CMMI® Acquisition Module

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What is “Acquisition”

Question: What are the key activities that you perform when you acquire systems?
Virtually all (Air Force) software-intensive systems suffer from difficulties achieving cost, schedule, and performance objectives.

[GAO 92]

“I'd rather have it wrong than have it late.”
- A senior manager (industry)

“The bottom line is schedule. My promotions and raises are based on meeting schedule first and foremost.”
- A program manager (government)

Lack of robust systems engineering practices identified as critical factor in SBIRS-High problems
Is There an Acquisition Crisis?

Investigation of one *acquisition program* showed:

- System complexity and the program’s lack of experience in procuring major systems caused serious cost growth.
- Program lacks systems engineering and program management expertise.
- Absence of requirements stabilization process.
- Program management does not enforce timely milestones, timelines, and deliverables.
- Program’s lack of process control made assessment of technical risk impossible.
- Program’s lack of short- and long-term budget tracking makes cost assessment nearly impossible.
- Program does not manage risk.
Acquirer/Supplier Mismatch

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- mature acquirer
- mentors
- low maturity supplier
- outcome not predictable

- no discipline
- no process
- no product

- immature acquirer
- mature supplier
- Customer encourages short cuts.
What Can Be Done?

Based on the premise that

*The quality of the product is governed largely by the process used to create the product*

We could improve the process and practices of the Supplier

But the developers have a head start (CMMI-based improvement programs are widespread)

We could improve the processes and practices of the Acquirer by:

- increasing the visibility of the acquirers contribution to program success
- defining, implementing, measuring and evolving effective acquisition processes and practices
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How Do You Want to Work?

• Random motion – lots of energy, not much progress
• No teamwork - each person goes his own way
• Frequent conflict
• You never know where you’ll end up

• Directed motion – every step brings you closer to the goal
• Coordinated efforts
• Cooperation
• Predictable results

Process can make the difference
Why is Process Important

Because process failure can be catastrophic

Process failure can result from:

- Improper implementation
- Lack of discipline
- Noncompliance
- Poor execution

Petrobras oil platform

- Significant construction cost savings from bypassing rigid QA processes
- Sunk before commissioning
Characteristics of Effective Processes

- Simple
- Measurable
- Trackable
- Documented
- Supported
- Enforced
- Practiced
- Flexible

STABLE

Well-defined gates
CMMI in a Nutshell

CMMI provides guidance for improving an organization’s processes and ability to manage the development, acquisition, and maintenance of *products* or *product components*.

CMMI places proven approaches into a structure that
- helps your organization examine the effectiveness of your processes
- establishes priorities for improvement
- helps you implement these improvements

*Improving processes for better products*
Complexity in Modern Systems

Many commercial products are the result of a complex mix of subcomponents engineered into a system.

Most DoD weapon and information systems are at least this complex.
Weapon System Complexity

[Diagram of a vehicle with various systems labeled, such as Nuclear, Biological and Chemical/Environmental Control System, Active Protection System(s), Signature Management, Defensive Armament, Auxiliary Systems-Fuel/Water, Core Votronics/Crew Stations, Structures Upper/Lower Hull, Common Systems, etc.]

FCS Manned Ground Vehicle concept

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System of Systems Complexity
Functionality Provided by Software in DoD Systems is Increasing

Ref: Defense Systems Management College
Focus of CMMI

CMMI is applied here

SW-CMM is applied here

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CMMI - Continuous SE/SW/IPPD/SS

Process Management
- Organizational Process Focus
- Organizational Process Definition
- Organizational Training
- Organizational Process Performance
- Organizational Innovation and Deployment

Project Management
- Project Planning
- Project Monitoring and Control
- Supplier Agreement Mgmt.
- Integrated Project Mgmt.
- Risk Management
- Integrated Teaming
- Integrated Supplier Mgmt.
- Quantitative Project Mgmt.

Engineering
- Requirements Management
- Requirements Development
- Technical Solution
- Product Integration
- Verification
- Validation

Support
- Configuration Mgmt.
- Process and Product Quality Assurance
- Measurement & Analysis
- Decision Analysis and Resolution
- Organizational Environment for Integration
- Causal Analysis and Resolution
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Where Does Process Fit in Acquisition?

@ Project Management Office (PMO)
- Management of internal PMO activities
- Management of processes applied to project
- Oversight of contractors’ processes
- Integration of contractors’ and PMO processes

@ Contractor
- Management of internal contractor activities
- Oversight of subcontractor processes

Integration of PMO, contractor, and subcontractor processes
Process and the Roles of the PM

Manage process within the PMO

Manage process applied to the project

Exercise oversight of the contractors’ process management

Ensure integration of contractor and PMO processes
The PMO Management Role

The PM is responsible for managing internal PMO processes. The PM must take a hands-on approach to:

- Identify, define, and document process needs
- Communicate and train the PMO staff
- Support, track, measure, and review the PMO processes
Program Oversight Role

Define the interface between the PMO and the contractor using the RFP and negotiations
- Project process requirements
- Project metrics
- Project communication needs
- Project risk management needs

Manage the interface during contract execution
- Real-time monitoring of deliverables
- Keep communication channels clear & open
- Develop trust with contractor
Contractor Oversight Role

Process maturity of the contractor should be a consideration in source selection
- Obtain process definitions and commitments
- Plan process integration

After contract award, ensure that contracted process commitments are kept
- Committed processes are used by the project team
- Process artifacts are evident
- Process integration is effective and monitored
Primary responsibility for oversight of subcontractors lies with the prime contractor.

