



Enablers and Impediments to Systems Engineering Implementation

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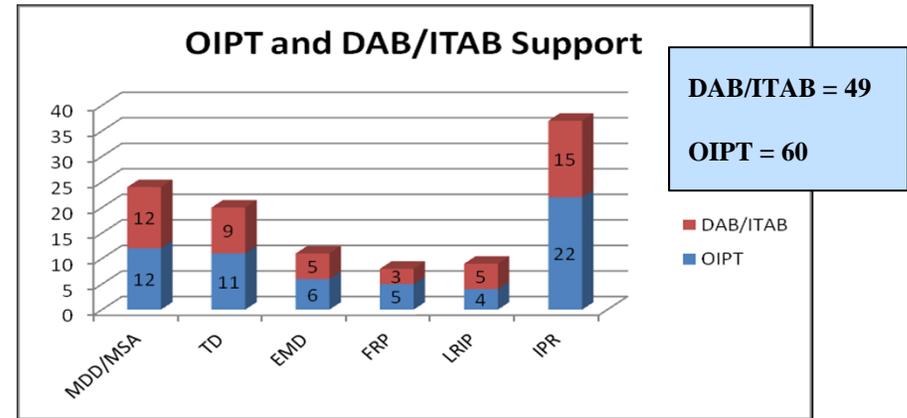
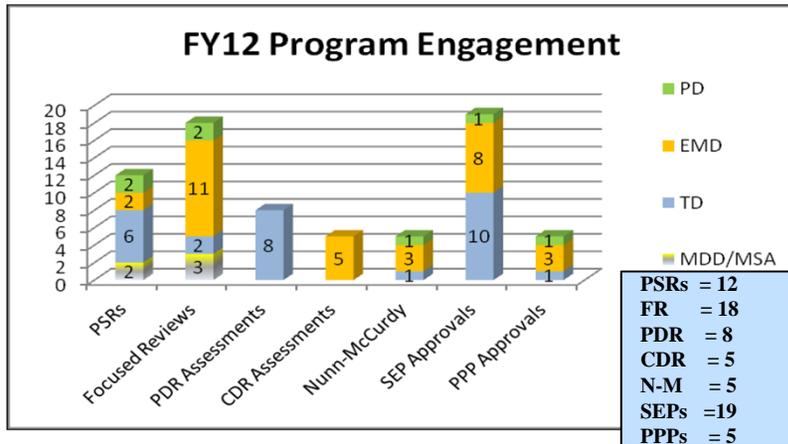
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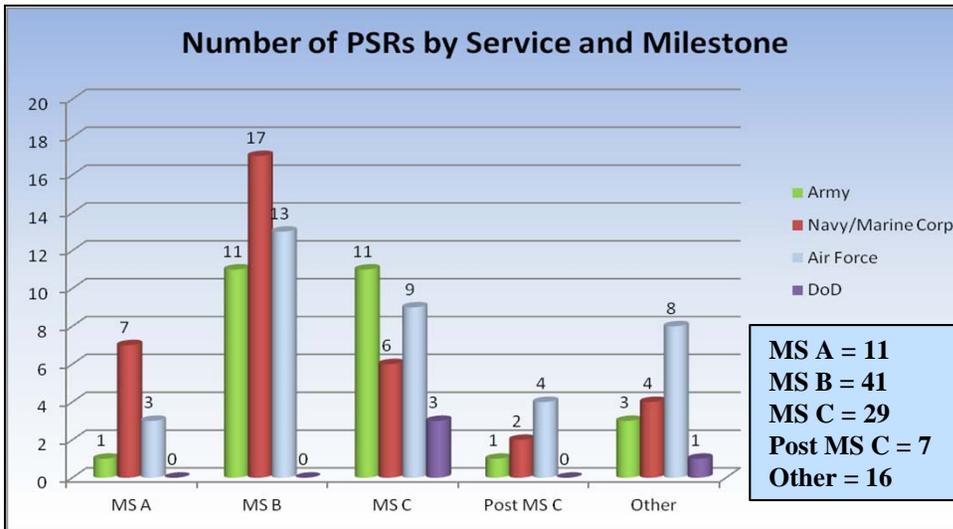
- **Discuss insights from DASD(SE) program engagements**
 - Systemic Root Cause Analysis from Program Support Reviews
 - Implementation of WSARA
 - Systems Engineering Plans
 - PDR/CDR Assessments
 - Metrics and Benchmarking
 - Schedule, Software and Integration Enablers



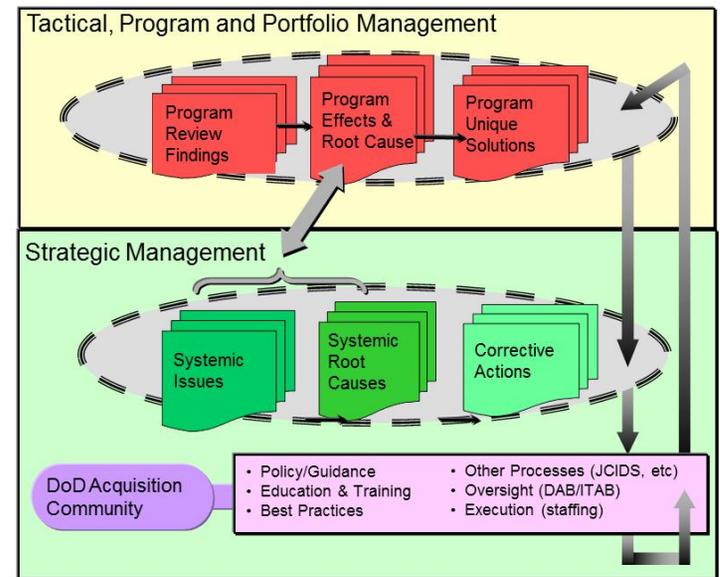
Program Engagements



104 Program Support Reviews have been planned, initiated or completed since 2003



Systemic Root Cause Analysis Data Model





Positive Observations - Enablers -



Systemic Positive Findings

2012 Positive Systemic Findings	% Pgm Rvws
PMO and contractor are staffed with experienced and knowledgeable personnel	21%
Evidence of strong communication and teamwork between PMO and contractor	20%
Program is using a low risk, acceptable, acquisition strategy	13%
Good SE practices are in place and followed	13%
Risk management process is effective in capturing, tracking, and managing system level risks	12%
Risk management process is well defined and well documented	12%
Contractor demonstrated willingness to have an open dialog and share information with the PSR team.	11%
Through the comprehensive and robust usage of earned value, the program continually addresses cost and schedule risk	11%
Requirements process is adequately documented and requirements are traceable to the top level	11%
T&E has been consistently well planned and executed	11%

Notable practices (not Systemic)

