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# Assessment of Human Systems Integration in Air Force Acquisition



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#### **Overview**

- Air Force HSI Office (AFHSIO)
- Summary of Previous Work
- Current Effort
- Closing Comments





## AFHSIO Objectives

- Integrate HSI into functional domains
  - Into the AT&L life cycle management framework
  - Build AF team to equip, enhance, sustain the warfighter
- Institutionalize HSI as a way of doing business
  - Increase total system performance
  - Decrease total ownership costs
- Sustain HSI in systems acquisition
  - Collaboration w/ OSD, Sister Services, Industry and Academia
  - Improve support to programs
- Improve HSI
  - Feedback and lessons learned from the operational, logistics and acquisition communities
    - **Demonstrate value added to the Air Force**





## AFHSIO's Role in Meeting HSI Objectives

- Facilitate and advocate integration of HSI into the Integrated Life Cycle Management (ILCM) framework and AF policies and guidance to comprehensively implement, assess, and improve HSI
- Develop and deliver comprehensive HSI education and training, tools, technology and methods to support Program Executive Officers (PEO), Program Managers (PM), Systems Engineers, and others involved in requirements development, acquisition and sustainment
- Provide expert advice, real-time assistance, and implementation strategies of HSI



Support the development, communication and implementation of HSI initiatives



#### Summary of Previous Work

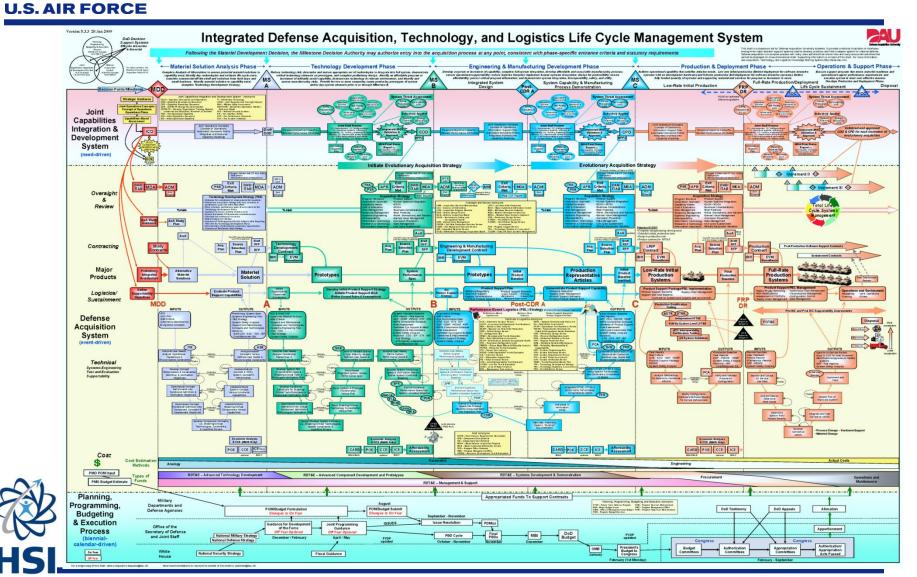
- Objective: <u>Integrate</u> HSI considerations and processes into the Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Life Cycle Management Framework to equip and sustain Airmen
- Develop a product to:
  - Facilitate systems engineers' understanding of what HSI domain experts bring to the table
  - Help HSI domain experts understand their role in the acquisition process
  - Assist domain and systems engineering integration on HSI issues





