DON Requirements/Acquisition Two-Pass/Six-Gate Process with Phase Development of System Design Specification (illustrated example for program initiation at Milestone B)

**DON Requirements**

PASS 1

- OSD/Joint Level
  - JROC
  - CD
  - MS A**

PASS 2

- OSD/Joint Level
  - Annual CSB
  - JROC
  - MS B**

**Acquisition**

NAVY/USMC Level

1. CBA Approval
   - R3B OPNAV/HQMC
   - CNO (N8)/DC, CD&I

2. Alternative Selection
   - R3B OPNAV/HQMC
   - CNO/CMC

3. CDD and CONOPS Approval
   - R3B OPNAV/HQMC
   - CNO/CMC

4. SDS Approval
   - R3B ASN(RD&A)
   - ASN(RD&A)

5. RFP Approval
   - R3B ASN(RD&A)
   - ASN(RD&A)

6. Contract Award
   - R3B ASN(RD&A)
   - ASN(RD&A)

**PEO/SYSCOM/OPNAV/HQMC Level**

- AOA
- CONOPS
- CDD
- Initial SDS
- Updated SDS
- RFP
- IBR

* Substitute Marine Corps equivalent when appropriate

** DON CIO pre-certification, Investment Review Board certification, and Defense Business System (DBS) Management Committee approval prior to obligation of funding for a DBS program when cost > $1 million

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