PMO role is to ensure that prime is providing adequate oversight to subcontractors:

- Ensure flowdown of project process requirements
- Ensure integration of prime and subcontractor processes
CMMI Acquisition Module

Focuses on effective acquisition activities and practices that are implemented by first-level acquisition projects (e.g., System Project Office/Program Manager)

Acquisition practices drawn and summarized from existing sources of best practices:
- Software Acquisition Capability Maturity Model (SA-CMM)
- Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI)
- FAA Integrated Capability Maturity Model (iCMM)
- Section 804

Intended to be used in conjunction with the CMMI as an acquisition “lens” for interpreting the CMMI in acquisition environments
CMMI Acquisition Module (CMMI-AM)

CMMI Acquisition Module

- Project Management
  - Project Planning
  - Project Monitor and Control
  - Integrated Project Management
  - Risk Management
  - Integrated Teaming
  - Solicitation and Contract Monitoring

- Engineering
  - Requirements Management
  - Requirements Development
  - Verification
  - Validation

- Support
  - Configuration Management
  - Process and Product Quality Assurance
  - Measurement and Analysis
  - Decision Analysis and Resolution
  - Transition to Operations and Support
  - Organizational Environment for Integration

Key - New for CMMI-AM
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CMMI Acquisition Module
- Project Management Process Areas
- Engineering Process Areas
- Support Process Areas
- Integrated Process and Project Management Concepts
- Generic Practices

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Purpose of Acquisition Planning

Guide program execution
- From initiation through re-procurement and during post-production support
- Systems, subsystems, components, spares, and services

Minimize the time and cost of satisfying identified, validated needs in a manner consistent with common sense and sound business practices

Planning evolves through an iterative process and becomes increasingly more definitive in describing the relationship of the essential elements of a program

Paraphrased from DoD 5000 Interim Guidebook
Acquisition Strategy vs. Acquisition Plan

Acquisition Strategy is high-level

- “Top-level road map for program execution from program initiation through post-production support.”
- ITERATIVE – should be updated
- Level of detail changes as you go through the phases
- As per DoDI 5000.2 required for ALL programs at:
  - Program Initiation for Ships
  - Milestone B
  - Milestone C
  - Full-Rate Production Deployment Review

Acquisition Plan is typically for one phase

Required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)
Focuses on specifics of the acquisition
Concerned with contract type, incentives, etc.
Acquisition Planning Cycle

Develop Acquisition Strategy

Evaluate Incremental Progress

Stakeholders

Improve Process

Execute Acquisition Strategy

Evaluate Incremental Progress

Stakeholders

Improve Process

Refine Acquisition Strategy

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MS B

Acq. Strategy v1.0

Acq. Strategy v2.0

Tech Devel Strat

AoA Plan

Acq. Strategy v1.0

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AoA Plan
Acquisition Planning Objectives

Communicate!

- Identify risks
  - Strategies for risk mitigation
  - Balance risks with cost, schedule and performance

- Define expectations for all stakeholders
  - Role and responsibilities of all parties

- Determine how to make your program executable within budget and schedule constraints
  - Expected program changes throughout lifecycle
Acquisition Strategy Elements

Acquisition Approach
Requirements
Risk Management
Design Considerations
Business Strategy
Program Management
Support Strategy

From Interim Defense Acquisition Guidebook, 30 Oct 2002
Single-Step and Evolutionary Acquisition

**Single-Step**

- 100% of requirements known at start

**Incremental**

- 100% of requirements known at start
- Only first increment requirements known at start

**Spiral**

- Known increment
- Partially known increment
- Unknown increment

User, developer, tester, sustainer “use and learn”

Fieldable Capability

Based on AF Program Manager Workshop presented by Mr Little
## Acquisition Method

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Evolutionary Approach

= Contractor Spiral Development

= Contractor Incremental Development

Adapted from dod5000.dau.mil
Evolutionary Approach (Space)

Pre KDP-A
Phase A Study Phase
Phase B Design Phase
Phase C (Build, Test Launch) Increment 1

Increment 2
Increment 3

= Contractor Spiral Development
= Contractor Incremental Development

Adapted from NSS 03-01 and dod5000.dau.mil
Acquisition & Development Methods

Single Step Acquisition, Contractor Incremental Development

- Acquisition of a New Utility truck
  - Increment 1 – Hard to produce brakes
  - Increment 2 – Easier to produce brakes

Evolutionary Acquisition (Spiral), Contractor Mixed Development – Comms System

- Inc 1 – HW Upgrades
  - Single Step Development
- Inc 2–SW radios for existing interfaces
  - Increment 1- Interface 1
  - Increment 2- Interface 2
- Inc 3 – Develop new interfaces
  - Spiral 1 – Prototype 1
  - Spiral 2 – Prototype 2
  - Spiral 3 – Prototype 3

= fielded system
Program Drivers

What software and system issues might DRIVE your acquisition strategy due to the risk they pose to successful execution?

- Schedule
- Funding
- Requirements Stability
- External Interfaces
- Deployment
- Interoperability (Programmatic and Developmental)
- Technology Maturity
- Staffing
- Test Requirements
- User Support
- Policy Mandates
- Security
- System Complexity Precedented / Unprecedented
Dealing with Drivers

Determine which present the highest risk exposure to your program

Determine how the drivers will influence your acquisition strategy elements
  • Formulate strategies that you believe will deal with the risks posed by the top drivers

Analyze the strategies to determine gaps and remaining high risk areas
Acquisition Strategy Development

Due to the **incomplete requirements**, you would prefer an **evolutionary acquisition**. You prefer **multiple solicitation phases**, with **competition**.

