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# **CMMI: Fitting a Vision to Program Execution Needs**

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# CMMI Vision\*

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**The initial vision for CMMI was to integrate the competing maturity models and provide a framework for more consistent process improvement**

- “ Cause integration of the functional disciplines within organizations and across programs
- “ Increase systems engineering and software process maturity as organizations migrate from the sun-setting CMMs to CMMI

***Build on and improve the significant work done by many to establish best practices***

\* Extract: 2004, 2005, 2006 CMMI Conference Keynotes



# Progress Toward Executing the Vision

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- “ We have attained the original vision
- “ We have taken steps to address CMMI issues:
  - . Integrity issues with appraisals
  - . Guidance for acquiring organizations
- “ Current Issues:
  - . Staged vs. Continuous
    - “ Cost of levels versus Return on Investment
  - . High Maturity
    - “ Level 4 and 5 inconsistency
    - “ High maturity appraisals and training
    - “ Relationship to other continuous process improvement initiatives
  - . Next Gen Process Improvement
    - “ How do we revise the CMMI vision to meet program execution needs?



## **necessary but not sufficient.**

- “ We have revitalized Systems Engineering Policy, Guidance, Education and Training
- “ We have driven good systems engineering practices back into the way the acquisition community does business, and have had a positive impact on programs
- “ We have expanded the boundaries to include increasingly important enablers for sound SE application
- “ We have a rigorous process to capture what went wrong...
  - “ but failed to change, root cause behavior that leads to programs that do not meet cost, schedule, and performance expectations
  - “ adequate maturity at program initiation

***What are the systemic issues that need to be addressed?***



# The Real World and CMMI: Relationship between CMMI and Program Execution\*

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- “ Programs adhering to organizational processes:
  - . 85% of programs find the supplier performs their defined processes with minor non-compliance
- “ For programs that don't adhere to processes:
  - . Primary reasons are schedule, cost, and customer impact
- “ There does not appear to be a link between maturity levels and program performance
  - . No correlation between maturity levels and cost variance or CPI
  - . Indication of negative correlation between ML and schedule variance or SPI
- “ There does not appear to be cost and schedule improvement from ML3 -> ML5

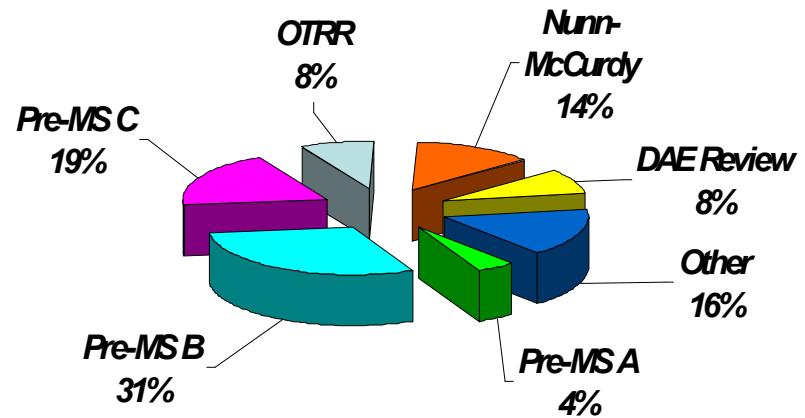


# Support Review Activity

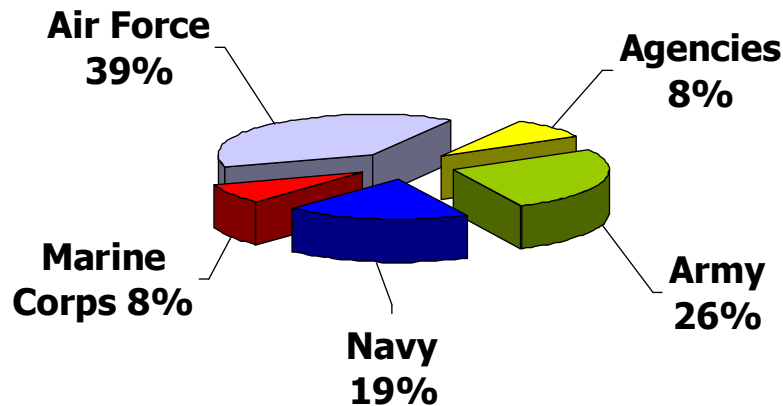
(since March 2004)