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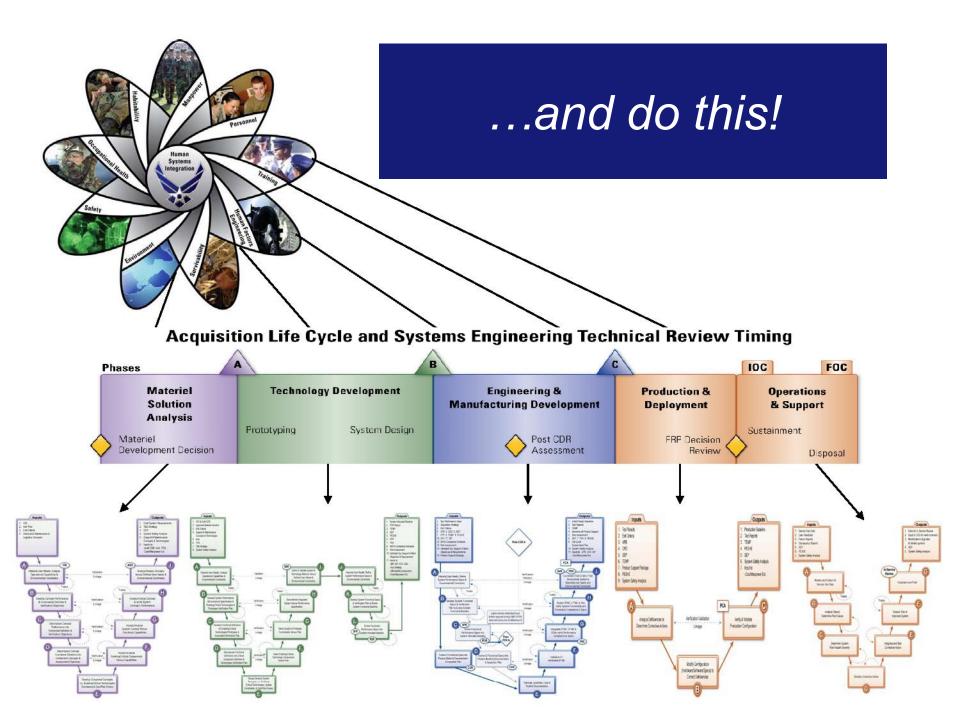


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#### ...and this...



- 1. Manpower
- 2. Personnel
- 3. Training
- 4. Environment
- 5. Safety
- 6. Occupational Health
- 7. Human Factors
- 8. Survivability
- 9. Habitability





#### **Current Effort**

- Direct application of previous HSI in Acquisition effort.
- Develop framework for identifying HSI related risks process and product assessment. Examine in greater detail Air Force acquisition processes for life cycle management, systems engineering, and test and evaluation.
- Develop templates to aid in the implementation and subsequent assessment of HSI considerations in the acquisition and sustainment processes.
  - Air Force Life Cycle Management Plan (LCMP).
  - Systems Engineering Plan (SEP).
  - Test and Evaluation Strategy / Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TES / TEMP).

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### Current Effort (continued)

- Carried out in conjunction and collaboration with the Air Force Research Laboratory's 711th Human Performance Wing
  - Investigate program management, systems engineering, and test and evaluation processes, policies, and guidance
  - Provide recommendations for inserting HSI language into these processes, policies, and guidance
  - HSI life cycle planning and execution integrated with three major acquisition domains
    - Program management LCMP life cycle program planning and execution
    - Systems engineering SEP life cycle system design and development
    - Test and Evaluation (T&E) TES / TEMP life cycle verification and validation





## AF Life Cycle Management Plan

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 Document Purpose: The Life Cycle Management Plan (LCMP) is the integrated acquisition and sustainment strategy for the life of a system.



