Applying Systems Engineering to Operational System Improvements

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- Current need to reduce cost while improving performance of Legacy Systems
- Definition of Classic Systems Engineering Process
- Example application and Case Study



> Where to from here?



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CLASSIC SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROCESS





POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS





CASE STUDY: TAXI CAB

- Company Objective: Increase Profitability
- > Approach: Systems Engineering
- Facts: 100 Vehicles, 75,000 Miles/Year/Vehicle 200 Drivers, Management, Dispatch, Advertising, Health Insurance, Auto Insurance, Vehicle Support (Repair, Fuel, etc.)



REQUIREMENTS





BASELINE COST ESTIMATE

Cost Element	Cost / Year
Total Cost	\$10,500,000
Total Labor	\$4,340,000
Driver	\$3,200,000
Dispatch	\$140,000
Management	\$1,000,000
Fuel	\$1,500,000
Maintenance	\$1,200,000
Vehicles	\$700,000
Equipment	\$500,000
Insurance	\$1,156,000
Health	\$856,000
Auto	\$300,000
Vehicle Replacement	\$500,000
Advertising	\$52,000
Miscellaneous Cost	
(Rent, Utilities, etc.)	\$1,752,000

Appropriate cost elements for the particular customer



ALTERNATIVES BY FUNCTION

- Support
 - Smaller Cars
 - Electric Cars
 - Repair Contract
 - Run to Fail
 - Etc.
- Insurance
 - Self Insured Drivers
 - Negotiate with Insurance Companies
 - Hire Lawyers
 - Liability Only
 - Etc.

- Driver Function
 - Defensive Driver Class
 - Work for Tips Only
 - Robotic Driver
 - Pull Off & Wait
 - Etc.
- > Advertising
 - Utilize Car In/Out
 - More Trips
 - Double Budget
 - New Media Outlet
 - Etc.

Broader analysis provides a wider range of opportunities.



ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS



Concentrate on high cost centers.



EVALUATION





Systems approach yields a better solution than any individual fix.



Systems Engineering solutions are typically two to three times better at meeting objectives.

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How to train Systems Engineering practitioners to work in legacy world. Are you fired up, ready to go? Fired up, ready to go? Fired up, ready to go? Fired up, ready to go?