- “ PSRs/NARs completed: 42
- “ AOTRs completed: 10
- “ Nunn-McCurdy Certifications: 10
- “ Participation on Service-led IRTs: 2
- “ Technical Reviews: 9
- “ Reviews planned for remainder FY07
  - PSRs/NARs: 12
  - AOTRs: 2
  - Nunn-McCurdy: 6
  - Technical Reviews: 3

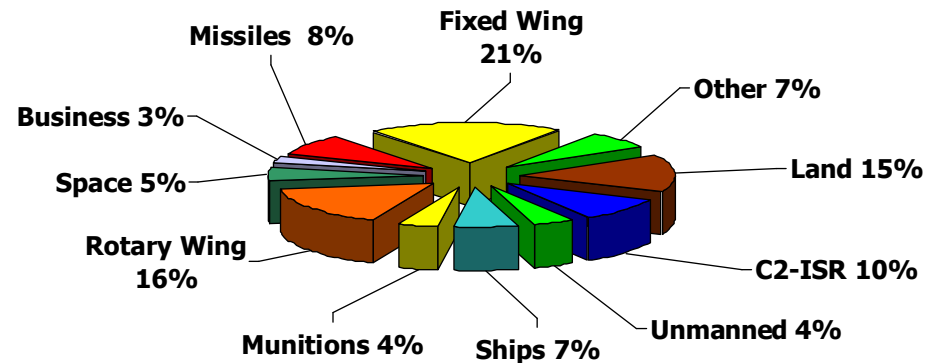
## Decision Support Reviews



## Service-Managed Acquisitions



## Programs by Domain Area



# 0 Emerging Systemic Issues

## “Deep Dive” Program Reviews since Mar 04)

1. Management
  - “ IPT roles, responsibilities, authority, poor communication
  - “ Inexperienced staff, lack of technical expertise
2. Requirements
  - “ Creep/stability
  - “ Tangible, measurable, testable
3. Systems Engineering
  - “ Lack of a rigorous approach, technical expertise
  - “ **Process compliance ≠ Program execution**
4. Staffing
  - “ Inadequate Government program office staff
5. Reliability
  - “ Ambitious growth curves, unrealistic requirements
  - “ Inadequate test time+for statistical calculations
6. Acquisition Strategy
  - “ Competing budget priorities, schedule-driven
  - “ Contracting issues, poor technical assumptions
7. Schedule
  - “ Realism, compression
8. Test Planning
  - “ Breadth, depth, resources
9. Software
  - “ Architecture, design/development discipline
  - “ Staffing/skill levels, organizational competency (process)
10. Maintainability/Logistics
  - “ Sustainment costs not fully considered (short-sighted)
  - “ Supportability considerations traded



# Junn-McCurdy Breaches

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## ” Nine key visible failures:

- . Change in doctrine, driving quantity or mission changes
- . Requirements problems (immature, unrealistic, not stable, creep, etc)
- . Lack of a robust baseline
- . Inadequate SE/T&E, risk management, and/or FMECA
- . Inadequate staffing/experience/oversight levels
- . Poor reliability
- . Acquisition reform
- . Schedule/cost realism (concurrency, estimation, etc)
- . Contract (warranty, price curves, TSPR, etc)