- Contractors identify problematic requirements and cost / schedule drivers early in TD phase
- Early Requirements Knowledge Point process collaboration between Materiel and Users
 - Use of Knowledge Point process to conduct trade studies & mature CDD/specification
 - Provides early SE feedback to mature the CDD and spec with low risk, achievable requirements
- TD phase RFP solicits Integration Plan, IMS through prototype delivery, CAD drawings, mature technologies, and SIL
- Defined contractor shakedown periods with success criteria prior to Gov't test
- Use of capabilities IPT to develop roadmaps
- Early negotiation of prices for production assets and spares
- Systems Engineering Plan is included with RFP; SEMP is delivered with proposals



Indicators of Good Programs - Enablers -



• Mission Capabilities/Requirements

- Ensure user requirements are reasonable, measurable and testable
- Ensure approved CONOPS informs requirements generation process
- Maintain stable requirements
- Conduct cost/performance trades with stakeholders
- Push high risk requirements to the next increment**
- Conduct SRR in Technology Development phase
- Understand COTS/GOTS limitations**
- Be aware of critical dependence on external programs
- Establish space/weight/power/cooling margins

• Resources

- Ensure funding is phased and adequate to support SE activities
- Adequately staff the program with qualified personnel**
- Ensure early selection of M&S and plan to VV&A planning
- Management reserve** consistent with program risks and overall acquisition strategy

• Management

- Balance requirements, resources and acquisition strategy
- Plan to demonstrate key functionality in Engineering & Manufacturing Dev. phase
- Maintain **event driven schedules**; establish entry/exit criteria
- Use earned value management as a vehicle for planning, executing, and controlling the program
- Employ a **robust risk management process** and resource mitigation activities that is integrated with other management efforts (e.g. EVM, IMS)
- Ensure **communication among user, acquirer and supplier**

• Management (continued)

- Define IPT roles, responsibilities, authority and conflict resolution process
- Manage external interfaces; issue resolution process**
- Avoid urgency of need outweighing good engineering and program management**
- Ensure consistency in program documentation
- Be aware of new policies, Congressional language, and certifications

• Technical Process

- Ensure translation of operational requirements into contractual language
- Ensure adequate requirements flow-down/ traceability/ decomposition
- Use **mature technologies and open architecture**
- Assess COTS/GOTS form factor changes and integration challenges
- Use established SE processes
 - Full suite of SE technical reviews
 - Independent chairman and SMEs
 - **Adequate time between technical reviews/EMD events**
 - Maintain technical baselines
 - Process compliance
- Plan to design-in reliability and maintainability**
- Assess supportability in the EMD phase
- Use realistic software size, productivity, and reuse estimates
- Comprehensive contractual verification (section 4 of spec) of meeting requirements (section 3 of spec)
- Put emphasis on test and verification approach
- Test schedule reflects time for corrective actions**
- Provide early focus on production planning



2012 Negative Systemic Findings* - Impediments -



Category	2012 Systemic Finding	% All	Category	2012 Systemic Finding	% All
CONOPS	Current employment CONOPs are incomplete	13%	Contracting	Prime and PMO have not reached consensus on the scope of work	11%
Capabilities	Requirements are not measurable nor testable	13%		Contractor has not demonstrated significant control of subs/suppliers	12%
Budget	Current program budget is not sufficient.	29%	Design	Architecture appears overly complex or does not exist	11%
	Program suffers from a lack of funding stability	14%	Considerations	Program lacks a formal or current Corrosion Prevention & Control (CPC) Program	13%
Staffing	Marginal program office and contractor staffing levels	38%		PESHE document is incomplete and does not accurately describe the ESOH risk management effort	
	Program offices have a lack of acquisition or specialized expertise	21%	Requirements Development	Requirements creep or requirements are vague, poorly stated, or even not defined	24%
	Program office has suffered from instability in key positions	11%		Program failed to establish a process for flowing down requirements	11%
	Difficult to retain and bring in high quality personnel	10%	Software	A Software Development Plans do not exist, lacking needed information, or are outdated	13%
Acquisition Strategy	Acquisition Strategy supports a decision to proceed before key testing is completed	23%		There is significant variation in software development estimates	16%
	Acquisition strategy needs to be restructured or updated			Software requirements are ambiguous, not fully specified, not fully developed and not managed adequately	13%
	Proposed LRIP quantities exceed ten percent			Lack of metrics prevent accurate awareness of software activities	12%
Knowledge Based Decisions	Key documents are incomplete	16%	Design Verification	Testing is incomplete or inadequate	23%
	Decision criteria are not established	15%		Test schedule is aggressive/success-oriented/ and highly concurrent	21%
Schedule	Program is unlikely to achieve schedule	32%		Scope of testing is not defined	16%
	Program has an aggressive schedule	19%	Reliability	A reliability growth program is not in place	16%
	POs have inadequate system engineering processes	18%		Reliability is not progressing as planned or has failed to achieve requirements	20%
	Program is schedule driven, not event driven	14%		A reliability test program is needed	12%
	No program level Integrated Master Plan (IMP)	19%	Maintainability	System has not demonstrated maintainability requirements	
	Program does not have a current IMS or even an IMS	15%	Production	Poor quality (production) processes	15%
Mgmt Structure & Commun	Progress is impeded by lack of good communications between Government and contractor	24%		Production planning is immature or incomplete	10%
	Incomplete or missing a Systems Engineering Plan (SEP)	13%			
	Roles, responsibilities and lines of authority are not clear	15%			
	Inadequate baseline management	10%			
	Prime contractors lack insight into subcontractor's status				
	IPTs are neither chartered nor implemented				
Mgmt Methods, Metrics,	Risk management tools and methodology are not sufficient	24%			
	Management metrics are not collected, or are not collected frequently enough, or used to monitor program health	13%			
	Programs do not have adequate risk mitigation plans	14%			
	EVMS does not provide required insight nor reflect work being done	10%			

* Based on 2004-2012 PSR Findings

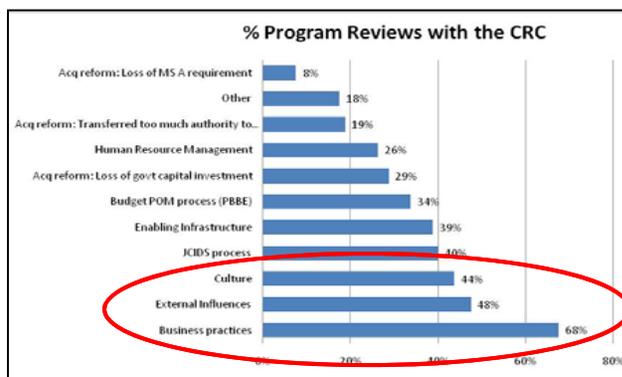
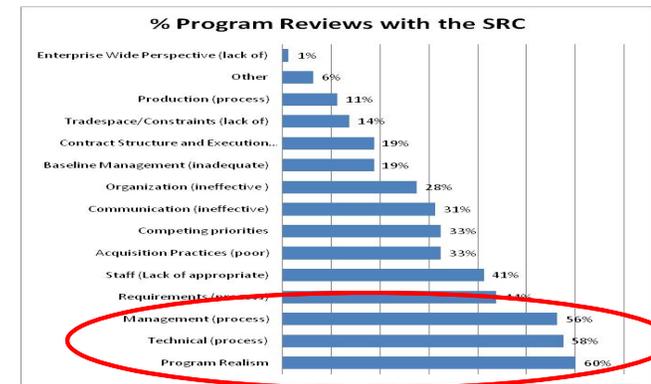


