Mission Assurance

within the framework of

CMMI

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Why Do We Need Mission Assurance?

Here's what would happen if we were able to achieve a mission rate of 99% for air travel.
This would mean
99% in Spec
99.9997% in Spec
(3.8 Sigma)
(6 Sigma)

2 Abnormal Landings at most airports each day

1 abnormal landing every 5 years

The Mission Assurance Approach

- Promotes mission success and reduces technical and mission risks
 - -Reliance on independent reviews
 - -Subject Matter Experts
 - -Disciplined application of best practices

The Mission Assurance Approach

- All companies have business challenges
 - -Workforce constraints
 - -Budget constraints
 - -Schedule constraints
 - -Stakeholders and customers to satisfy
 - -Competition of which to be aware

The Mission Assurance Approach

 Meeting customer defined mission objectives without defects is a product of mission assurance

The Mission Assurance Approach (cont'd)

- In today's challenging and competitive world, the status quo won't cut it. There must be a continuous effort to improve performance
 - Everyone should be working together towards a defined end goal
 - Improvement efforts need to be tailored to mission success criteria
 - Safety and risk management play important roles in achieving mission assurance.

Mission Assurance and Risk

- Mission Assurance is an engineered process performed over the life-cycle of a program to identify and mitigate design, production, test and field support deficiencies that could impact mission success
- Mission Success is the achievement of program/product requirements designed to meet customer needs while maintaining corporate values

Mission Assurance and Risk (cont'd)

- Operational risk is the possibility of direct or indirect loss resulting from failed or inadequate internal processes or from failures caused by people technology or external events
- Mission assurance ensures that operational risk is reduced to a mission acceptable level and that there is a systematic methodology for identifying and analyzing operational risks

Mission Assurance Model Elements

- Mission assurance requires total infrastructure integrity
- It needs to reflect more than design quality of technical aspects of the design

 Should make customers and suppliers part of the solution

Mission Assurance Operational Concept



Design Centric vs. Enterprise Centric Architecture Approach

- Design centric approach allocates requirements directly to enterprise systems and subsystems.
 - No process where enterprise-wide trade-offs are addressed.
- Architecture centric approach includes an enterprise model which includes all the stakeholders visions and concerns



Integrating the Enterprise Approach into the Mission Assurance Model



CMMI CAPABILITIES FOR MISSION ASSURANCE

CMMI Capabilities – The Problem Space





The CMMI Framework

- Developed to provide a consistent set of common elements to apply to any discipline
- Designed to support process improvement activities, including assessments and training
- 4 Parts: Input Process, Repository, Control Process and Output Process
- Capture a product wide architecture





The CMMI Extensions

- The Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense (FAA/DoD) collaborated to include safety and security in the FAA's integrated CMM model
- Best practices were selected from recognized standards
- Participation included NASA & DoD contractors
 Experts from government and industry

The CMMI Extensions (cont'd)

- CMMI provides flexibility for organizations to incorporate specialized critical systems engineering areas
- CMMI extensions help to provide the safety and security capabilities to enhance the model



Perspectives

 Safety and security are critical to both DoD and FAA

 Both CMMI and iCMM provide a framework for safety and security activities

 Can be harmonized with CMMI to support practices to guide process improvement and capability

Integrating Mission Assurance With CMMI





Conclusion

 The mission assurance model can be enabled with the CMMI model

 Will develop a traceable methodology to clarify relationships

 Can be structured to help an organization became highly integrated and effective when implementing mission assurance





QUESTIONS?

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