Architecture for Enterprise Process Improvement

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Agenda

- Context : Problem to be Solved
- Software Architecture Applicability to Process Improvement Architecture
- Project Phases
- Lockheed Martin Operating Excellence
- Summary

Context : Problem Definition

- A process-rich culture bred many process improvement "entities" over a decade+
 - Some vintage from legacy organizations
 - Some spawned to respond to multiple models/standards in an integrated way
 - All great mechanisms but stovepiped!











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Sponsorship and initiation of a process improvement project:

Objective: <u>Improve the Enterprise</u> <u>Process Improvement (PI) Architecture</u>



Defining an Enterprise PI Architecture

• What comprises an enterprise process improvement architecture?

 Approach taken: leverage concepts from software architecture



Software Architecture Definition*

- The structure or structures of the system, which comprise the software elements,
- The externally visible properties of those elements and
- The relationships among them*



This definition can be applied to an Enterprise Process Improvement Architecture

* Software Engineering Institute Webinar "Software Architecture Fundamentals: Technical, Business, and Social Influences" by Rob Wojcik, July 8, 2010

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Enterprise Process Improvement Architecture Definition

- The structure or structures of the enterprise, which comprise the process improvement entities*,
- The externally visible properties of those entities and
- The relationships among them



* Includes people, processes, policies and tools

Software Architecture Principles*

- Architecture abstraction includes all of the "elements"
- Roles, responsibilities, behaviors and properties of the elements are described
- Relationships depicted include those
 - Among elements
 - Between elements and other enterprise activities

Artifacts provided to and required from elements
Different views and perspectives available

* Also apply to an Enterprise Process Improvement Architecture

Process Improvement Architecture Elements



The Process Improvement Architecture includes everything needed to "operate" process improvement!

Process Improvement Architecture Provides the Foundation





Results of Process Improvement Inventory

- Stovepiped activities
- Unintegrated
- Not all are institutionalized
- Nevertheless . . .



 Significant process improvement underway!

An Enterprise Process Improvement Architecture has no



So there is considerable work to be done!

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Tenets from Other Enterprise Process Improvement Activities

- Focus on practices resulting in measurable business improvements
- Establish a process improvement framework
 - GRIP (Growth, Reputation, Innovation, People)
 - Protect/Transition/Grow
- Engage Subject Matter Experts from each business unit
- Follow a business rhythm to establish initiatives and track progress
- Encourage, but don't edict, best practice adoption

Key Practice: Use a feedback loop to guide actions and calibrate whether practices are working

Process Innovation & Deployment (PI&D) Process Flow - Example



PI&D Lead: **Enterprise level** leader who maintains the PI&D Database, PI&D **Process, and PI&D Templates**

Pl&D POC: One Point of Contact from each Product Line and **Central Function**

Project



The Path to Excellence Uses... LEAN & SIX SIGMA DEF-CTS WA Έ

Five Principles of Operating Excellence

- Specify Value of the product from your Customer's perspective
- Identify the Value Stream for each product
- Enable product to Flow without interruptions
- Allow the customer to Pull value from the producer
- Continuously improve...pursue Perfection











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Eliminate Non Value Elements

- Reduce Waste
- Mistake Proofing
- Reduce Variation



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LM21 Operating Excellence Logic Map



Closed-Loop Continuous Improvement



Significant Project Findings

- Focusing on Operating Excellence at the enterprise level
 - Ensures practices result in <u>measurable</u> business improvements
 - Provides a <u>business rhythm</u> to establish initiatives and track progress
 - Works by <u>encouraging</u>, not mandating, best practice adoption
- Directives and procedures are useful to flesh out the Operating Excellence process (e.g., in Product Lines)
 - Directives and procedures mapped to the corporate process and ensure integration and completeness
 - The same Operating Excellence process applies at every level of the corporation

Operating Excellence Deployment at Every Function and Organizational Level in the Corporation

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Summary

- Software architecture concepts apply to the Enterprise Process Improvement Architecture
 - Provide discipline
 - Ensure completeness
- Lockheed Martin's Operating Excellence is a fundamental cornerstone of our business model
 - Applies to process improvement activities at <u>every</u> level
 - Provides a robust tool kit
 - Yields business results!



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