Systemic Root Cause Analysis - Impediments -



Systemic Root Cause – Within the Program Manager’s Control

Systemic Root Causes	Amplifying Description
Baseline Management	Baselines not stable or incomplete
Communication	Inadequate external information flow between government and contractor, or internal information flow at the IPT level
Competing priorities	Need vs. Schedule vs. Cost vs. Performance vs. Technical/Integration level of effort
Contract Structure and Execution	Deliverables/Data required not specified / Insufficient Contract Content and Structure
Management	Inadequate Planning / Oversight / EVM / Cost Accounting / Risk mgmt / Supplier mgmt / Accountability / Definition of Enterprise / Tools
Organization	Inappropriate/Not defined / Roles and responsibilities / Responsibility w/o Authority
Other	Other
Acquisition Practices	Poor Acquisition practices / Fundamentally flawed application of practices
Production	Flow / Capacity / Process Control / Process Capability / Quality
Program Realism	Unrealistic expectations / Risk acceptance and alignment / Inadequate Capital investment
Requirements	Ambiguity / Stability / JCIDS / No SEI
Staff	Qualifications / Skill Availability / Experience
Technical	Poor SE / Requirements decomposition / Inadequate Modeling & Simulation / Lifecycle Planning
Trade Space/Constraints	Excessive Requirements / Insufficient
Unknown	Unknown



Core Root Causes	Amplifying Description
Acq reform: Loss of Gov't capital investment	Inadequate resources (e.g., people, facilities, test assets)
Acq reform: Loss of MS A requirement	Programs entering late and with less maturity into acquisition system
Acq Reform: Transferred Authority	Gov't transferred too much authority to contractor / Gov't doesn't provide enough guidance to contractor
Budget POM process (PBBE)	Inadequate funding and/or phasing to support program
Culture	Govt. / Industry do not understand each other / have different motives
Enabling Infrastructure	Conditions/Constraints affecting programmatic and technical effort
External Influences	Program forced to make decisions about cost, schedule, and performance based on leadership/external influences
JCIDS process	Capabilities and/or Requirements not tangible, measurable, or reasonable
Human Resource Management	Pool of clearable skilled people; Gov't. / Industry lack qualified, cleared staff to support effort (e.g. software programmers); Rotations / continuity - loss of continuity and knowledge base
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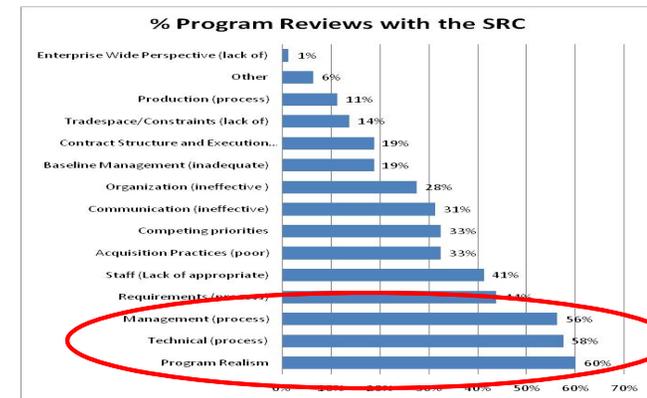


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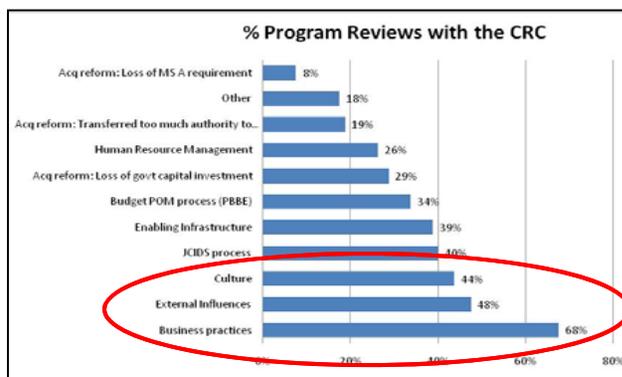


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Requirements	Ambiguity / Stability / JCIDS / No SE in Requirements process / CONOPS incomplete
Staff	Qualifications / Skill Availability / Experience level / Continuity / Workload / Slots / Training
Technical	Poor SE / Requirements decomposition / V&V / Inadequate system Integration / Inadequate Modeling & Simulation / Logistics/Sustainment/late to need in SDD/ Poor Life Cycle Planning
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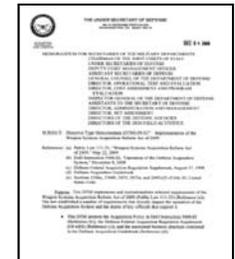
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Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act



- **Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act (WSARA)**
 - Public Law 111-23-Signed by President May 22, 2009
 - Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) 09-027, 4 Dec 2009, implements WSARA
- **Systems Engineering Changes Directed:**
 - ☑ DASD(SE) review and approval of SEPs for MDAPs
 - ☑ PDR Assessments prior to Milestone B
 - ☑ Early developmental planning engagement
 - ☑ Assessment of technological maturity and integration risk of critical technologies
 - ☑ Evaluate the cost, schedule, and performance of the program, relative to current metrics, performance requirements, and baseline parameters
 - ☑ Annual Report to Congress



FY11 Annual Congressional Report Overview	
Program Name	Summary of FY 2011 Systems Engineering Assessments
Organic	
Service	
Customer	
Executive Summary	Measures Performance Criteria
Abstract	
Mission Description	Conclusion
System Description	Summary of FY 2011 Systems Engineering Activities

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Systems Engineering Plans (2 of 2) - Enabler -



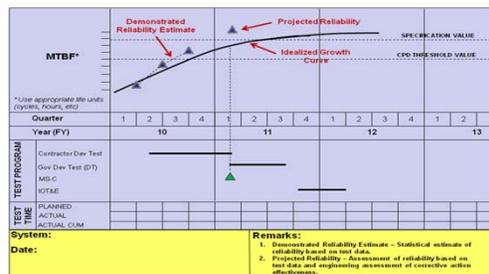
What we see:

