



U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) Redstone Arsenal, Alabama

Lean, Six Sigma and CMMI... Working Together to Achieve High Success

by: Susan Bassham November 2007





Why Lean, Six Sigma and CMMI?

- AMC/DA directives
- Supports Software Engineering Process (SEP)
 Improvement
- Integrate and compliment one another
- Gives insight into reality
 - Data-based decision making
 - Measure variation
 - Know when to react
- Used for problem solving





Lean, Six Sigma and CMMI

All are process improvement methodologies

Therein Chile and Internity I

- Lean focuses on speed, efficiency, and removing waste
- Six Sigma is aligned with precision and accuracy
- CMMI supports best practices for software development including risk reduction, increasing efficiency, and improving the overall quality of products and deliverables







Organization Background

- Small, Federal organization (140 civilian/contractor)
- Achieved SW-CMM Level 2, August 2002
- Lean approach implemented, Feb 2005
- Achieved CMMI Level 2 and Capability Level 3 in 9 Process Areas rated, May 2007
- Working toward CMMI Level 3, Class A appraisal planned for Mar 2008





Lean Improvement Benefits

- VSM Conducted Feb 2005 resulting in 14 Kaizen events and many tasks
- Kaizen improvements yielded new Software Engineering Process (SEP) iterations
- Improved metrics data driven management
- Eliminated unnecessary steps identified as wastes
- Provided customer's first critical needs faster
- Test driven approach focused on FTQ
- Improved workload/workflow management/staffing
- Better communication through teaming
- Reduced backload







SEP Processes Rolled Out

- The SEP processes have been rolled out incrementally by versions since June 2005. SEP Implementations were:
 - June 2005, Version 5 (Interim)
 - December 2005, Version 6 (Loop 1 Rollout)
 - February 2006, Version 6.1
 - February 2006, Version 6.2
 - March 2006, Version 7 (Loop 2 Rollout)
 - July 2006, Version 8
 - August 2006, Version 9
 - September 2006, Version 10 (Loop 3 Rollout)
 - November 2006, Version 10.1
 - January 2007, Version 11.0
 - February 2007, Version 11.1
 - April 2007, Version 11.2
 - August 2007, Version 11.3
 - October 2007, Version 12.0 (CMMI ML3 Remaining Process Rollout)







VSM Projected/Actual Results

Category	Metric	Current State Baseline	Future State Projected	FY06	FY07
Flow	Total # Jobs/yr	25	> 50	33	47
	Tot # AKO pgs			27	12
	Backlog	21 CRs	< 10	6	6
	Lead Time	374 days	< 90 days	Changed goal < 105 days	165 138 (G6 Ready for Production)
Process	Phases-Loops	9	4	4	4
	# Activities	63	24	22	22
	# Approvals	65	18	7	13
	# Documents	25	11	8	8
Process Maturity	CMM/CMMI Level	2 (CMM)	3 (CMMI)	2 (CMM)	2(CMMI) CL3 in 9 Process Areas
	DA Compliance	TBD	100%	100% FISMA, AR 70-1, etc*	100% FISMA, AR 70-1, etc*