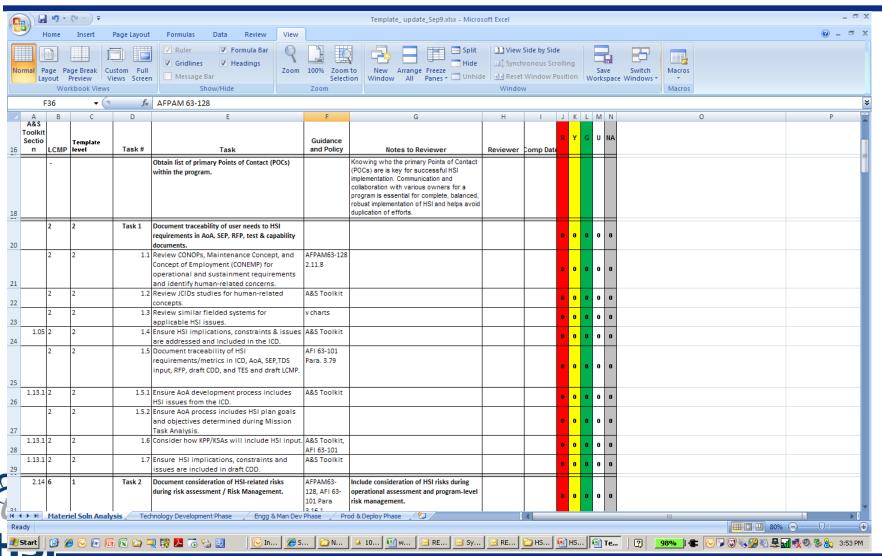


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### LCMP Findings

- Along with the SEP, the LCMP can serve as vehicle to formalize and ensure the coordination, communication, and connectivity between the traditionally functional Air Force responsibilities such as manpower, personnel, training, and environment, safety, and occupational health
- The LCMP can serve as an HSI check point for the program. It can help the program manager (who is ultimately responsible for HSI throughout the lifecycle) ensure that the appropriate level of HSI planning is incorporated throughout the program
- HSI-related risks should be clearly identified, included among the other risks managed by the Program Manager, and documented in the LCMP





## Systems Engineering Plan

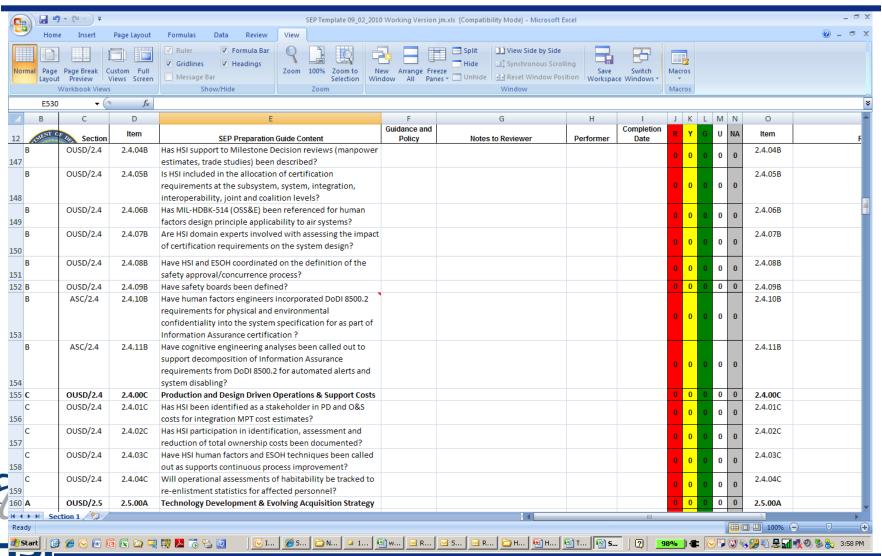
■ Document Purpose: The purpose of the Systems Engineering Plan (SEP) is to help programs develop their systems engineering approach, providing a firm and well-documented technical foundation for the program. The SEP is a living document in which periodic updates capture the program's current status and evolving systems engineering implementation and its relationship with the overall program management effort.





#### SEP Template Screen Shot

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#### SEP Findings

- HSI needs to be <u>integrated</u> throughout the SEP. A separate HSI Plan or SEP HSI appendix will lead to suboptimal outcomes.
- The Chief Engineer's responsibilities should explicitly include HSI.
- The HSI IPT needs to be adequately staffed in accordance with the human considerations (situational awareness, decision making, physical demands, operating) of the capability being developed.





