A Practical Application of the Non-Advocate Review

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C-17: A High Performance Program

MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS

- Excellent Quality
- Ahead of Schedule
- On Price
- 180 Aircraft Program

MEETING OUR COMMITMENTS

- 138 USAF Aircraft 6 Bases
- Worldwide Operations
- Best Fleet Reliability
- 4 UK C-17s Delivered



C-17 Awards



1994 Collier Award



1996 California Quality Award



1998 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award



2001 UK MOD Smart Acquisition Award



2003 Missouri State Quality Award



2001 ISO9001-2000 / AS9100A Certification





Standard 2003 Georgia
Level 5 Oglethorpe
Award



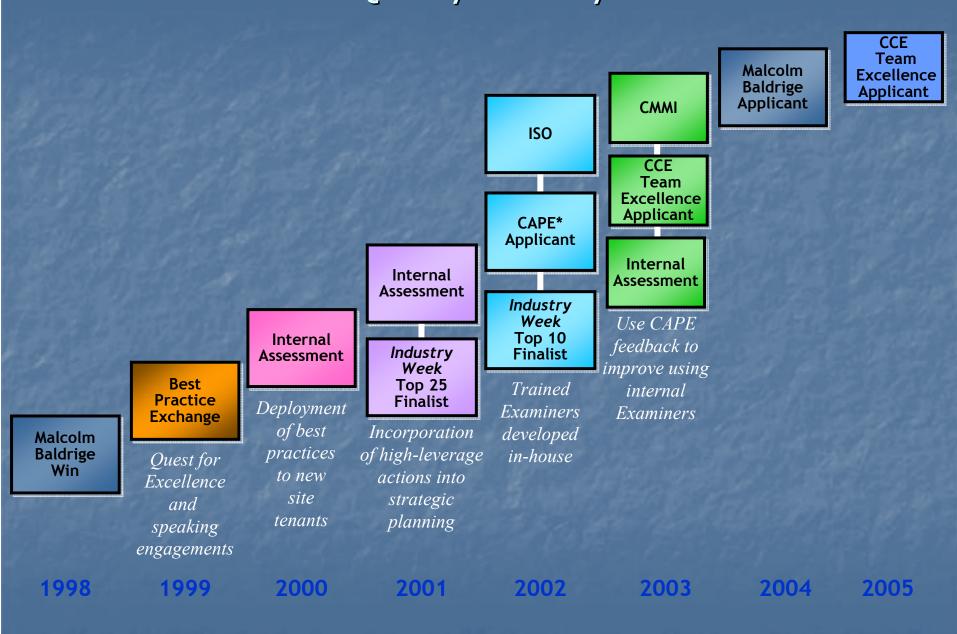


2002 California Awards for Performance Excellence (Gold & Silver)



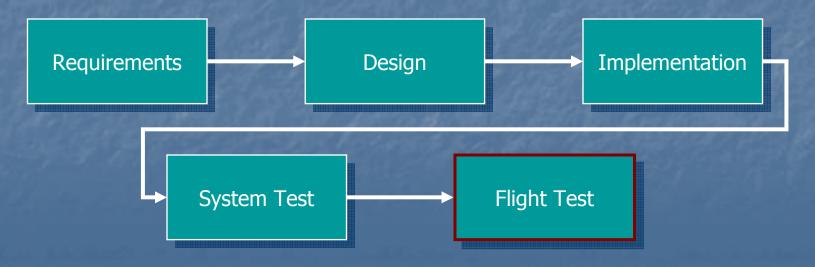
2003 Governor's Award For Performance Excellence

Quality Journey



Issue

- Requirements verification/validation occurring late in development life cycle
 - Higher costs
 - Schedule delays



Solution

- Utilize Non-advocate Review Team to:
 - Perform root cause
 - Identify areas for improvement
 - Make recommendations based on diverse corporate knowledge from multiple programs

Definitions

- Independent Assessment An impartial and in-depth analysis of a major issue or key milestone event performed by an Independent Assessment Review Team
- Non-Advocates: Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from any of the following groups
 - Boeing non-program employees
 - Outside consultants
 - Industry SME
 - Fellows
 - Non-program related customers
 - Third party examiners

NAR Process

- Identify non-advocate team
- Define scope of review
- Data collection
- Analyze data
- Develop final report/outbrief

C-17 Application of NAR Process

Identify Non-advocate Team

- Selected from local site tenents
 - B-1B, C-130 AMP, C-17
- Utilized pool of Technical Fellows
 - Boeing recognized technical experts in various skills (i.e. Systems Engineering, Communications)
- Select chairperson
 - B-1B Chief Engineer

Define Scope of Review

- Software Development process
- Systems Engineering process
- Validation and Verification process
- Project Management

Expectations

- Identified expectations of upper management
 - Process issues
 - Improvement opportunities
 - Lessons learned
 - Recommendations

Resources Required

- Data
- Access to project personnel
- War Room Facilities
- NAR Team availability and schedule

Data Collection

- Documentation
 - Deliverable
 - Non-deliverable (Engineering Notes)
 - Software Development Folders (SDF)
- Interviews
 - Engineers, Managers, Project managers
 - Customers
 - Suppliers

Analyze Data

- Lack of process compliance
- Lessons learned
- Process improvement
- Lean engineering opportunity

Develop Final Report/Outbrief

- Summarize issues
- Provide recommendations
 - Near-term
 - Long-term