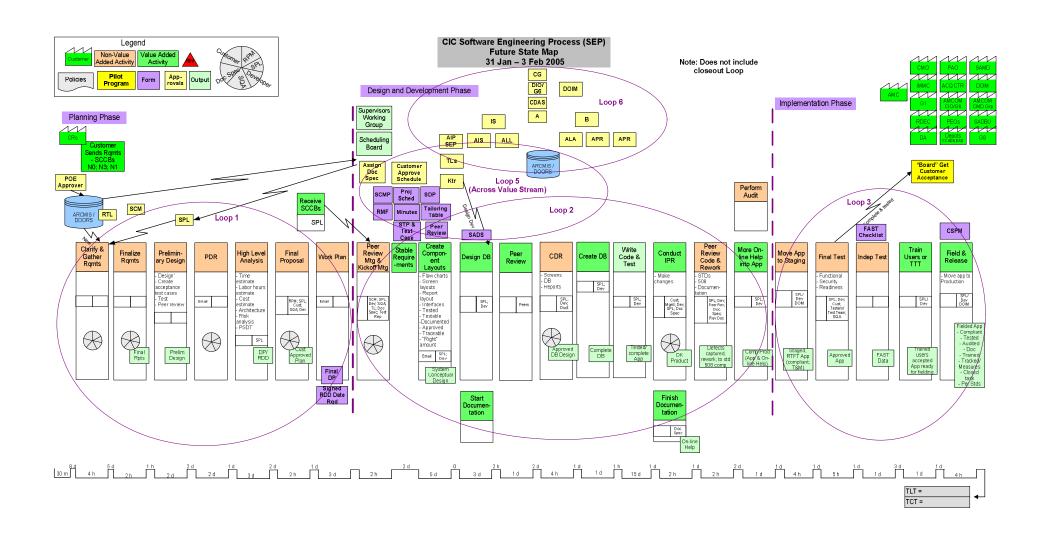
FY 08 Projected Events

Event	FY08 Projected		
Assessments	SCAMPI-C (November) SCAMPI-B (January) SCAMPI-A (March)		
Value Stream Maps/ SEP Readiness Reviews	1 – VSM (May)		
Kaizen Events	1 - Workplace Organization 5 – Projected from VSM		
Town Hall Meetings	Jan – SCAMPI B Results Mar – SCAMPI A Results 3 rd Qtr – SEP Version 12.2 Rollout		
Training	1 – Risk Management 1 – Functionality Test Cases 1 – CMMI v1.2 training 4 – SEP Version release training (V12.1, V12.2, V12.3, V12.4)		
TOTAL	20		





