

PIB & Metrics IPT & CCE Lifecycle Management Tools

Q. Are there checks and balances for metrics to see if the processes are valid?

A. Yes; part of the methodology behind each metric is to ensure processes executed align with the intent of the data reported.

Q. Is it a tool to enforce execution of the processes?

A. Yes, eventually. Standardization of processes driven by the PIB will be used to derive indicators. We haven't reached the maturity level with all of our processes. We will look at metrics in a positive light to ensure we are focused on accountability.

Q. DAU Process models are complex and detailed, have you made any effort to extract those to a higher guidance level?

A. Yes; we are in the early stages of reviewing the models and comparing them with new guidance. This is one of the key focus areas for the PIB.

Q. Is SRS an effective document?

A. No, not as currently executed across the portfolio. The SRS lacks standardization and consistent content across the Directorate.

Q. Do you know what TB, IB, and OB are?

A. Target Baseline, Implementation Baseline, and Operation Baseline

Q. Do you have short-term objectives for the new processes?

A. Yes, Division leadership and Directive leadership will streamline and prioritize short-term goals. This is a key process tenant of the PIB.

Integration & Developmental Planning Discussion

Q. What are some things you see are the root problems with executions?

A. Primarily, we are lack consistency in process execution; we are using different terminology across the board. We have a defined process but we have not instituted necessary process improvements to address the root problems. The PIB will be focusing on root cause analysis, process improvement and the change management necessary to improve program execution.

Q. Why is FIAR Road Maps such a big deal?

A. Is a significant deal for all departments of DoD, we have some hard deadlines where service budgets are tied to compliance. It tracks inventory and budgets.

Q. Does the government view application of rationalization as technical thing?

A. No. Application rationalization not only addresses the technical aspects of a program, but also customer needs, return on investment, etc.

Q. How do we start converging on standards that get us moving and taking steps synchronized for the 2B environment? Who is determining the target?

A. The Target baseline (standards-based) is being developed and managed by SAF/A6. The Implementation Baseline is managed by C3I&N.

Q. Are we going to setup a database to capture the information from the data call? Will we use an Excel Spreadsheet?

A. Yes; the Integration Branch has established an internal database to track data collected. Excel will not be used.

Q. Who is on the board of GEB?

A. The ITGEB is a 3-star level board chaired by SAF/A6, CIO (LtGen Basla). Refer to AFPD 33-4 for a complete list of the ITGEB members.

Q. How long does it take to produce the C&A process and routing up for approval?

A. 6 months to a year

Q. The MRO initiative, is that Oracle off the shelf product?

A. Undetermined at this time. Preferred solution analysis will be conducted to isolate specific solution(s).

Q. Why did SDDP come to be while we had BCL?

A. SDDP was designed to structure requirements identification and definition activities for functional/user communities. SDDP facilitates production of artifacts that detail requirements. SDDP does not replace BCL as BCL is required by statute for lifecycle management of defense business systems.

Q. Is BEA using DoDAF for its content standards?

A. Yes

Q. Do you have function called intake, a filter function of the process?

A. Yes, but it's not where we want it to be.

Q. How are you relating what you are doing in MRO to what you're going to do in Scape or PLM?

A. We are communicating with the functional, helping them assess their business reference models and we are looking at the models as the data come through.

Q. Have the government explored using CMDB? Government needs a discovery tool that will clean databases and configure and it will run 24hours 7 days a week.

A. Yes, we are working with C3I&N

Q. In assuming, are there two points the Government is establishing are technical baseline and collect all the cost?

A. Yes, our focus is technical

Q. We have talked about the functionals' user requirements; will those incorporate the security requirements?

A. Yes

Small Business Forum and Teaming

Q. What can the government do to level the playing field for small business and primes?

A. The best thing to do is let the market work itself out. The more information provided by government the better the proposals.

Q. What are the Pros of a Joint Venture for Small Business?

A. A joint venture is an organization in which two or more individuals or companies join together in a limited, temporary partnership. Joint ventures allow different parties to bring different skills to the table. Many companies enter into joint partnerships to gain access to new technology, capital and skills, as well as critical business knowledge. Joint ventures are often structured so that all members of the venture have a hand in making decisions this could potentially cause disagreements because each company has its own culture, philosophy and management style.

Q. How can Small Business better prepared?

A. Observe, listen and know your customer's requirement. Participate in target outreach activities, vendor exchange days, industry days, match makers/speed dating, local conferences/trade shows. Show the customer how they benefit from doing business with you, show the customer how you can solve their problems and challenges and meet with the small business director or specialist to understand the requirement and know who you are competing against before you meet with the customer.

Q. What is good resource other than Netcents?

A. Except for IT Professional Support and Engineering Services contracts, the NETCENTS-2 contracts will be the mandatory source for all USAF units purchasing netcentric and IT products and solutions that fall under the scope. The mandatory use policy will not apply to existing 8(a) requirements that have been accepted by SBA and in the 8(a) program, embedded software/systems (e.g., Cryptography Modernization, Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS), Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), Nuclear Command and Control (NC2) systems, or hardware purchased under the following IT Commodity Council and other enterprise initiatives: Quantum Enterprise Buy, Digital Printing and Imagery, and Enterprise Software Initiative. Air Force automatic IT equipment and services buys are exempt from this policy and the AF IT assets under the cognizance of the Special Access Program Coordination Office (SAPCO) are exempt from this policy.

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Q. How would you view a company that was on the excluded list in “SAM”?

A. System for Award Management (SAM) is the official US Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FEDREG, ORCA, and EPLS. A company that is debarred or suspended is excluded from federal financial and nonfinancial assistance and benefits under federal programs and activities. Debarment or suspension of a participant in a program by one agency has government wide, reciprocal effect. Agencies shall solicit offers from, award contract to, and consent to subcontracts with responsible contractors only.

Q. Have the size standard of companies modifications been revisited?

A. Yes. SBA released 37 updated revenue-based size definitions of small businesses in 34 professional, scientific and technical services sectors. The new size standards took effect in March 2012.

Q. If you are a small business and you submit your proposal and, at the time of the award, you graduate to a large, will you be awarded as a large?

A. No. You will be considered small for the remainder of the contract. Small business contractors should only be required to re-represent their small business size status after executing a novation agreement, after a merger or acquisition, or, for contracts of more than five years in duration, with 60 to 120 days prior to the end of the fifth year of the contract; and with 60 to 120 days prior to the date specified in the contract for exercising any option after that fifth year. Contracting

officer should not require small business contractors to re-represent annually.

Q. Are the NetOps Small Business Companion awards still on track to be awarded in November?

A. Yes. Please refer all questions related to NETCENTS-2 to the appropriate Contracting Officer for current updates.

Q. Can a contractor request a debriefing after they award 8(a) award?

A. Yes. Debriefing of successful and unsuccessful offerors may be done orally, in writing, or by any other method acceptable to the Contracting Officer (CO). There is no specific requirement to hold face-to-face debriefings; sending the written debriefing materials via mail/facsimile is a proper method.

Q. Is the LRAE database for all acquisitions?

A. Yes. The Air Force (AF) Long Range Acquisition Estimate (LRAE) satisfies the Small Business Act requirement to prepare a forecast of expected contract opportunities and also serves as a useful planning tool for both large and small businesses interested in doing business with the AF. The LRAE tool will display at least 1 year prior to Request for Proposal (RFP) release for actions over \$24M and 6 months prior to RFP release for actions between \$1M and \$24M.

