Intellectual Property (IP) and Data Rights Community of Practice

As the acquisition community is provided authority to pursue pathways that allow more rapid and responsive software delivered capabilities to the end user, one area of emphasis is that care must be taken to preserve government interests in IP and data rights. The Interim Software Acquisition Pathway policy states that the “PM shall develop and maintain an Intellectual Property (IP) strategy in accordance with DoDI 5010.44 that is tailored to the unique circumstances of the program to achieve its supportability and cyber security requirements.” This newly created Intellectual Property and Data Rights Community of Practice (CoP) hosted at DAU has a wealth of resources to keep your program informed on this challenging topic. For more information, visit: https://www.dau.edu/cop/ipdr/Pages/Default.aspx

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DAU Webinar: AAF & the Software Acquisition Pathway

The Department of Defense is currently undergoing the most significant transformation in how to acquire capabilities for the war fighter in several decades. The Defense Acquisition Systems (DAS) has moved to an Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) within which the developer can decide, in collaboration with the user, which pathway(s) best enables the acquisition strategy to be pursued. The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) has captured a series of presentations with the principal authors of these pathways to provide additional insight into the why and how of these recent changes. For the Software Acquisition Pathway this webinar can be found at:

https://media.dau.edu/media/DAU+Webcasts+Adaptive+Acquisition+Framework+-+Software+Acquisition+Pathway+Briefing+3.17.20/1_xob19daz

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Q: The Interim Policy & Procedures for the Software Acquisition Pathway describe engaging the end-user much more than traditional waterfall development. Is there a resource to help describe the key contents of a User Agreement?

To find a draft template, please visit the Software Pathway Community of Interest site using the link https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-776272

Cultural Changes to Successfully Adopt DevSecOps

Transforming software acquisition is more than a technical challenge. Consideration for all the factors that affect success include having the right mindset and approach. To review a presentation shared at the April DoD Enterprise DevSecOps CoP: https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-790018

DoDi 5000.73 Cost Analysis Guidance and Procedures

The Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation community has updated their issuance to keep pace with the Agile Acquisition Framework, the multiple pathways, and the compressed timelines sought to field capability. The DoDi 5000.73, Cost Analysis Guidance and Procedures, dated March 13, 2020, establishes the policies for cost data collection in the DoD. The CSDR requirements and reporting thresholds are listed in Section 4: Data Collection, Table 1. Cost Data Reporting Requirements. DoDi 5000.73 also replaces Enclosure 10, Cost Estimating & Reporting, and other cost estimating requirements from the prior version of DoDi 5000.02, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System. https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/500073p.PDF?ver=2020-03-13-143931-413

Meet Victoria Cuff, Software Appropriations Pilot Lead

Ms. Cuff supports OSD(A&S) as the Senior Advisor for Agile Acquisitions. She started her civil service career in the Air Force as a cost estimator in which she worked on estimating the life cycle costs for aircraft, tactical data links, satellites, sensors before shifting her focus to software cost estimating. She became the lead of the Agile Acquisitions team for Kessel Run, an AF initiative to support the integration of DevSecOps software development with commercial technology. She started her own company and consulted for the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC) before moving to her current position in OSD(A&S). She is currently leading the Budget Authority Eight (BA-8) Single Software Appropriations pilot. For additional details on this effort, see the related BA-8 story in CoP News Feb 2020

Announcements & Events

MAY – Software Acquisition Pathway Policy enters the formal coordination process leading to issuance of a DoD Instruction

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- ACWS (Army)
- Aegis (Navy)
- F-22 (USAF)
- DEAMS (USAF)
- IMLCI (USAF)
- ISDS (Navy)
- IAMD (Army)
- DRAS2 (DLA)

874 Pilots
- MTC2 (Navy)
- DCOMP (Army)
- CA (Army)
- KR (USAF)
- CMP (USAF)
- MCRISS2 (USMC)
- NBIS (DISA)

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