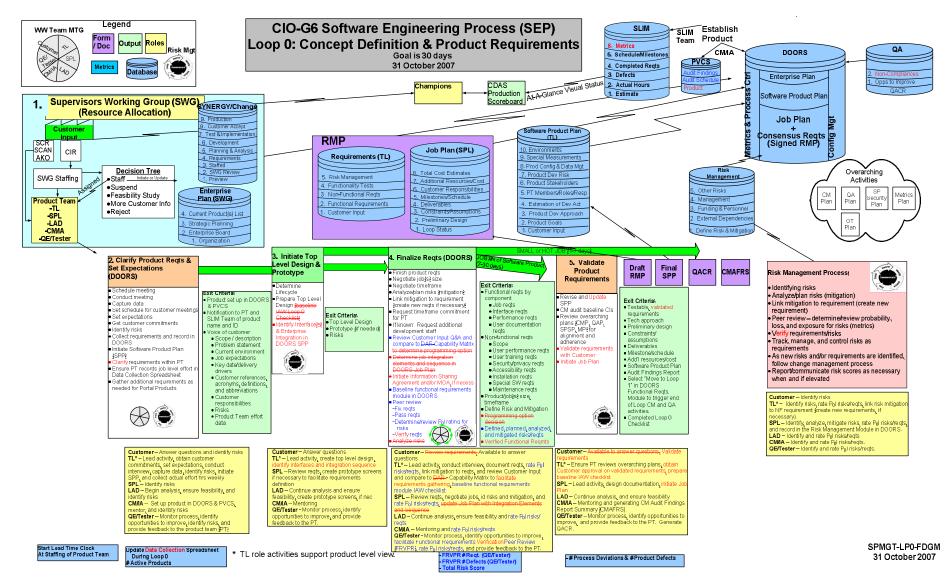
Value Stream Map





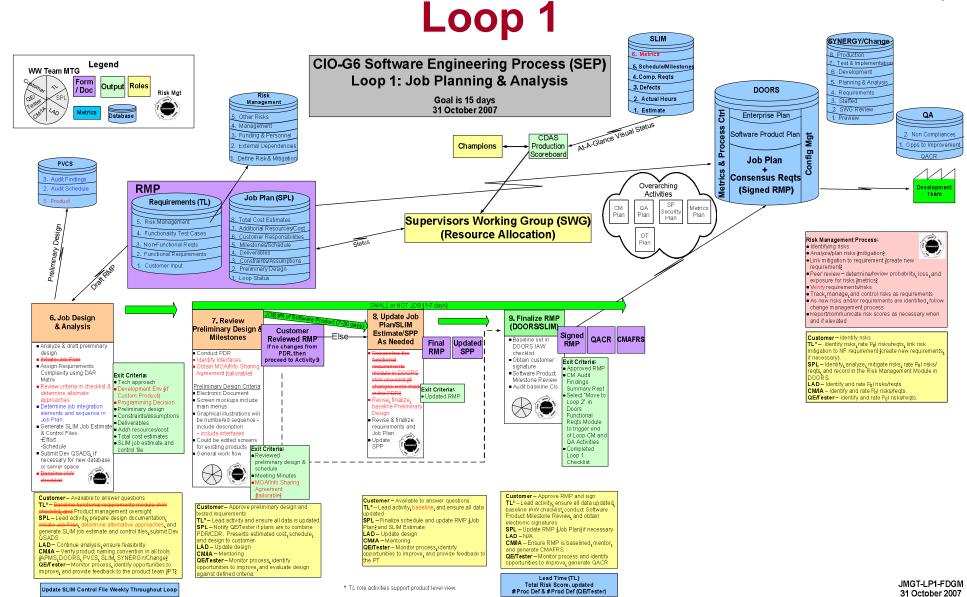


Loop 0





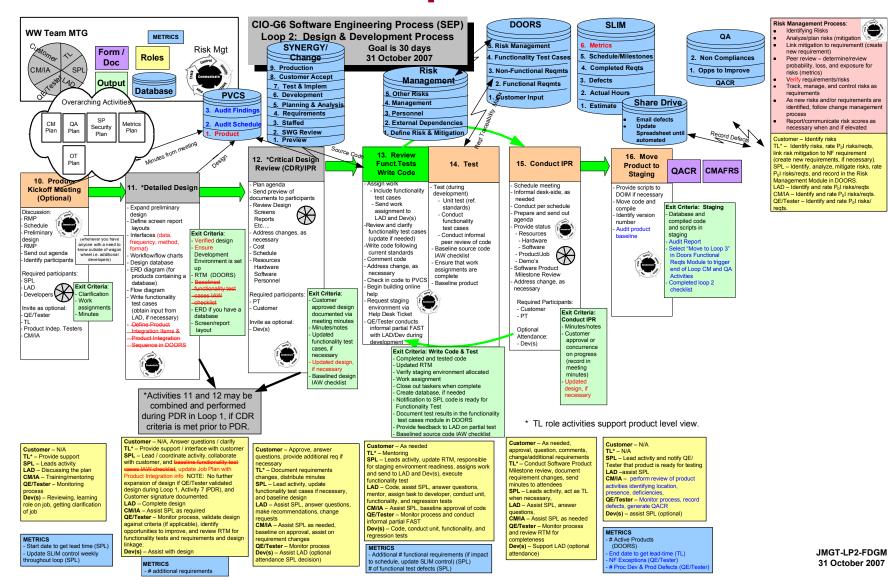








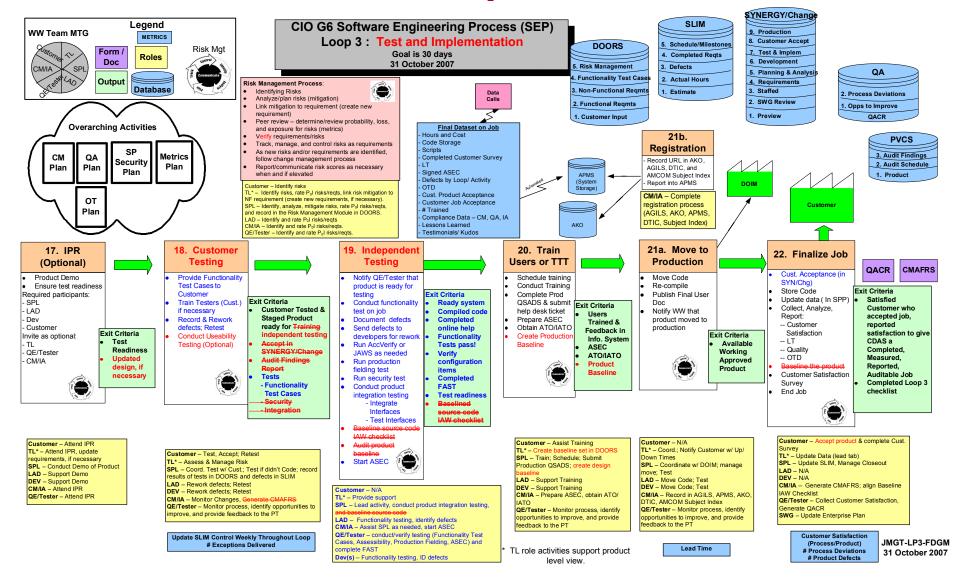
Loop 2







Loop 3







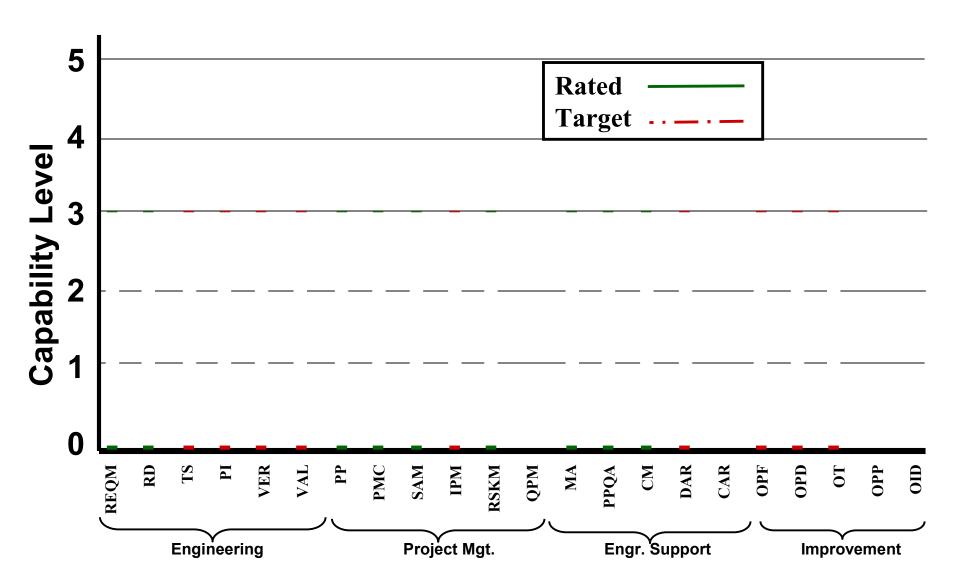
Lean CMMI Benefits

- Repeatable, standard process for the organization
- Reduction of defects through Peer Reviews
- Improved planning activities
- Improved testing activities
- Better management insight into products
- Improved communication through Process
 Configuration Control Board Peer Groups
- Adherence to process with improved PPQA process
- Improved metrics data driven decision making





Target Capability Profile







Six Sigma Benefits

- Improved measurement process
- Manage and make decisions by the data
- Controls in place to maintain improvements
- Know when to react





Six Sigma Black Belt Project

Goals

- Reduce Loop Lead Time by 10%
- Reduce Lead Time for Loops 0-1 from 113 days to less than 100
- Increase meeting Customer Negotiated Delivery Date by 10%
- Increase number of jobs delivered by 3 during the FY

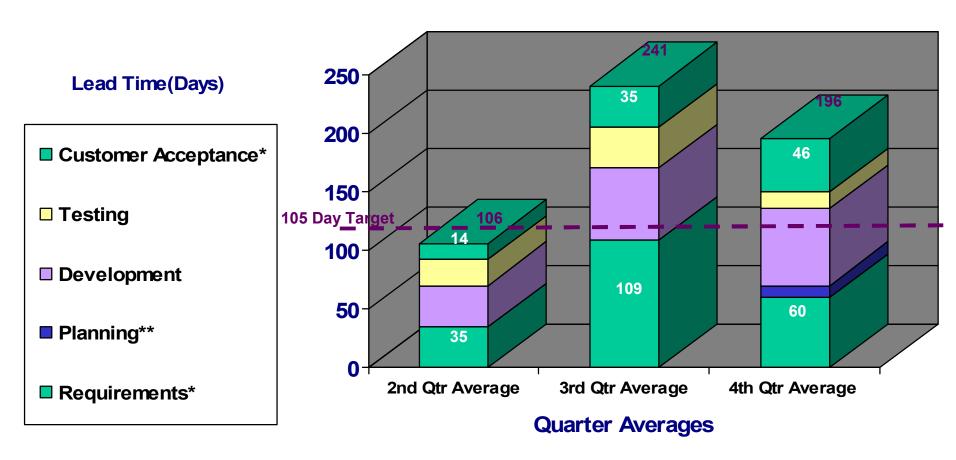
Projected Cost Savings

- Job average calculated ~ \$51,484
- Increase productivity by 3 jobs each year
- Savings of \$154,451 annually





Average Lead Time for FY07 Jobs



^{*} Requirements and Customer Acceptance states rely heavily upon customer involvement

^{**} Began capturing Planning Lead Time in April 2007





DMAIC Methodology

Structured, data-based, problem-solving process

- Specific activities in specific sequence
- Gathering data to facilitate decision making
- Using problem solving techniques to ensure elimination of the problem







- Develop the charter
- Review existing data related to problem
- Draft a high level process map
- Create plan and guidelines (scope, how to measure success)







- Heart of what makes LSS work
- Evaluate existing measurement system
- Observe the process
- Gather data
- Map the process in more depth







- Use data to confirm source of delays, waste, and poor quality
- Stick to the data
- Look for patterns
- Find root causes
- Identify the most critical factors to control







- Make changes that eliminate waste, reduce costs, and are tied to goals
- Identify a range of possible solutions
- Review Best Practices
- Develop criteria for selecting solutions
- Pilot or simulate solution
- Plan for implementation







- Purpose: make sure the changes will last
- Document new, improved process
- Conduct training to the workforce
- Implement the change





Summary

- Lean, Six Sigma, and CMMI work together for success
 - Improved Quality
 - Data based decision making
 - Maintain improvements
 - Repeatable process that is standard across organization







Questions?