

An Industry Response to the Acquisition Changes 14th Annual Systems Engineering Conference Hyatt Regency Mission Bay October 26th, 2011

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Acquisition Reform

Initiati∨es





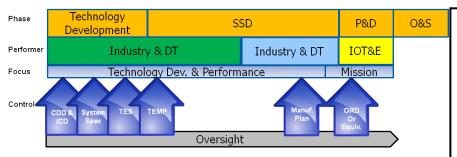
- Changes are driving
 - New program behaviors
 - Opportunities to engineer the across the program's lifecycle
 - Mature / available technologies
 - Low risk program execution
 - Increased focus on operational constraints

Better "Get it right" the first time

Industry Test Program Changes

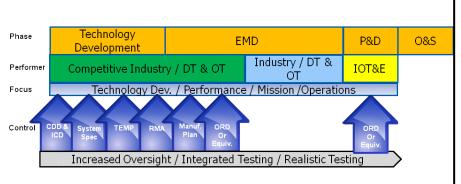


Before Reform



- Test personnel introduced late in the program
- •Cost plus contract type allowed for higher initial program risks and significant G&A's. Assumed 50% success rate
- Testing delays due to technology development during SDD
- •Requirement creep caused constant test program churn
- Operational / Mission Evaluations left to OT&E
- Facilities unique to program to allow for program control

Reform changes can produce



- Introduce T&E skill mix early in program to support requirements development – Early test skill presence
- •Competitive Prototyping causes increased early testing, reduces risk in EMD phase
- •EMD program assumes much lower risk in estimates truer test program costs
- Assessment of Government Facilities may lead to increase use of national assets
- •Realistic Testing introduced during contractor test program
- Early data in realistic environment supports earlier OA's

RFP language must be realized to institute industry change

Acquisition Reforms Influencing Contractor Behavior – Integrated Testing



How we did things



"Siloed"

Acquisition Reform



Integrated Testing

EARLY
EVALUATIONS
&
DATA
SHARING

Industry change to support reform

Culture



- Integrated teams & facilities
- IP contract language need to be developed



- Early Teaming CT/DT/OT
- Intellectual property issues resolved



- Test WIPT
- Increased use of Gymt. Facilities
- Shared Data

Acquisition Reforms Influencing Contractor Behavior – Scientific Methods

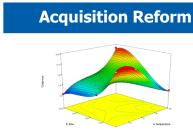


How we did things



We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.

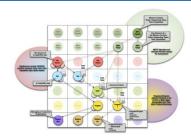
Do what we did last time



Adapt scientific methods in addition to experience

OPTIMIZED TEST PROGRAMS

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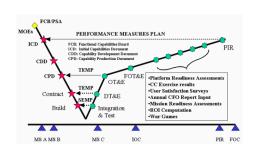


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Culture



 Modernize test techniques and tools / test program modeling



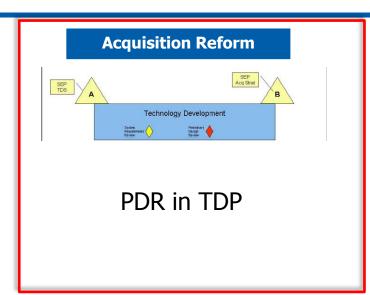
- Mission based modeled
- Optimized Integrated Test Program

Acquisition Reforms Influencing Contractor Behavior – TDP and PDR





High Risk

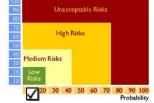


ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE PROGRAM RISK

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Culture





- Low Risk Design TRL>6
- Utilize Proven Technology in Design
- Less Invented Technology



- Adapt TDP / EMD low risk approach
- Conduct design under competitive environment





- Appropriate contract types
- Quicker fielding,
- Achieve RMA Rqmts.

Acquisition Reforms Influencing Contractor Behavior – Realistic Testing



How we did things



Engineering based / Design Compliance

Acquisition Reform

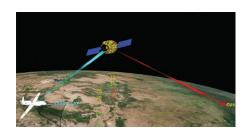


Realistic / Mission Based Testing FOCUS ON MISSION NOT JUST DESIGN

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Artifact



- Focus on mission based design compliance
- Model based design and test



 View product across the product lifecycle

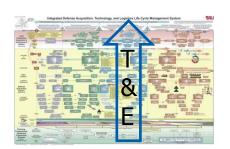


- Realistic Testing
- Fewer OT "Discoveries"

Acquisition Reforms Influencing Contractor Behavior – Early T&E



How we did things



T&E in SDD

Acquisition Reform Take in TDP and earlier

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- Include T&E early in TD phases
- Early evaluations

Culture



 PM Recognition of Role of T&E in early program



- Appropriate contract wording, emphasis and scoring on early T&E
- Design maturation with test data

Conclusions



- Acquisition changes are driving behavioral changes in programs
- T&E culture is slow to change
- Programs must recognize role of T&E as an early necessary skill mix
- Both Industry and Customer must embrace the change

The U.S. Air Force will not push the envelope as it historically has when developing new technology for future weapons because declining defense spending will reshape the military's purchasing priorities. "Future development efforts will have to be less ambitious because we cannot assume the kind of risk that past acquisition strategies have incorporated in their development plans," Schwartz said. ... and industry "must bid according to realistic estimates and resist offering to sell more than what is operationally required because the success of the military and industry are now mutually related, perhaps more so than ever before," Schwartz said.



Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Air Force Chief of Staff 21 Sep 2011 - Defense News

Change is occurring, teaming is essential, recognition is essential

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