Due to the **tight schedule**, you want to **limit the total number of solicitation phases**. You also would prefer a **single step acquisition**.

Due to the **level of technology maturity**, especially of the ability to track fired munitions, you will **encourage competition**, and prefer **evolutionary acquisition**.

Because you know you have **limited funding**, you want to **limit the number of parallel contracts** over the life of the program. You would prefer **well-defined development phases** instead of a spiral development, and **limited testing**.

Because you are **deploying to multiple sites**, you would at least start out with **contractor logistic support (CLS)**. You would prefer **single step acquisition**.
How Do I Get To a Top-Level Strategy?

Look at your top 2-3 drivers

Try to develop 2-3 strategies you think might work well for the risks posed by those drivers – you must consider the software risks!

Consider:
- Number and timing of solicitations
- Number of contracts for each phase
- Sourcing – development or COTS
- Integration with other programs
- Any tailoring of phases
- Deployment and support strategies
Example Acquisition Strategy (Simplified)

Driver 1 - Incomplete Requirements
Driver 2 - Schedule

COMPETITION:
- Full and Open
- Downselect

Increment 1

CR
TD
SDD
PD
OS

Increment 2

DRIVER 1 – Incomplete Req’t
1) Use Evolutionary Acquisition
2) Full and Open Competition
3) Multiple contracts for CR

Increment 3

DRIVER 2 - Schedule
1) Limit solicitation phases – downselect after CR
2) Use two Increments only
3) Use CLS
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You are here…. Middle of Concept Refinement

Both contractors have uncovered more requirements challenges than expected – software requirements are unstable

• May not meet PMO exit criteria for requirements stability at end of Concept Refinement phase
• Lab efforts on technology to support tracking fired ammunition are not progressing as fast as hoped; communications software is challenging
• Schedule requirement is still tight
• Funding is still minimally acceptable

What might you do to refine your acquisition strategy?
Modified Acquisition Strategy

**COMPETITION:**

- **Full and Open**
- **Downselect**

**Increment 1**

1. Change to a full and open competition at the start of TD
2. Let 2 contracts for TD to continue requirements definition with a downselect at SDD
3. Let 2 Small Business Innovative Research and Development contracts for technology development
4. Continue with 2 increments and CLS

**Increment 2**

1. May need to deal with schedule increase
2. Will reduce funds for SDD and PD
3. Should increase requirements stability
4. Should increase technology maturity

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Modified Acquisition Strategy

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- Full and Open
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4) Should increase technology maturity
You are here….
Middle of Technology Definition

Technology development phase is going well
- Requirements are becoming more stable
- SBIR contracts are developing good ideas, but technology may not be ready for second increment
- Clear that the software architecture will be of critical importance
- Schedule requirement is still tight
- Funding is still minimally acceptable

What might you do to refine your acquisition strategy?
1) Continue with downselect at SDD
2) Continue with 1 SBIR contract
3) Include Architecture Eval early in SDD
4) Add third increment to allow immature technology to mature before insertion later
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Acquisition Strategy – Final Thoughts

You should develop more than one strategy early on – compare them keeping in mind program risks.

You should evaluate your strategies against your drivers and important acquisition elements.

Should be a TEAM effort – need experts in systems, software, contracts, etc.

This is HARD WORK – especially in software intensive systems!
Acquisition Plan Contents

Acquisition background and objectives
- Statement of need
- Cost
- Risks
- Delivery or performance-period requirements

Plan of action (sample)
- Sources
- Source-selection procedures
- Budgeting and funding
- Make or buy
- Test and evaluation
- Security considerations

- Applicable conditions
- Capability or performance
- Trade-offs

- Competition
- Acquisition considerations
- Government-furnished property
- Inherently governmental functions
- Logistics considerations
- Contractor versus Government performance
Understanding Project Management PAs

Project management process areas cover the project management activities related to planning, monitoring, and controlling the project.
Project Management Process Areas

Project Planning PP
Project Monitoring and Control PMC
Solicitation and Contract Monitoring SCM
*Integrated Project Management for IPPD IPM/IPPD
Risk Management RSKM
*Integrated Teaming IT

*covered in Integrated Process and Project Management Concepts section
Project Planning

The purpose of project planning is to establish and maintain plans that define project activities.

For Acquisition, project planning starts by setting the acquisition strategy and is followed by planning the acquisition process in ever increasing levels of detail. As the acquisition proceeds toward selection of a supplier, the supplier’s planning process should be reviewed for sufficiency. The resulting plans should also be reviewed for consistency with the system acquisition plans. The acquirer’s and developer’s project planning processes are continuous and the plans evolve to meet the projects needs.
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• Reconcile Work and Resource Levels  
• Obtain Plan Commitment |
Project Monitoring and Control

The purpose of project monitoring and control is to provide understanding into the project’s progress so that appropriate corrective actions can be taken when the project’s performance deviates significantly from the plan.
Project Monitoring and Control

For Acquisition, monitoring and control functions are directed within the acquisition project early in the process as the acquisition planning is performed and the strategy is defined. As the acquisition process enfolds, monitoring and control are essential to ensuring that appropriate resources are being applied and that the internal acquisition activities are progressing according to plan.