***Processes in place ≠ Program Execution***





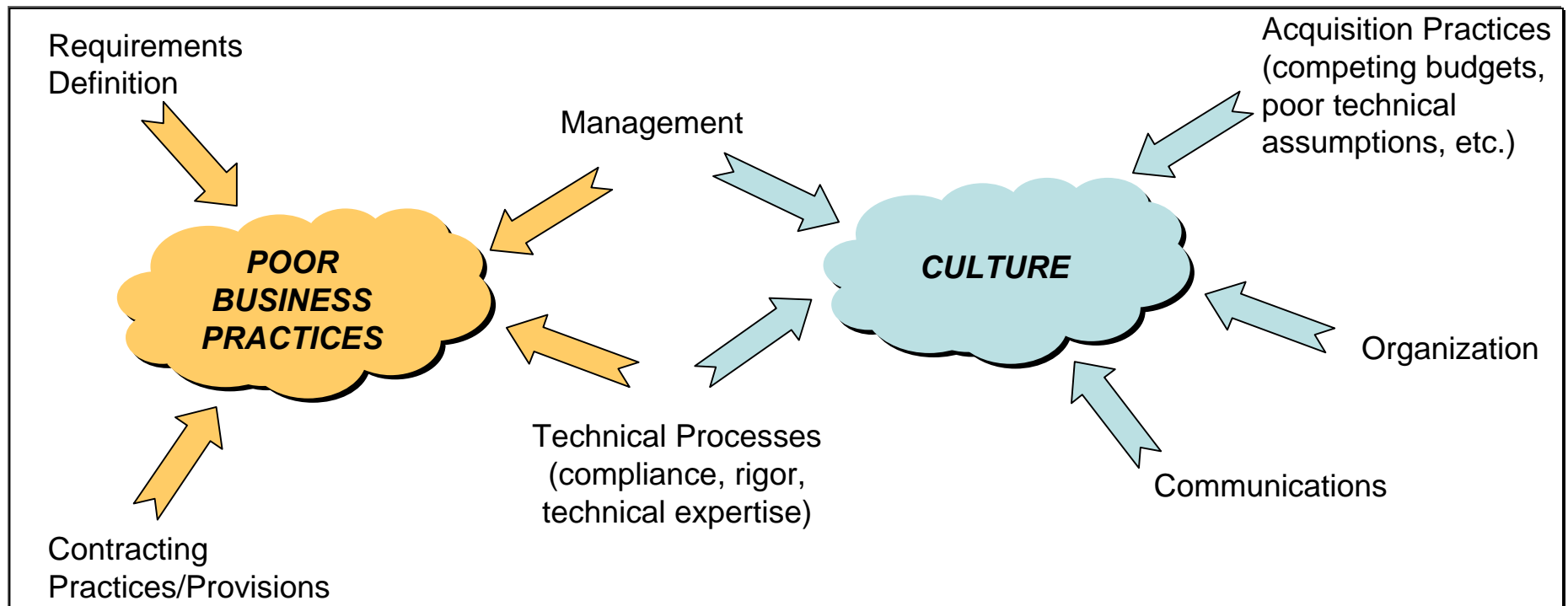
# 10 Emerging Systemic Issues from Triage Assessment

1. Insufficient trade space (resources)	24 programs (37%)
2. Insufficient schedule trade space	22 programs (34%)
3. Budget not properly phased/ magnitude to support planned developmental (SE, T&E, production, etc.) efforts	17 programs (26%)
4. Concurrent test program	16 programs (25%)
5. Insufficient performance/ requirements trade space	16 programs (25%)
6. Operational or Developmental performance results indicate not effective/ suitable or KPPs not meeting threshold	15 programs (23%)
7. Lack of JROC-validated requirements document for basic program (ORD, CDD, CPD)	14 programs (22%)
8. Funding instability	14 programs (22%)
9. Inadequate implementation of EVMS and use of EVM as a vehicle for planning, executing, and controlling the program	14 programs (22%)
10. Current unit cost factors indicate significant/ critical APB breach	12 programs (19%)



# Root Cause Analysis Emerging Results

“ Emerging systemic analyses point to the following 2 core root cause areas and their top 4-5 drivers:



**An “Execution Discipline” problem... Solutions need to address “state-of-the-practice” vice “state-of-the-art”**



# Let's Review...

## ” Staged vs. Continuous

- . DoD does not encourage use of levels
- . Current practice of attaining levels
  - ” Continues to drive program/enterprise cost
  - ” Does not correlate to program success
  - ” Contributes to acquirers and developers not having to think about program execution

## ” High Maturity

- . High maturity is ill defined/narrowly applied -- vice adopting CPI in all required areas

## ” Next Gen Process Improvement

- . Starting programs right . disciplined execution . highest probability for program success
- . We must address state of the practice, vice state of the art

***Fit CMMI Vision to Program Execution Needs***



# CMMI Vision for the Future

## “ Current

- . 5 Levels
- . Three SCAMPs
- . Constellations for major stakeholders
- . High Maturity improvement plans
- . Cost of integrity

## “ Future

- . Foundational best practices
- . Tailored to organizational, domain, and program needs
- . Focus areas to extend the foundation to specific interest areas (e.g. safety, COTS)
- . Structured measurement process . aligned with tools for high maturity

***CMMI should continue to ensure foundational best practices; tailored to Org/Domain/Program needs***



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# Backup

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# Survey and Data Collection\*

