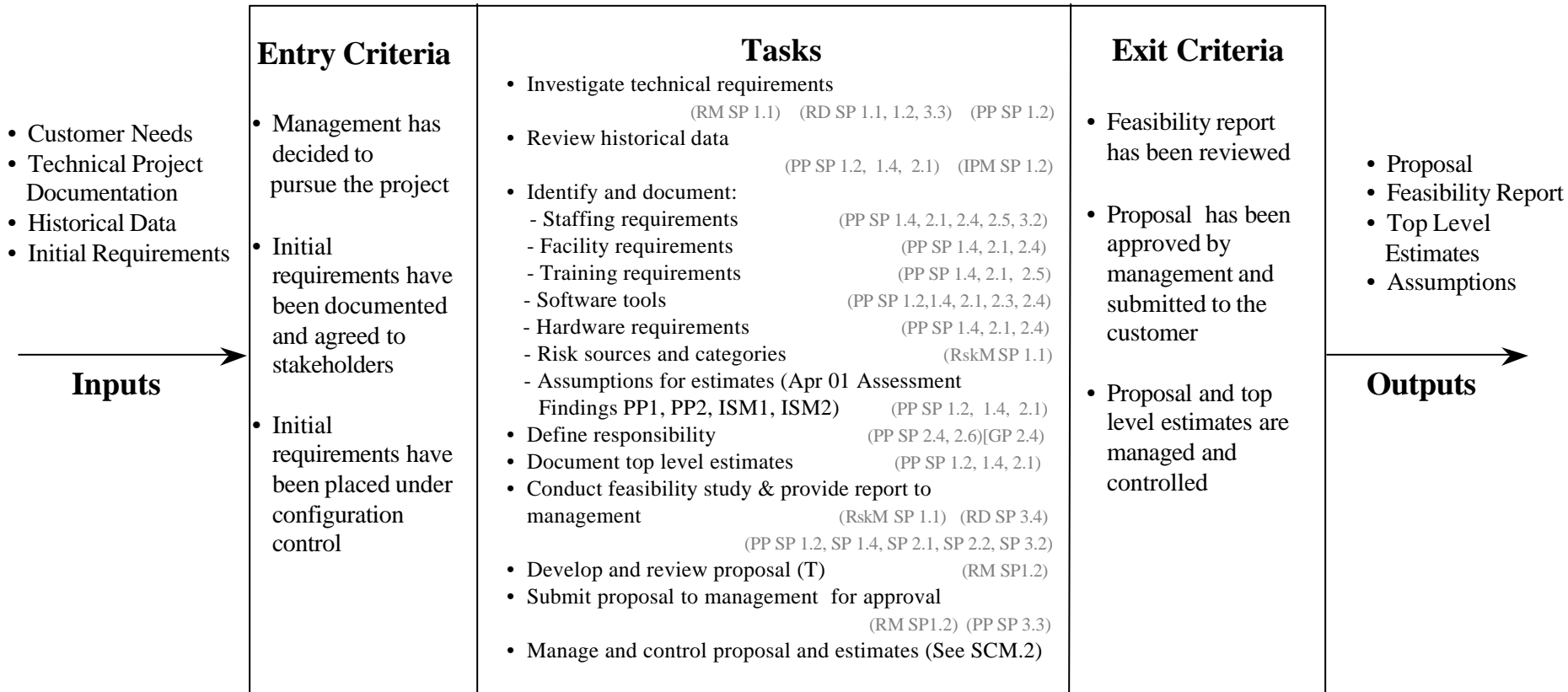
CMMISM



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Measures: None

Participants: SEG, Management, Stakeholders

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CMMISM Cross Reference Example



Level 2		CMMI PA: Project Planning			
MAS OSSP Reqmt	CMMI Feature	Description	Feasible?	Performed?	Documented? (If so, identify location)
	PP SG 1	Estimates of project planning parameters are established and maintained.			
1.1, 2.2, 2.3, IC.1	PP SP 1.1	Establish a top-level work breakdown structure (WBS) to estimate the scope of the project.			
1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, IC.1	PP SP 1.2	Establish and maintain estimates of the attributes of the work products and tasks.			
2.2	PP SP 1.3	Define the project life-cycle phases upon which to scope the planning effort.			
1.2, 2.2, 2.3, IC.1	PP SP 1.4	Estimate the project effort and cost for the work products and tasks based on estimation rationale.			
	PP SG 2	A project plan is established and maintained as the basis for managing the project.			
1.2, 2.2, 2.3, PC.1, IC.1	PP SP 2.1	Establish and maintain the project's budget and schedule.			
1.2, 2.2, 2.3, IC.1	PP SP 2.2	Identify and analyze project risks.			



CMMISM Transition Approach (3) MAS



Identify projects to begin transition

Provide CMMISM training to projects

Have projects complete the CMMISM cross reference matrix

Perform internal assessments and audits

- Verify implementation
- Identify areas of improvement



Lessons Learned During Transition Period



Maintenance organizations need to appropriately tailor the CMMISM

Workforce involvement is critical

Quantifiable business goals are a necessity

Robust measurement program needs to be in place early

- Clearly define measures
- Establish automated methods for collecting data

Practical (not theoretical) approach to Level 4 is essential

Process improvement takes time



Summary



WR-ALC has been involved with CMMISM since 1999

Pilot initiatives have been beneficial

Software Engineering Division is transitioning to CMMISM

Other WR-ALC organizations are currently evaluating CMMISM