- Quantitative Planning
 - Reliability Growth Planning
 - Schedule Risk Assessments are not well understood
- Data Driven
 - Data-driven is a key aspect of our approach to SEPs and programs
 - Often missing objective or quantifiable assessments
 - SE technical reviews entry / exit criteria
 - TPMs not planned with interim values, may not clearly tie to KPPs
- Deferred Content
 - Linked Content (PPP, CPCP, IUID)
 - IMS, IMP and WBS

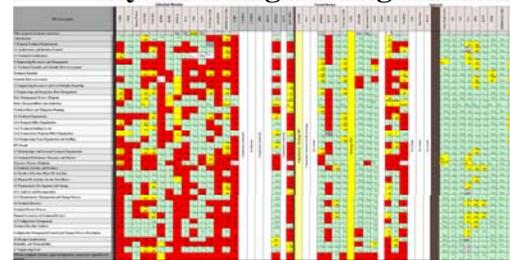
What we could do better:

- Ensure that the Chief Engineer/Lead SE has responsibility for developing the SEP
 - Delegating the SEP and other key documents to the contractor post-award is not good. Neither is leaving the contractor in control of all baselines
- Have an approved SEP prior to the RFP release
 - Communicates the technical intent on the program and demonstrates sound thinking/planning that supports a quality RFP
- Prepare a post Milestone SEP update (Service Approved) that reflects the contractor(s) technical planning
- Conduct SE WIPTs on all programs to better assess performance to plan to inform risk mitigation activities

Reliability Growth Curve



2012 Systems Engineering Plans





Preliminary/Critical Design Reviews (1 of 2)

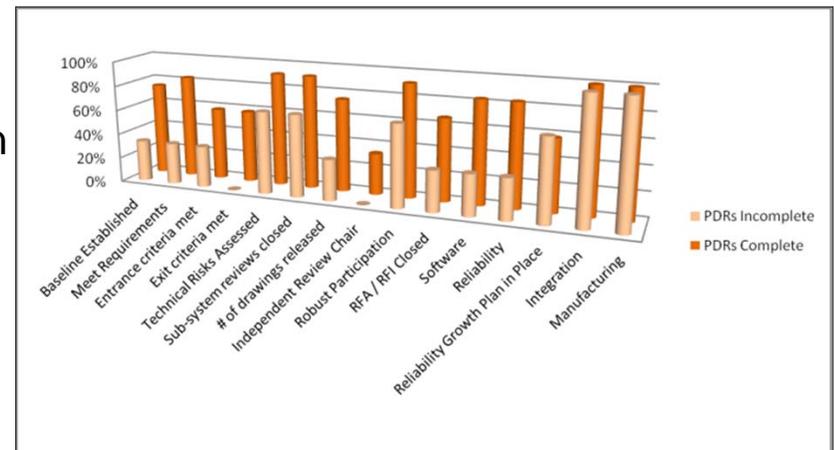


What Have We Seen:

- DASD(SE) has conducted 15 PDR assessments and 15 CDR assessments since 2009
- Most programs are conducting good reviews
 - Three PDRs / four CDRs found incomplete, requiring additional actions or Delta reviews
 - Incomplete reviews are rushing to completion
 - Only 14% met all entrance and exit criteria
 - Only 25% completed all key subsystem reviews, established baselines
- **Common Risks / Issues**
 - Reliability
 - 25% tracking reliability risks or were projected to miss thresholds
 - Only 54% of programs have a reliability growth plan in place
 - 75% have integration risks / 33% have interdependency risks
 - Schedule: 42% of CDRs identified risks in meeting IOT&E schedule
 - Software: 30% tracking risks to software development or plan
 - Certifications - 30% tracking risks to system certifications

WSARA: ... “has received a PDR report and conducted a formal post-PDR assessment, and certifies the program demonstrates a high likelihood of accomplishing its intended mission”

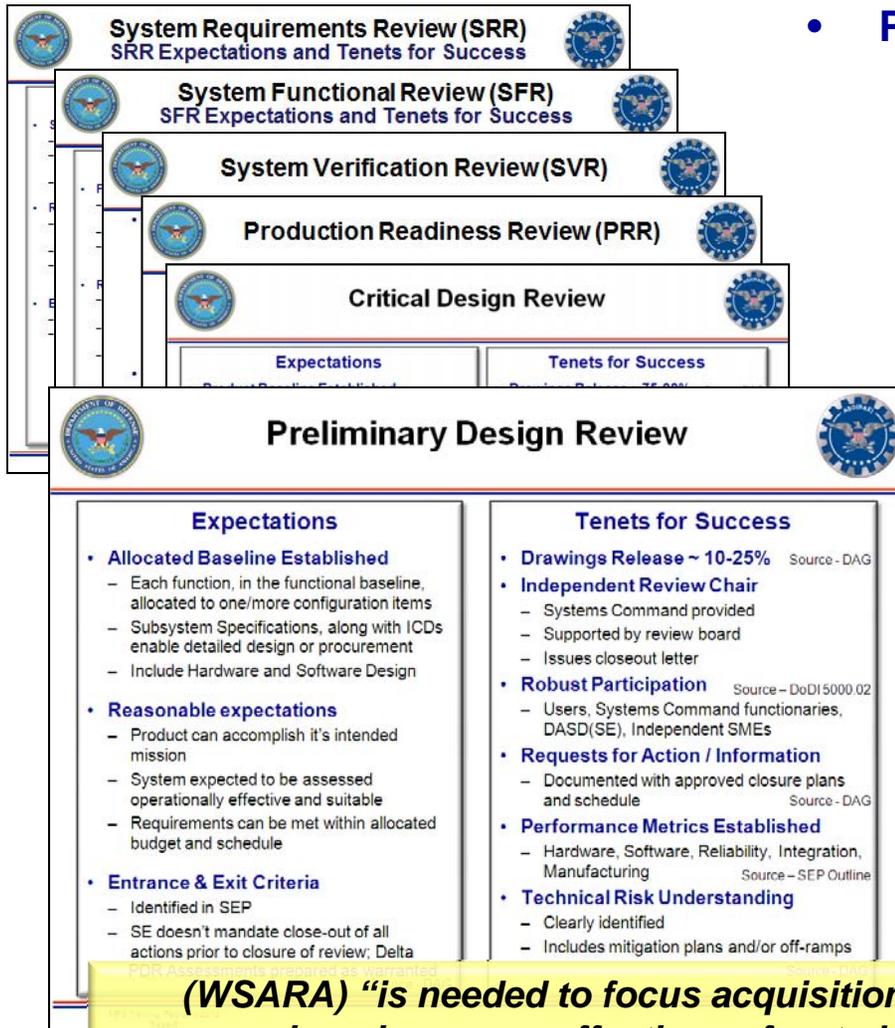
PDR Incomplete Areas



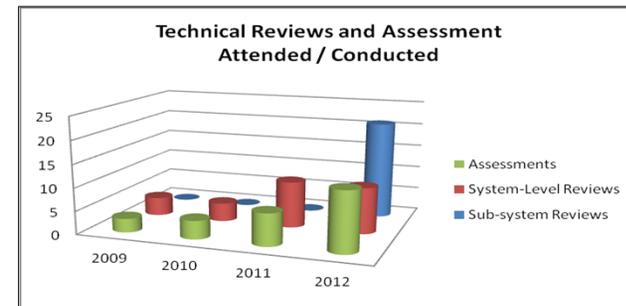
“The key to successful acquisition programs is getting things right from the start with sound systems engineering, cost-estimating, and developmental testing early in the program cycle.” -Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Chairman, SASC