Once a supplier is selected and an award is made, the role of monitoring and control becomes two fold, concerned with both continuing to monitor and control internally while also monitoring and controlling the progress of the supplier’s execution under the supplier’s project plan.
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|                               | • Monitor Commitments                                                             |
|                               | • Monitor Project Risks                                                           |
|                               | • Monitor Data Management                                                         |
|                               | • Monitor Stakeholder Involvement                                                 |
|                               | • Conduct Progress Reviews                                                       |
|                               | • Conduct Milestone Reviews                                                      |
| Manage Corrective Action to Closure | • Analyze Issues  
|                               | • Take Corrective Action                                                          |
|                               | • Manage Corrective Action                                                       |
Solicitation and Contract Monitoring

The purpose of Solicitation and Contract Monitoring is to prepare a solicitation package that identifies the needs of a particular acquisition, to select a supplier who is best capable of satisfying those needs, and to provide leadership throughout the life of the acquisition to ensure those needs are met.

For Acquisition, the solicitation must comply with the applicable federal, department, and service acquisition regulations and policies. The solicitation also should address issues appropriate to the system domain or acquisition environment (e.g., supplier process evaluations, operational safety suitability and effectiveness, safety, certifications, architecture evaluations, interoperability). The representatives responsible for these functional disciplines within the project or stakeholder organizations should be consulted for proper inclusion of those disciplines into the solicitation and contract monitoring process.
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Risk Management

The purpose of risk management is to identify potential problems before they occur, so that risk-handling activities may be planned and invoked as needed across the life cycle to mitigate adverse impacts on achieving objectives.

For Acquisition, risk identification and estimation of probability and impact, particularly the risk involved in meeting performance requirements, schedules, and cost targets, largely determines the acquisition strategy. The acquirer has a dual role, first in assessing and managing overall project risks for the duration of the project, as well as in assessing and managing risks associated with the performance of the supplier. As the acquisition progresses to the selection of a supplier, the risk specific to the supplier’s technical and management approach becomes important to the success of the acquisition.
What Makes Software-Intensive System Acquisition “Riskier”?

Computer software and hardware technology is evolving faster than any other

Few program managers — the key decision-makers — have in-depth understanding of software technology

Software project management, particularly task duration and effort estimation, is still immature

Reuse has potential benefits but also potentially complicates the development process

Software misconceptions: “you can fix any design shortfalls in software” and “software is free”
RSKM Principles

Defining principles
- Forward-looking view
- Shared product vision
  - Global Perspective

Sustaining Principles
- Integrated Management
- Teamwork
  - Continuous Process

SHARED PRODUCT VISION
FORWARD-LOOKING VIEW
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
Open Communication
Teamwork
Integrated Management
Continuous Process
RSKM Paradigm

**Identify** – Look for risks BEFORE they become problems

**Analyze** – Extract decision-making information

**Plan** – Translate into decisions and mitigating actions

**Track** – Monitor risk indicators and mitigation plans

**Control** – Correct deviations from mitigation plans

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Communicate!

Widely disseminate data and feedback

The SEI “Risk Statement”

A “standard” format for risk statements provides:
- Clarity
- Consistency
- A basis for future risk processing

A good risk statement is:
- Fact-based
- Actionable
- Brief
Sample Risk Statements

**Good example:**
This module must be coded in Java, but we don’t have enough Java programmers; the module may not be completed on time.

**Bad example:**
Unclear requirements may increase costs
- Not a fact-based condition
- Not specific
- Not actionable
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                                 | • Define Risk Parameters  
                                 | • Establish a Risk Management Strategy                                        |
| Identify and Analyze Risks        | • Identify Risks  
                                 | • Evaluate, Categorize, and Prioritize Risks                                    |
| Mitigate Risks                    | • Develop Risk Mitigation Plans  
                                 | • Implement Risk Mitigation Plans                                              |
Acquisition Risk Management

What Can Acquisition Program Offices Do? — A Few Ideas

Start a risk management program on Day 1 of the program

Ensure that PMO staff have appropriate risk management training

Use multiple methods to identify risk sources:

- periodic risk reporting
- voluntary risk reporting
- taxonomy-based questionnaire (TBQ)
- brainstorming
- risk report forms
- TBQ interviews
Acquisition Risk Management

What Can Acquisition Program Offices Do? — A Few Ideas

• Add language to RFPs and contracts that specify how risks are to be reported to the PMO

• Encourage decentralization of risk identification and analysis following an organizationally defined process

• Establish and maintain a schedule of joint risk reviews with all contractors throughout the program, including joint prioritization of the most important risks to the program

• Find ways to reward contractors for early identification of issues and risks

• Define a process and criteria for escalating risks to the next higher level
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Understanding Engineering PAs

The Engineering process areas establish a consistent set of requirements that are derived from stakeholder needs and operational capability statements so that work products developed internally by the acquirer and work products and delivered systems from the suppliers are proven to successfully satisfy end user needs and provide operational capabilities.
PMO Role in Systems Engineering

Inherent PMO Responsibility:

- Ensure technology readiness level is appropriate for program phase
- Develop initial system requirements in conjunction with stakeholders and ensure continued involvement
- Develop technical evaluation criteria and evaluate proposals during source selection
- Develop independent cost and schedule estimates for the technical effort
- Ensure external interfaces are properly identified and monitored
- Ensure PMO has adequate system engineering staff
PMO Role in Systems Engineering

PMO responsibility in conjunction with your contractor:
• Ensure contractor development method is appropriate
• Ensure contractor’s systems engineering processes are acceptable and being followed
• Ensure compatible processes between prime and sub contractors and between the contractor team and the PMO
• Review and approve systems engineering documentation
• Ensure systems engineering function is adequately integrated with other areas such as logistics and test
• Manage the top-level change control process
• Perform technical evaluations
• Systems Integration (if applicable)
• Ensure end system meets requirements
Engineering
Process Areas

Requirements Management  REQM
Requirements Development  RD
Verification  VER
Validation  VAL
Requirements Management

The purpose of requirements management is to manage the requirements of the project’s products and product components and to identify inconsistencies between those requirements and the project’s plans and work products.
Requirements Management

For Acquisition, requirements management includes the direct management of acquirer controlled requirements and oversight of supplier requirements management. Requirements are managed and maintained with discipline so that changes are not executed without recognizing the impact to the project.