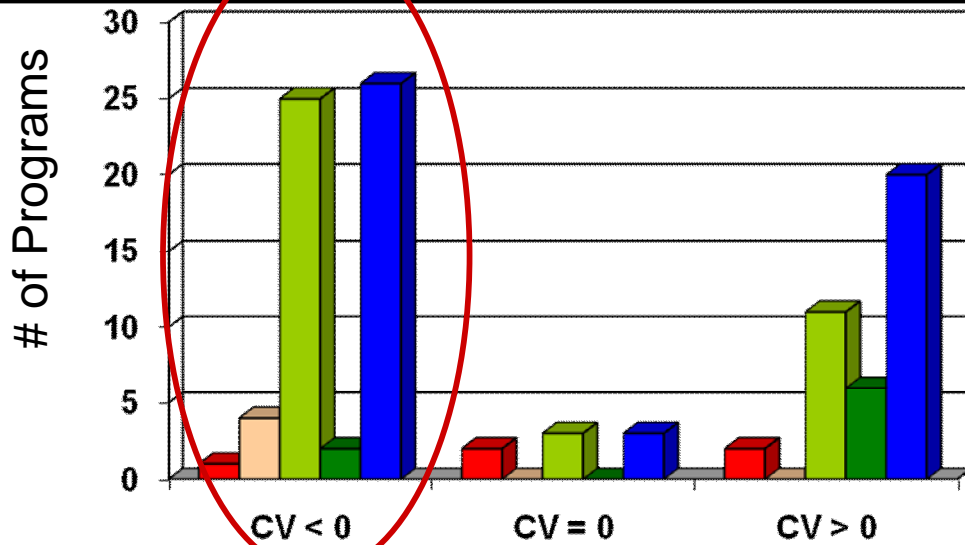
- “ Survey conducted in response to OUSD (AT&L) request:
  - “ Is there a relationship between CMMI levels and program performance?+
- “ 85-142 programs reported each quarter
- “ ACAT Levels reported
  - “ ACAT IAC . 9 programs
  - “ ACAT IAM . 5 programs
  - “ ACAT IC . 33 programs
  - “ ACAT ID . 79 programs
  - “ ACAT II . 16 programs
- “ Claimed maturity levels (MLs)
  - “ ML 1 . 3 programs
  - “ ML 2 . 1 program
  - “ ML 3 . 47 programs
  - “ ML 4 . 17 programs
  - “ ML 5 . 74 programs

\* Excerpt from DCMA Data  
Call Results briefing - Nov 07

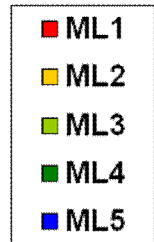
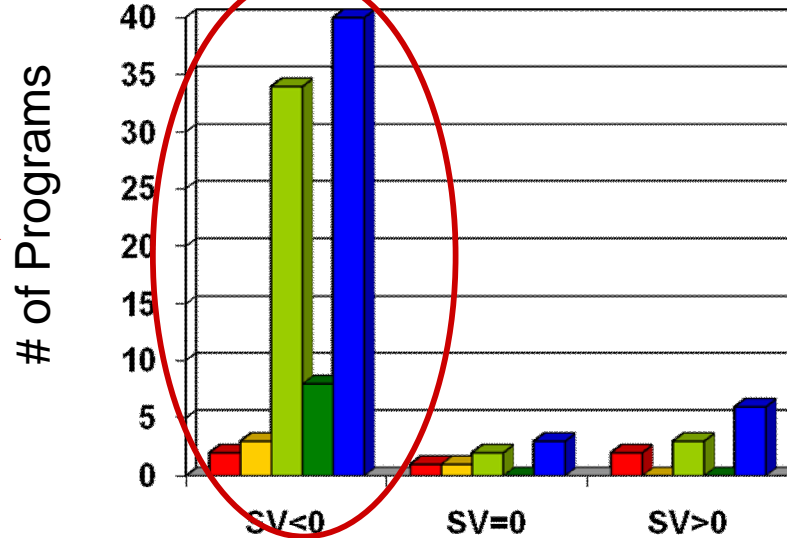
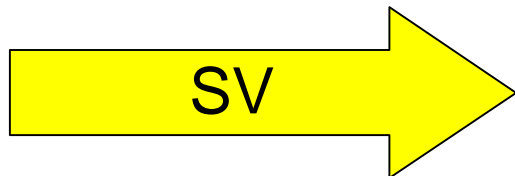


# CV/SV and Maturity Levels

MAY



Unfavorable





# DCMA Study - Data Assumptions

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- “ Many survey questions are subjective (Local DCMA viewpoints)
- “ If both Maturity Level (ML) and Capability Level (CL) reported, only captured ML
- “ Only captured highest Maturity Level achieved
  - “ Example: ML 5 SW only with ML 3 for SE; ML 5 data was used
- “ If a range (eg. 5-10%) was given for any EV data, highest value (10%) was recorded
- “ Only used latest PO/contract for a program
- “ Not all the totals will add up to the sample size due to unanswered questions
- “ Have deleted some EV data points due to suspect data (Suspect decimal point issues)