Preliminary/Critical Design Reviews (2 of 2)



- **Plan to meet Technical Review expectations**
 - Conduct the full suite of SE technical reviews
 - Base the phasing of technical reviews on historical programs
 - Document Entry/Exit criteria in the SEP
 - Recommend Draft PDR report be an entrance criteria for the system level PDR
 - Place additional emphasis on: reliability, staffing, schedule, software, integration and external dependencies
 - Be event driven. Don't close the review with excessive liens

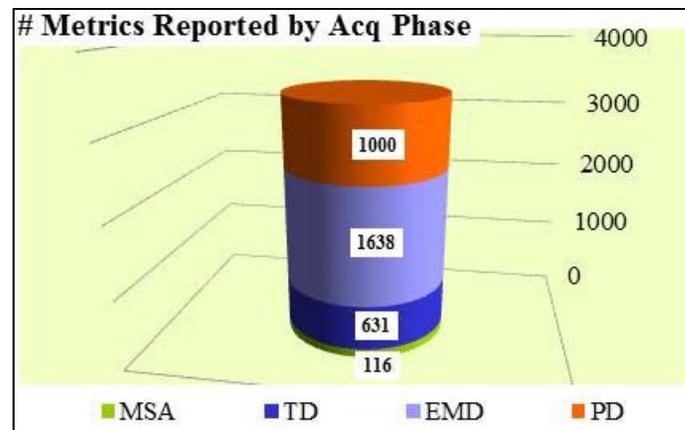
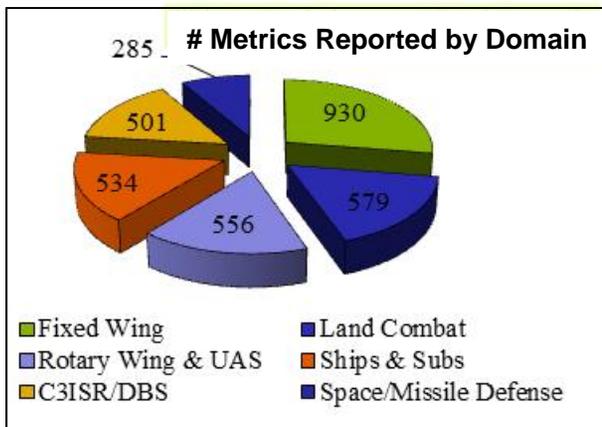


(WSARA) "is needed to focus acquisition and procurement on emphasizing systems engineering; more effective upfront planning and management of technology risk." - Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee

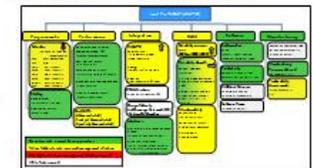


FY12 Metrics Highlights

- **PMs determine tailored set of metrics and Technical Performance Measures (TPMs) to be utilized – Document metrics in the SEP**
 - Per 2009 WSARA – Detailed measurable performance criteria shall be established
 - In accordance with April 2011 Systems Engineering Plan outline – Metrics and Technical Performance Measures (TPMs) will be developed
 - Metrics and TPMs are utilized to assess whether programs are “executing to plan”
- **Accomplishments**
 - Built and implemented the framework for the MPS metrics program. Designed a database to capture Systems Engineering (SE) metrics and technical performance measures (TPMs) data. This data will, over time, support trend analysis and reporting.
 - Tracking 3,385 SE metrics and TPMs for 73 MDAPs
 - Merging with DAMIR database



Metrics Dashboards



Aggregated and Assessed

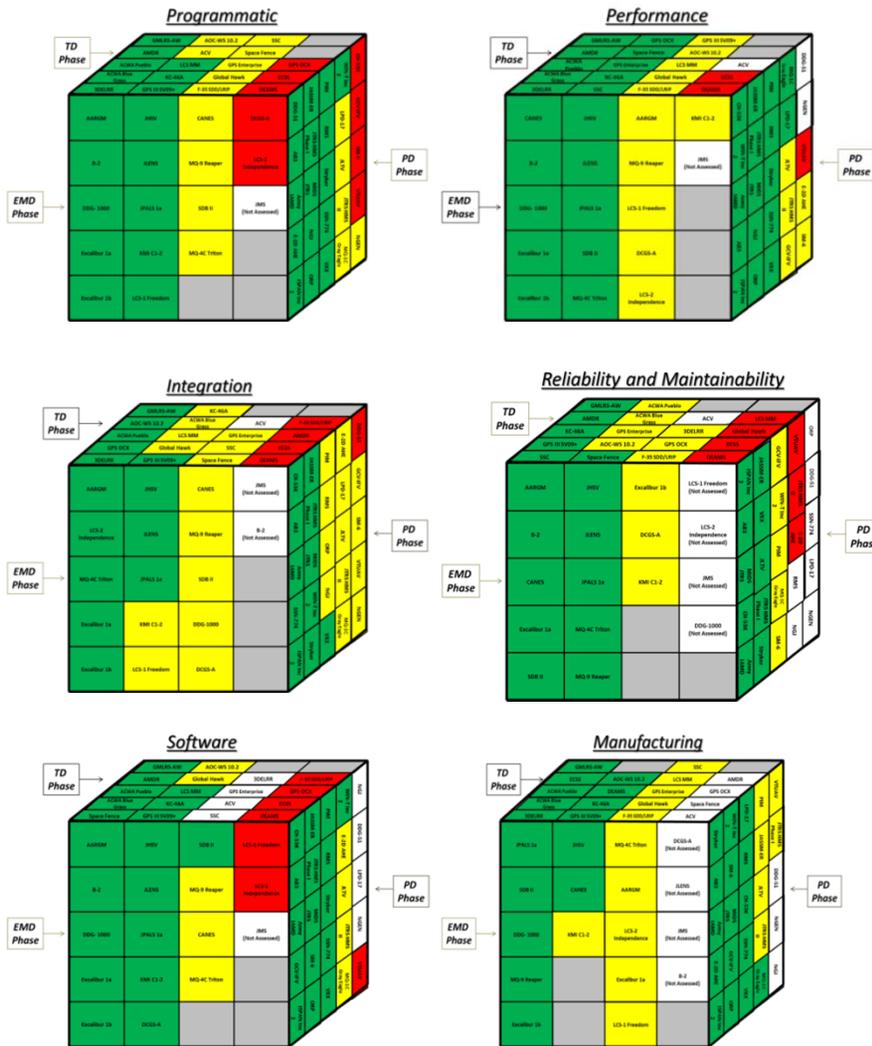
Program	Programs	Performance	Reliability	Cost	Quality	Compliance
Program 1	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 2	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 3	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 4	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 5	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 6	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 7	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 8	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 9	10	100	100	100	100	100
Program 10	10	100	100	100	100	100