Requirements management should define “approved” requirements providers and an approved path by which requirements are provided to the supplier.

Commitment to the requirements by the project participants includes having coordinated and approved documents that define requirements.

Each change to a controlled requirement should be assessed for impact to the project’s performance, cost, and schedule baselines and to project risk. The existing cost, schedule and performance baselines should be changed, as required, to accommodate the requirements change.
What are the Consequences of not Managing Requirements Effectively?

Solutions that don’t match user needs or may have to be replaced or retired early

Inability to hold contractor to commitments

Excessive budget consumption [LEFF 2003]
- Requirements errors are the most common error & most expensive to fix
- Requirements error are likely to consume 25% - 40% of the total project budget when not caught early

Tunnel vision
- Sometimes a workaround or revised business process is the simplest solution rather than a new system or system capability

Requirements creep

Incompatible release scope given resources and time
Recent ITA Key Findings

A majority of Independent Technical Assessments (ITAs) done by the SEI have key findings regarding requirements

Some findings:
• Lack of focus in maintaining system attributes
• Core requirements are deferred instead of addressed
• Inadequate attention to interface definition and control
• Requirements baselines not established
• Requirements are at a high level and open to interpretation
• No agreement on requirements among stakeholders
• Requirements maturation process is ineffective
• No detailed software requirements
• Minimal documentation of requirements
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Obtain an Understanding of Reqts.

- Establish criteria for distinguishing appropriate requirements
- Establish objective criteria for the acceptance of requirements
- Analyze requirements to ensure that the criteria are met
- Reach an understanding of the requirements with the stakeholders

**Typical Work Products**
- Lists of criteria for distinguishing appropriate requirement providers
- Criteria for evaluation and acceptance of requirements
- Results of analyses against criteria
- Agreed to set of requirements

**Sample Key Issues**

- Missing stakeholders
- Lack of acceptance criteria resulting in inadequate verification, rework or system rejection
- Failure to have a common understanding of requirements
- Insufficient analysis techniques
# Obtain Commitment to Requirements

- Assess the impact of requirements on existing commitments
- Negotiate and record commitments

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# Manage Requirements Changes

- Capture all requirements and requirements changes
- Maintain the requirements change history with the rationale for the changes
- Evaluate the impact of the requirement changes from the standpoint of the stakeholders
- Make the requirements and change data available

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**Incomplete impact assessments**

**Lack of backup plans**
Requirements Development

The purpose of requirements development is to produce and analyze customer, product, and product-component requirements.
Requirements Development

For Acquisition, requirements development has two contexts; first, the amalgamation and coordination of the operational requirements (customer requirements) into a requirements set that will define the scope and direction of the acquisition; second, the allocation and extension of the customer requirements and additional acquirer requirements (e.g., architecture, formal and informal reviews, reporting or data requirements) that become the basis of the processes utilized by the supplier’s organization.

There is a continuous iteration of requirements down through the multiple tiers of requirements documents associated with the components of the system. For example, requirements flow from the stakeholders to the system level to multiple subsystem levels and eventually to either hardware or software component levels. The responsibility for developing requirements across the levels is generally split between the acquirer and the supplier. The acquirer is generally responsible for the higher level, starting with operational requirements and the supplier is responsible for successive levels below that.
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Develop Customer Requirements

- Collect stakeholder needs
- Elicit needs
- Develop customer requirements

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Develop Product Requirements

- Establish product and product component requirements
- Allocate requirements
- Identify interface requirements

### Typical Work Products
- Product and Product component requirements
- Derived requirements
- Requirement allocation sheets
- Design constraints
- Interface requirements
- Relationships among derived requirements

### Sample Key Issues

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Requirements Must be Balanced

Stakeholder Needs / Business Processes

Marketplace

Simultaneous Definition & Tradeoffs

Programmatics / Risks

Architecture / Design

Adapted from COTS-Based Systems for Program Managers
Analyze and Validate Requirements

- Establish operational concepts and scenarios
- Establish a definition of required functionality
- Analyze requirements to achieve balance
- Validate requirements

**Typical Work Products**
- Operational concept
- Product installation, operational, maintenance and support concepts
- Use cases and activity diagrams
- Requirements defects reports
- Technical performance measures
- New requirements and proposed changes to resolve defects
- Assessment of risks related to requirements

**Sample Key Issues**

- Insufficiently detailed Operational Concept
  - Not verifying requirements are complete, feasible, realizable and verifiable
- Missing required balance in requirements
- Failure to use multiple techniques to validate the product will perform in the user’s environment
Requirements Must Evolve

Accumulating knowledge

Iteratively converging decisions

Increasing stakeholder buy-in

Definition & Trade Offs

Definition & Trade Offs

[EPIC 2002]
Verification versus Validation

Verification
- Are you building the *product right*?
- That is, are you meeting the specified requirements?

