

Foreword

The Open Systems Joint Task Force (OSJTF) prepared this guide to provide program managers, system engineers, contracting officers, and the entire program team the tools required to implement a Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA). This guide will enable new and legacy programs to realize the DoD vision of making MOSA an integral part of any acquisition strategy to achieve affordable, evolutionary, joint combat capability. The key questions this guide will answer are:

- What is MOSA?
- Why is it important?
- How should MOSA be planned for and implemented?
- How will MOSA implementation be gauged and assessed?
- How will MOSA implementation issues be adjudicated?

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