Summarized in Annual Report





Metrics Initiative



What We Want to See:

- **Base requirements on similar systems**
 - Don't overpromise and under-deliver
 - Mature requirements based on trade studies and verification activities
 - Refine requirements via Knowledge Point reviews and Configuration Steering Boards
- **Don't constrain metrics in Acquisition Program Baseline to KPPs**
- **Assess execution to plan progress via SE WIPTs to assess risks**
 - Document reasons for deviations in SEP and Selected Acquisition Report
 - Document & share lessons learned to improve the state of the practice
 - Provide access to Integrated Data Environments

DoD SE Program Health in a Snapshot



Schedule Planning

What we have seen:

- Missing artifacts such as Work Breakdown Structures (WBS), Integrated Master Plans (IMP), Integrated Master Schedules (IMS) needed to adequately baseline a schedule and track Earned Value Management
- In programs with WBS, IMP and IMS, the artifacts aren't regularly updated and/or lack detail needed to conduct Schedule Risk Analysis
- Lack of most likely, optimistic, pessimistic analysis taking into account the probability of occurrence
- Impact of risks aren't quantified
- External pressures from senior leaders place unrealistic demands on the time it will take for the program to reach milestones
- Schedules not realistic or based on historical norms for similar systems, instead schedule is based on wishes

What we want to see:

- Programs develop and integrate their work products, schedule and risk activities using the WBS, IMP, IMS, Risk Register and RMP to track program progress
- Regularly update IMS to better manage risk and gain confidence in the schedule
 - Conduct better planning by checking the quality and traceability of each artifact
 - Identify the critical path and the impact of its delay
- Justify that time allocated between major activities is realistic and supported with historical evidence
- Avoid excessive schedule concurrency:
 - Ensure financial decisions will be supported by demonstrated performance
 - Competitive prototyping is representative of the end product and reduces technology/integration risks
 - Ensure competitive prototyping and TRA informs the PDR which informs the Requirements Document

Review of 45+ System Engineering Plans identified over 225 schedule, risk and EVM deficiencies

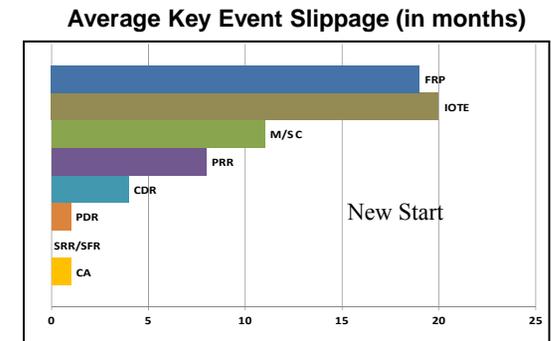
DASD(SE) performing schedule health checks on programs to pinpoint schedule strengths and weaknesses. – Goal is to conduct 30 Schedule Risk Assessments in FY13



Schedule

- FY12 Benchmarking Effort – (1 of 2)

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- **As programs approach production, planning slips are longer**
- **Proper phasing of funding with a low risk schedule is critical**
- **Some Caveats:**
 - RDT&E expenditures assumed to be expended uniformly over time
Expenditures are allocated to key SE events
 - The data in the schedule database is less well populated prior to PDR



Approximate Cumulative % RDT&E Expenditures to Key SE Events

Domain	PDR	CDR	MS C	FRP
Land Combat	18%	38%	67%	100%
Fixed Wing Aircraft	13%	26%	81%	100%
C4ISR	19%	35%	92%	100%
Missiles	40%	59%	81%	100%
Rotary Wing	25%	34%	70%	100%
Space & Missile Def	24%	40%	69%	100%
Unmanned Aircraft	28%	40%	87%	100%
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- CA – Contract Award
- SRR – System Requirements Review
- SFR – System Functional Review
- PDR – Preliminary Design Review
- CDR – Critical Design Review
- PRR – Production Readiness Review
- MSC – Milestone C
- IOT&E – Initial Operational Test and Evaluation
- FRP – Full Rate Production

Average Key Event Slippage (in months)

MDAPs	PDR	CDR	PRR	M/SC	IOTE	FRP
New Start	1	4	8	11	20	19
Mod	1	6	4	7	11	16

Average Key Event Slippage For Services (in months)

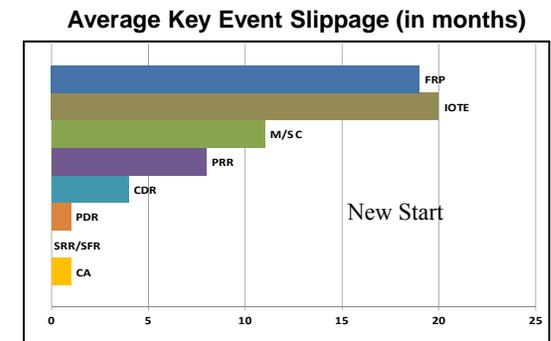
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Air Force	1	7		21	29	34
DoD	1	4	6	7	19	18



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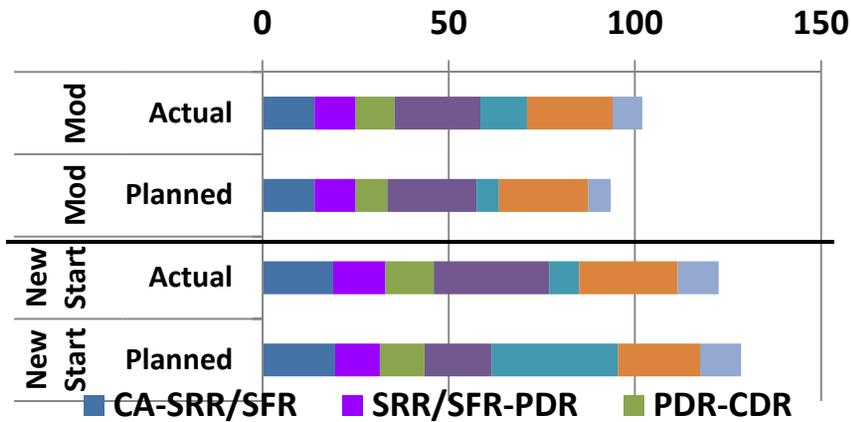


