

Chief Developmental Tester



SecDef shall require each major defense acquisition program be supported by a Chief Developmental Tester

- *“Oversight of all developmental test and evaluation activities for the program maintaining insight into contractor activities under the program and overseeing the test and evaluation activities of other participating government activities under the program; and helping program managers make technically informed, objective judgments about contractor developmental test and evaluation results.”*

A DoD Key Leadership Position (KLP)

Qualification

Highly qualified professional that possesses knowledge, skills, and ability to develop and execute a comprehensive and efficient test and evaluation program



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Chief Developmental Tester Project

Title 10, Section 139b
The Secretary of Defense shall require that each major defense acquisition program be supported by—
(A) a chief developmental tester; and
(B) a governmental test agency, serving as lead developmental test and evaluation organization for the program.

Goal: Propose a model for industry interaction throughout the phases of a development program with an emphasis on "Shift Left".

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NDIA 2014 Project helped gain understanding and alignment between Industry & Government Regarding a "Industry Test Lead"

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