## Test & Evaluation Strategy / Test & Evaluation Master Plan

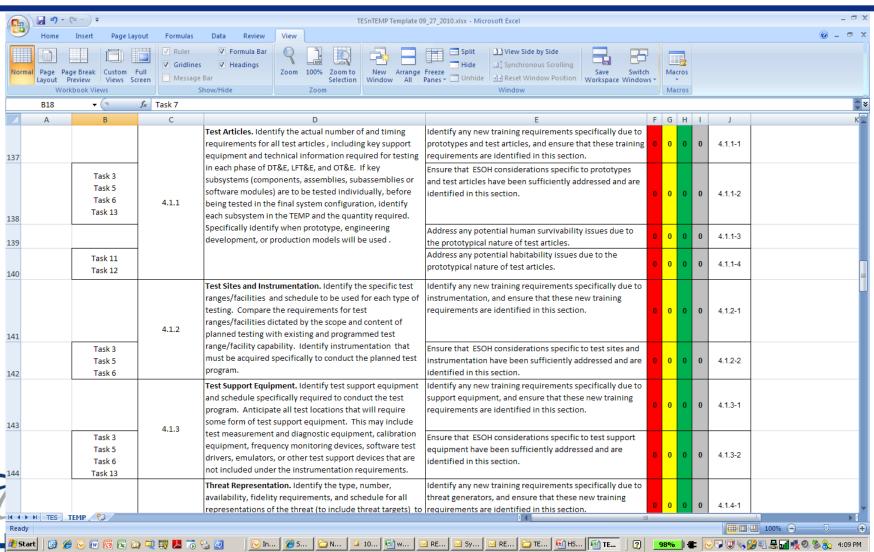
■ Document Purpose: The Test and Evaluation Strategy (TES) describes the concept for tests and evaluations throughout the program life cycle, starting with Technology Development and continuing through Engineering and Manufacturing Development into Production and Deployment. It provides the basis for the Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP). The TEMP describes the total test and evaluation planning from component development through operational test and evaluation into production and acceptance. It is an important document that identifies the required type and amount of test and evaluation events, along with their resource requirements.





#### TES / TEMP Template Screen Shot

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## TES / TEMP Findings

- Air Force Test and Evaluation is sub-specialized by acquisition phase and product domain, making it difficult to uniformly integrate HSI into T&E.
- It is difficult, but not impossible, to write credible quantitative requirements and specifications that relate to a capability's human elements.
- T&E Personnel are familiar with methods and techniques for measuring human-related parameters, but requirements need to be in place.
- The T&E Framework provides an excellent opportunity to integrate HSI.





#### **Top-Level Evaluation Framework Matrix**

(DAG, Chapter 9 Notional Example)

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Key Requirements and T&E Measures				Test Methodologies/Key Resources (M&S, SIL, MF, ISTF, HITL, OAR)	Decision Supported
Key Reqs	COIs	Key MOEs/ MOSs	CTPs & Threshold		
KPP#1:	COI #1. Is the XXX effective for	MOE 1.1.	Engine thrust	Chamber measurement Observation of performance profiles OAR	PDR CDR
	COI #2. Is the XXX suitable for		Data upload time	Component level replication Stress and Spike testing in SIL	PDR CDR
	COI #3. Can the XXX be	MOS 2.1.			MS-C FRP
		MOE 1.3.			Post-CDR FRP
		MOE 1.4.	Reliability based on growth curve	Component level stress testing Sample performance on growth curve Sample performance with M&S augmentation	PDR CDR MS-C
KPP #2		MOS 2.4.	Data link		MS-C SR
KPP #3	COI #4. Is training	MOE 1.2.		Observation and Survey	MS-C FRP
K\$A #3.a	COI #5. Documentation	MOS 2.5.			MS-C FRP



#### Closing Comments

- The effort to inculcate HSI guidance throughout acquisition processes will help to increase HSI awareness
- The templates are a new concept
  - They need refinement to make them more user-friendly
  - They need proof testing with program office subject matter experts before they can be used universally





#### Final Questions?