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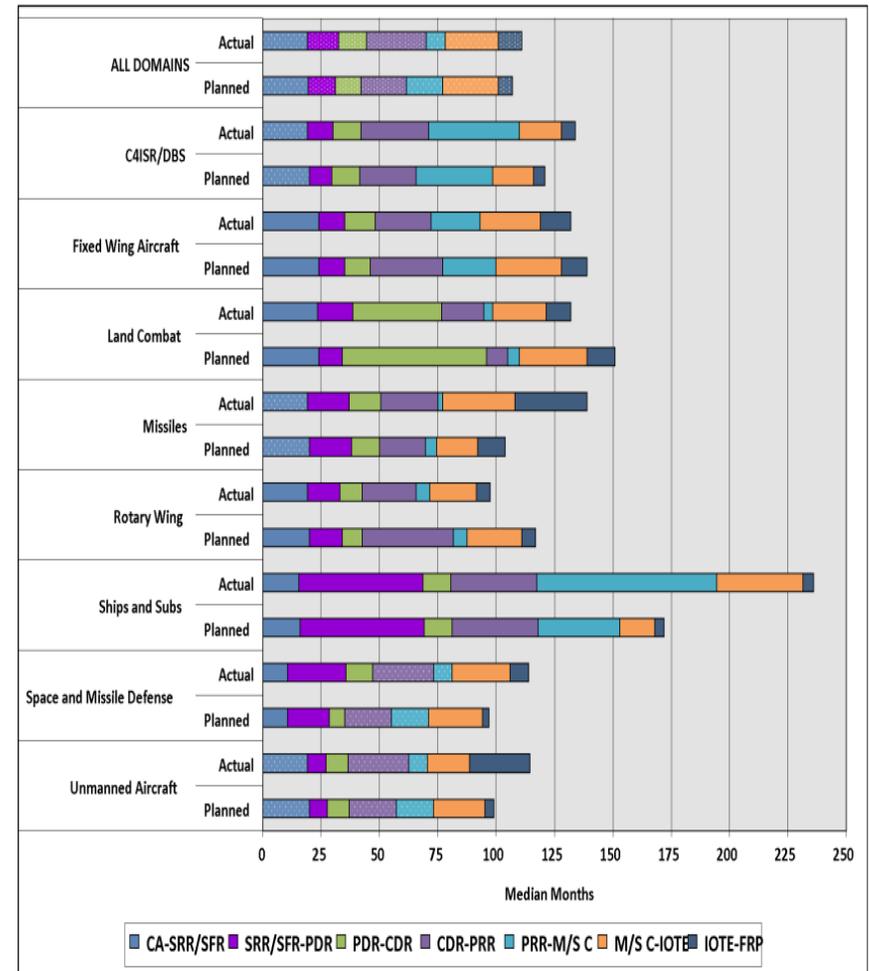
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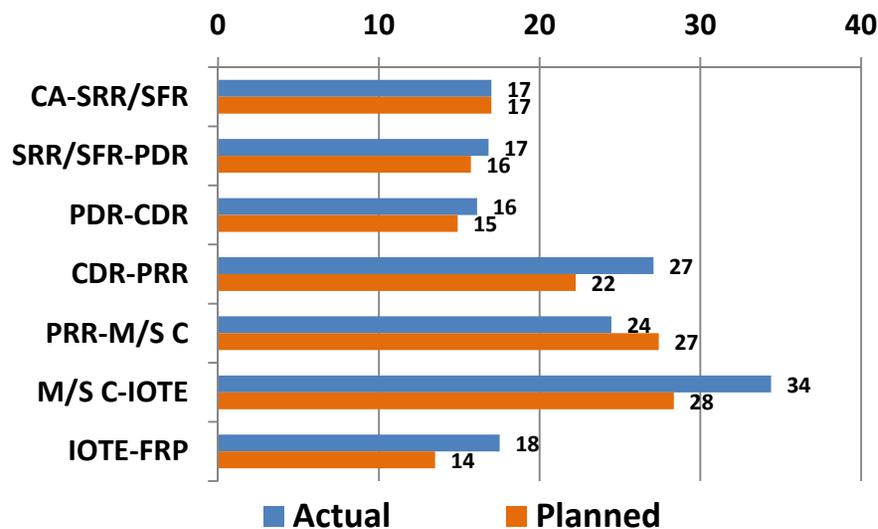
Comparison of Planned vs. Actual Technical reviews



Planned vs. Actual Technical Reviews by Domain



Average Months Between Technical Reviews





Software Engineering Impediments - Among 20 MDAP/MAIS Reviews in FY12 -



Impediments among 20 MDAP/MAIS reviewed in FY12

- Lack of sufficient predictive software metrics and quantitative management
 - e.g., size, schedule, LOE, staffing, and defects; emphasis on SW delivery targets (schedule-driven) vices estimates
- Low software schedule realism
 - 70% of DASD(SE) parametric analyses conducted found optimistic schedules
- Software staffing issues
 - Insufficient government oversight, understaffing (at PM, prime, and/or subs), or aggressive staffing leading to late-cycle effort/cost growth
- Low software process maturity (below CMM-I level 3 behavior) and robust software quality assurance program
 - e.g. low/no acceptance process or criteria; supplier quality issues
- Fielding immature software
 - Fielded defects and workarounds result in increased sustainment and decreased usability
- Insufficient software requirements engineering and management
 - Lack of connection to system requirements, lack of bidirectional traceability
- Software integration issues
 - Lack of focus on end-to-end performance, and insufficient/incomplete integration testing

Enablers of SW & SE Success

- Ensure bidirectional **traceability** between CONOPS/mission-threads & SW requirements, architecture, design and V&V
- Build & manage a robust **software IMS**
- Build & track detailed **SW build plan/schedule**
- Connect SW to program **schedule risk analysis**
- Enable insight into development **progress and SW maturity**
 - Establish, contractually require, and closely monitor quantitative measures of progress, quality
- **Reassess PMO staffing plans** to ensure adequate, qualified personnel

DASD(SE) SW & SE Initiatives

- Continuous **program engagement**
- Development planning and **early acquisition** lifecycle support
- Promote/track use of **software metrics**
 - Ensure use of metrics planned in Acquisition Documents (e.g., SEP, SDP, RFP, SEMP)
 - Use parametric analysis to quantitatively assess execution and maturity at touch-points
 - Maintaining a SW metrics database to enable trend analysis & benchmarking across AT&L/warfare domains