Validation
- Are you building the *right product*?
- That is, are you meeting the operational need?
Verification

The purpose of verification is to ensure that selected work products meet their specified requirements.

For Acquisition:

Verification is normally performed early and continuously throughout the acquisition lifecycle. The acquirer ensures that selected work products of the acquisition process meet the project requirements (e.g., the solicitation package and other plans are built according to specified templates, meet all laws and regulations, and are inspected for defects). The acquirer also ensures the evolving acquired products satisfy contractual requirements.
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Validation

The purpose of validation is to demonstrate that a product or product component fulfills its intended use when placed in its intended environment.

For Acquisition:

Validation is normally performed early and continuously throughout the acquisition lifecycle. The acquirer uses validation processes to demonstrate that the work products of the acquisition process will fulfill the acquisition strategy and that the processes will effectively acquire the product or services. The acquirer also uses validation to ensure that the product or service received from the supplier will fulfill its intended use. In this context, the test community is a major stakeholder, including up front planning through final system validation. It is important that the acquirer define at the outset the degree to which validation is required both early in the definition of the project and later when the products are received. In addition, plans should identify adequate resources to execute validation activities.
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Understanding Support Processes

The organizational support environment includes the infrastructure (facilities, tools, equipment, and support to effectively use them) and tools that people need to perform their jobs effectively.

An integrated support environment helps people communicate clearly and efficiently about the products; processes; people needs; organization; business, technical, and political environments; and their interfaces. Integrated communication tool sets reduce wasted time spent converting information from one medium or platform to another.
Support Process Areas

Configuration Management  CM
Process and Product Quality Assurance  PPQA
Measurement and Analysis  MA
Decision Analysis and Resolution  DAR
Transition to Operations and Support  TOS

*Organizational Environment for Integration  OEI

*covered in Integrated Process and Project Management Concepts section
Configuration Management

The purpose of configuration management is to establish and maintain the integrity of work products using configuration identification, configuration control, configuration status accounting, and configuration audits.

For Acquisition, work products, such as solicitation packages, that are created by the acquisition project are placed under configuration management internally. In addition, configuration management of acquired products (both final and interim products) created by the primary and subordinate suppliers require monitoring to ensure that project goals are met.
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The purpose of process and product quality assurance is to provide staff and management with objective insight into processes and associated work products.

For Acquisition, the products and processes evaluated are those of the acquisition project. For example, the acquisition project may develop and maintain a solicitation package. The PPQA function would ensure that the solicitation package was developed per the standard or format agreed to by the project team and that it conforms to all applicable policies and laws. As a process evaluation, the PPQA function may evaluate the acquisition project’s risk management process against their plan for risk management to ensure the project is effectively implementing their agreed to process.
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Measurement and Analysis

The purpose of measurement and analysis is to develop and sustain a measurement capability that is used to support management information needs.

For Acquisition, the acquisition project has information needs for determining the status of its activities throughout the lifecycle of the acquisition, the supplier’s activities per contractual requirements, as well as the status of the evolving products acquired. In acquisition projects where multiple products are acquired to deliver a capability to the end-user, or where there are teaming relationships with other acquisition projects to acquire joint capabilities, additional information needs may be identified to ensure programmatic, technical, and operational interoperability objectives are identified, measured, and achieved.
Roles and Information Exchange

PMO
- Pre-award activities
  - RFP prep.
  - Contract Award
- Post-award activities
  - monitor & oversee progress
  - quality of tangibles

Functional Requirements
Status Information
Interim Documents, Tangibles
Directions, Corrections
Deliverables

Contractor
- Develop, customize, integrate
  - software
  - systems
  - COTS

Sub-contractors
PMO Major Responsibilities
Post Contract Award

Contractor

- Develop the System

Deliverables

- Documents
  - SRD
  - SDP
  - Meas Plan
  - SDD
  - Etc.
- Status Rpts
  - Sched.
  - Cost
  - Testing
  - Etc.
- Final Product

PMO

- Evaluate Quality of deliverables
- Monitor and Oversight
  - Schedule & Progress
  - Resources & Costs
  - Developer’s Processes

PMO Responsibilities (Post Contract Award)
Evaluate Quality of Deliverables

Documents to review
- SRD
- SDP
- Meas Plan
- SDD
- Etc.

Final Deliverables

PMO’s Inspection or Review Process

PMO’s Evaluation criteria

Measurable Results (Examples)

Products
- defects discovered
  - description, severity, class, type
- size of the work product

Process
- effort invested in the inspection process
- time spent during the inspection activities

Indicators
Monitor and Oversee

Status Information
- schedule progress
- budget status
- test results
- process results, e.g. inspections
- Process compliance
- etc.

PMO’s Analysis & Review Process

PMO's Evaluation Criteria

Measurable Results (Examples)
- contractor effort actual vs. plan
- contractor schedule actual vs. plan
- defects reported
  - description, severity, class, type
- size, complexity of the work product

Indicators
# PMO vs. Contractor Focus

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Decision Analysis and Resolution

The purpose of decision analysis and resolution is to analyze possible decisions using a formal evaluation process that evaluates identified alternatives against established criteria.

For Acquisition, a repeatable criteria-based decision-making process is especially important, both while making the critical decisions that define and guide the acquisition process itself and later when critical decisions are made with the selected supplier. The establishment of a formal process for decision-making provides the acquisition project with documentation of the decision rationale. Such documentation allows the criteria for critical decisions to be revisited when changes or technology insertion decisions that impact essential requirements are considered.
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The purpose of transition to operations and support is to provide for the transition of the product to the end user and the eventual support organization and to accommodate lifecycle evolution. Eventual disposal of the product should be considered.
Transition to Operations and Support

For Acquisition, planning for transition includes establishing strategies for support (i.e., source of repair) through organic support infrastructures, contractor logistics support (CLS), or other sources. The roles and responsibilities of the acquirer, supporter, and user should be defined in the life-cycle support of the system. Responsibility for capability enhancements during the support phase should be defined, considering the magnitude and complexity of the envisioned change. Additionally, the acquisition project will need to work with the operational units to plan for transition of the products into operational use. This includes identifying and providing for initial spares, operational training capabilities, etc.
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Definition

An integrated team is a group of people with complementary skills and expertise who are committed to delivering specified work products in timely collaboration.

Integrated team members provide skills and advocacy appropriate to all phases of the work products’ life and are collectively responsible for delivering the work products as specified.

An integrated team should include empowered representatives from organizations, disciplines, and functions that have a stake in the success of the work products.
IPPD-Specific Content

In the CMMI Acquisition Module there are

- two IPPD-specific process areas
- two specific goals in Integrated Project Management
IPPD Fundamental Concepts

IPPD process areas and goals add the following concepts:

- effective use of cross-functional or multidisciplinary teams
- leadership commitment
- appropriate allocation and delegation of decision making
- organizational structure that rewards team performance
Critical Concepts

The following concepts are intended to permeate the practices of the CMMI:

- design of downstream processes during the acquisition
- focus on the customer’s needs during the acquisition
- timely and appropriate collaboration of all relevant stakeholders
- continuous and proactive identification and management of risk
- focus on measurement and improvement of processes to acquire the capability or product
IPPD - Overview

- **OEI** (Organizational Focus)
- **IPM** (Project Focus)
- **IT** (Team Focus)
Organizational Environment for Integration

The purpose of organizational environment for integration is to provide an Integrated Product and Process Development (IPPD) infrastructure and manage people for integration.

For Acquisition, organization environment for integration is an important element in establishing an environment where integrated teams are used. Practices in this process area provide the infrastructure to establish fully functional teams from among all stakeholders (acquisition project, supplier, and other supporting organizations).
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The purpose of integrated project management is to establish and manage the project and the involvement of the relevant stakeholders according to an integrated and defined process that is tailored from the organization’s set of standard processes.

It also covers the establishment of a shared vision for the project and a team structure for integrated teams that will carry out the objectives of the project.
Integrated Project Management

For Acquisition, integrated project management involves establishing project management processes consistent with and tailored from the organizations standard processes. This includes higher level acquisition guidance, regulations, instructions, as well as local practices established to be used across various projects in the local organization. Establishing an integrated project management process incorporating and involving all stakeholders (executive level acquisition offices, users, test organizations, developers, and associated government support organizations) is critical to the successful development of the project.

Formal interfaces among project stakeholders take the form of memorandums of understanding (MOUs), memorandums of agreements (MOAs), contractual commitments, associate contractor agreements and similar documents depending on the nature of the interfaces and involved stakeholders.
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| Use the Project’s Shared Vision for IPPD | • Define Project’s Shared-Vision Context  
|                                    | • Establish the Project’s Shared Vision                                  |
| Organize Integrated Teams for IPPD  | • Determine Integrated Team Structure for the Project  
|                                    | • Develop Preliminary Distribution of Requirements to Integrated Teams  
|                                    | • Establish Integrated Teams                                              |
Integrated Teaming

The purpose of Integrated Teaming is to form and sustain an integrated team for the development of work products.
Integrated Teaming

For Acquisition, Integrated Teaming should consider the overall scope of and requirement for participation of stakeholders from users, acquisition executives, acquisition organizations, developers (primes, associate subcontractors, suppliers, and vendors), test organizations, and other support organizations in the establishment of the integrated team structure for the project.

The establishment of the processes to be used by the team is a significant issue that should be addressed. For example, does the team adopt a common process for team operation or rely on each team member to use his or her own organization’s processes? An example of this would be the decision regarding the software development processes to be used by each developer (a common process across the team’s developers or unique but compatible process for each developer?). At the very least, the various team member processes should be compatible at the interface points of the team member processes.
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   - Support Process Areas
   - Integrated Process and Project Management Concepts
   - Generic Practices

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Generic Practices

Generic practices are activities that ensure that the processes associated with the process area will be effective, repeatable, and lasting.

Generic practices are applied to every process area.
## Generic Practices in the CMMI Acquisition Module

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                                         Provide Resources  
                                         Assign Responsibility  
                                         Train People  
                                         Manage Configurations  
                                         Identify and Involve Relevant Stakeholders  
                                         Monitor and Control the Process  
                                         Objectively Evaluate Adherence  
                                         Review Status with Higher Level Management |
| Institutionalize a Defined Process | Establish a Defined Process  
                                         Collect Improvement Information |
Managed - Generic Goal

Institutionalize a Managed Process

The process is institutionalized as a *managed* process.
Managed – Generic Practices

The generic practices are the same for all process areas.

Establish an Organizational Policy

Establish and maintain an organizational policy for planning and performing the <x> process.

Plan the Process

Establish and maintain the plan for performing the <x> process.

<x> represents the name of a process area (e.g., Requirements Management)
Managed – Generic Practices

Provide Resources

Provide adequate resources for performing the <x> process, developing the work products, and providing the services of the process.

Assign Responsibility

Assign responsibility and authority for performing the process, developing the work products, and providing the services of the <x> process.