Continue finding systemic software development risks and issues in DoD's SW intensive programs



Integration Process Challenge

- Putting the pieces together -

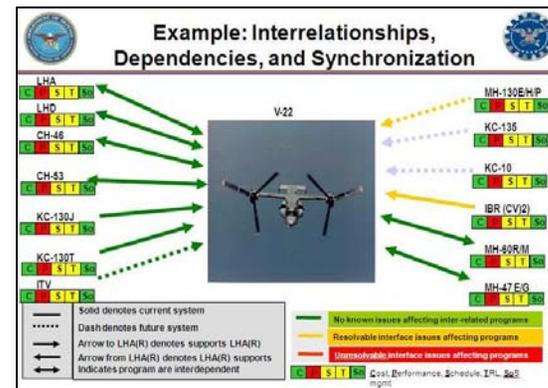
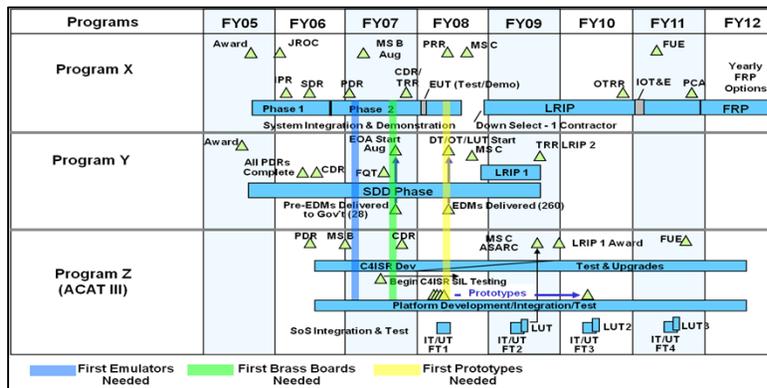


What we are seeing - common integration threads:

- Inadequate resources for integration / planning for integration
- Underestimated difficulty of software integration
- Lack of compliance with Memorandums of Agreement
- Lack of growth margins to accommodate the integration of additional capabilities
- Asynchronous schedules / Differing priorities from external programs leads to delays in establishing capabilities
 - No issues resolution process
 - Difference perspectives about health of linkages
 - Insufficient time for integration and test

What we want to see

- Development of an Integration Plan and execute in a transparent manner
- Involve Government stakeholders, especially the PM and the Chief Engineer – use MOAs
- Exploit contractor and government corporate memory (SMEs) to identify and avoid risks
- Establish Growth Requirements (SWaP-C)
- Plan for schedule, performance margin to accommodate integration issues
- Improved management of external dependencies
 - Quantitative reporting of program health metrics





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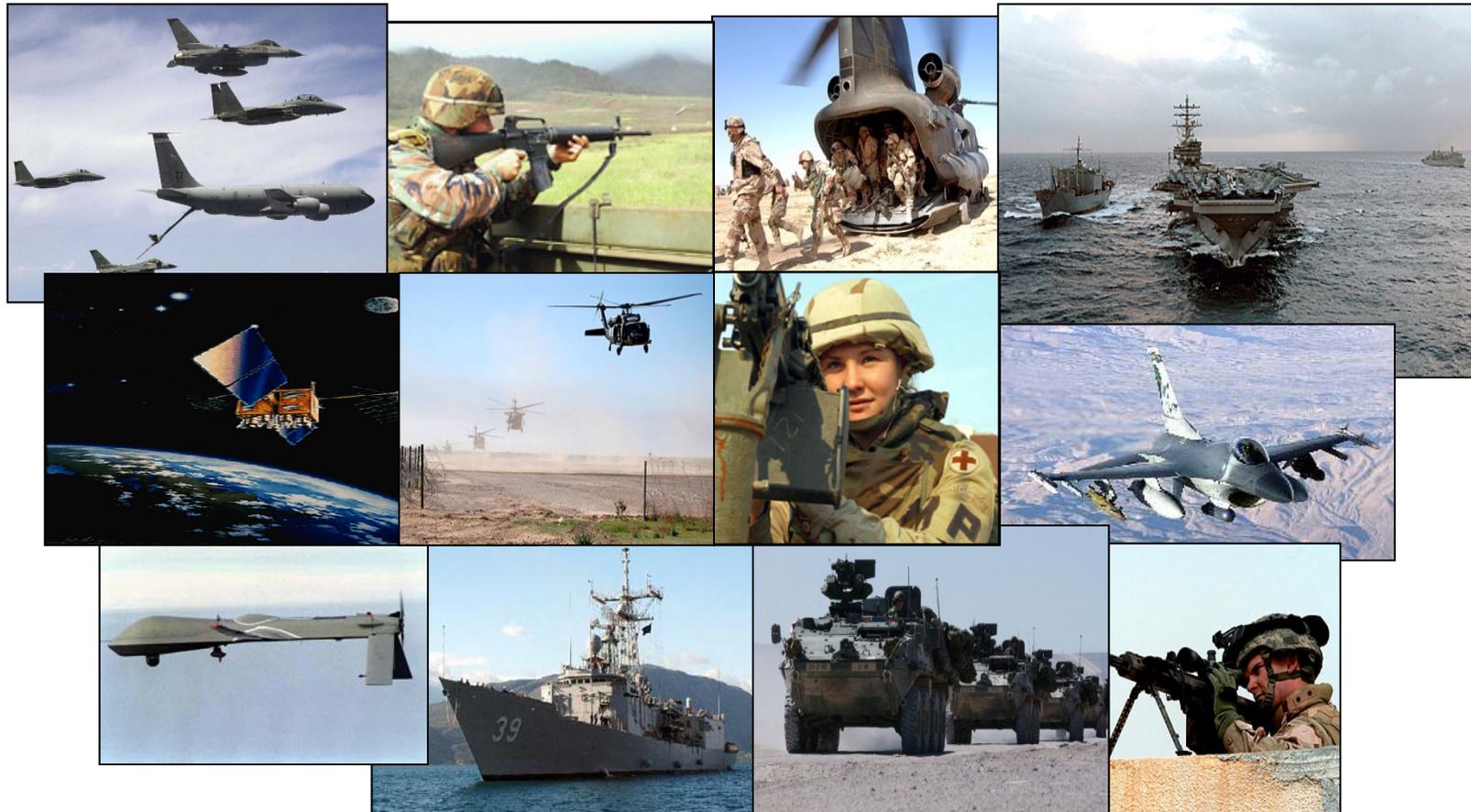
Links:

For SEP Outline, How to build a SEP brief, PDR Report Template, SE WIPT Charter, and Defense Acquisition Program Support (DAPS) Methodology

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