Train People

Train the people performing or supporting the <x> process as needed.
Managed – Generic Practices

Manage Configurations

Place designated work products of the <x> process under appropriate levels of configuration management.

Identify and Involve Relevant Stakeholders

Identify and involve the relevant stakeholders of the <x> process as planned.

Monitor and Control the Process

Monitor and control the <x> process against the plan for performing the process and take appropriate corrective action.
Managed – Generic Practices

Objectively Evaluate Adherence

Objectively evaluate adherence of the <x> process against its process description, standards, and procedures, and address noncompliance.

Review Status with Higher Level Management

Review the activities, status, and results of the <x> process with higher level management and resolve issues.
Defined - Generic Goal

Institutionalize a Defined Process

The process is institutionalized as a defined process.
Defined – Generic Practices

The generic practices are the same for all process areas.

Establish a Defined Process

Establish and maintain the description of a defined \(<x>\) process.

Collect Improvement Information

Collect work products, measures, measurement results, and improvement information derived from planning and performing the \(<x>\) process to support the future use and improvement of the organization’s processes and process assets.
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Early Process Improvement

The theories of process management are a synthesis of the concepts of Deming, Crosby, Juran, and others.

Over the past 30 years, these theories have been used to address problems common to many organizations.

Solutions have been discovered, but a gap existed between the state of the practice and the state of the art.

Many of these concepts have been used to build process-improvement models.
What Is a Process Model?

A model is a structured collection of elements that describes characteristics of effective processes.

Processes included are those proven by experience to be effective.
How Is a Model Used?

A model is used

• to help set process improvement objectives and priorities

• to help ensure stable, capable, and mature processes

• as a guide for improvement of project and organizational processes

• with an appraisal methodology to diagnose the state of improvement efforts
Why Is a Model Important?

A model provides
- a place to start
- the benefit of a community’s prior experiences
- a common language and a shared vision
- a framework for prioritizing actions
- a way to define what “improvement” means for your organization

“All models are wrong; some are useful.”
- George Box
The Bottom Line

Process improvement should be done to help the business—not for its own sake.

“In God we trust, all others bring data.”

- W. Edwards Deming
The Bottom Line

Improvement means different things to different organizations.

- What are your business goals?
- How do you measure progress?

Improvement is a long-term, strategic effort.

- What is the expected impact on the bottom line?
- How will impact be measured?
Simple Improvement Processes

Determine where you are.
Determine where you want to be.
Make a plan.
Execute the plan.
Learn lessons and do it again.

Another improvement process is Plan Do Check Act.

IDEALSM
The IDEAL℠ Model

Stimulus for Change
- Set Context
- Build Sponsorship
- Charter Infrastructure

Initiating
- Characterize Current & Desired States
- Develop Recommendations
- Set Priorities

Diagnosing
- Develop Approach
- Plan Actions

Establishing
- Implement Solution
- Refine Solution
- Pilot/Test Solution

Acting
- Create Solution
- Propose Future Actions
- Analyze and Validate

Learning

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Using the CMMI Acquisition Module with the IDEAL Model

**Initiating phase**
Can assist an organization in understanding how to build sponsorship and in developing the infrastructure for improvement.

**Diagnosing phase**
Provides a yardstick for appraising processes based on the Module.
Using the CMMI Acquisition Module with the IDEAL Model

Establishing phase
Process areas focus the process improvement teams.

Acting phase
Provide guidance for defining or improving processes.

Learning phase
Lessons learned are documented and are the basis for revision of an organizational approach.
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CMMI Acquisition Module: Near Term Implementation

PHASE I – fact-finding (SA-CMM historical adoption issues)
  • Meet with SA-CMM practitioners to characterize how it is being applied, and capture lessons learned

PHASE II – Plan pilot strategy using Section 804 framework
  • Socialize CMMI Acquisition Module with Acquisition Executives
  • Offer CMMI Acquisition Module as a “tool” to achieve 804 compliance
  • Select candidate programs from each Service/Agency as “Pilots”

PHASE III – conduct Pilot assessments
  • Workshop (awareness training) for PM Staff
  • Gap Analysis to identify opportunities for process improvement and program risk reduction

PHASE IV – Make necessary modifications
  • Analyze Pilot results and Fact Finding lessons learned
  • Re-assess Gap Analysis from Pilots after 3 months to measure effectiveness and return on investment

PHASE V – full release of CMMI Acquisition Module
Phase III Progress

Pilot program assessments complete.

Draft report prepared by OUSD; reviewed by assessment team members who had participated on more than one assessment (10 people).

Report, including recommendations, under review by OUSD management and authors of CMMI–AM.

Report, including recommendations, to Steering Committee prior to November meeting.
### Pilot Program Characteristics

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*Does not include $2B for aircraft purchase*
General Results - Positive

No show stoppers to prevent immediate use when accompanied with training.
Applicable to all life cycle phases, applications, and program size within pilot study with appropriate interpretation.
More robust process areas: Project Planning, Project Monitoring and Control, Risk Management, Requirements Management, and Requirements Development.

For more details, see OSD presentation Wednesday, 1015am, Wind River room
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“Ad Hoc” Acquisition Practices

Operational Need
Explicit Acquisition Practices

CMMI Acquisition Module

Operational Need

Acquirer

Acquisition Planning  RFP Prep.  Solicitation  Source Selection  Program Leadership Insight / Oversight  System Acceptance  Transition

Developer

Plan  Design  Develop  Integrate & Test  Deliver

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