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NDIA Division Planning Meeting

AF Recommended Initiatives for CY2017



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Air Force Enterprise Strategic Direction

Key Leadership Focus Areas

Own Technical Baseline

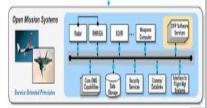
Open Systems

M&S

Cyber



- Regain Gov't Control of Pgms
- Informed Decision Making
- Skill-gap Identify/Mitigate



- Industry Consensus Tech Solutions
- Open Key-Interfaces
- Service Oriented Architectures
- Common Messaging Language



- Joint Simulated Environment
- Inventory M&S + Develop Regmts
- Enable Experimentation/Prototyping



- Cyber Campaign Plan
- Cyber Workforce
- Risk Id & Management
- Process & Policy Dev



Air Force Perspective ...Initiatives

- Leverage the NDIA study on "Top Systems Engineering Issues in US Defense Industry 2016"
- Specifically:
 - Rapid and Agile Acquisition
 - Human Capital



Rapid and Agile Acquisition

- Determine best practices to decompose requirements for software intensive programs
- Explore best practices for tailoring System Engineering processes for rapid acquisition and deployment
- Determine if 3rd party evaluations are providing value or should be tailored for rapid acquisitions
- Initiate an interface standard activity for M&S tools
- Develop Life Cycle Cost models for programming decisions
- Explore best practices for generating RFP language which ensures cyber security/resiliency needs are being met and properly evaluated in source selection



Human Capital

- Develop branding strategies for defense industry engineering
 - How to overcome the perception that the defense industry is less desirable than other engineering career pathes
 - Determine best practices to work with Universities to highlight Defense Industry employment opportunities thru research or internships
- **■** Focus on development of systems engineers
 - Catalog best practices when it comes to coaching, apprenticeships and on the job training
 - Government and Industry engineering exchanges opportunities
 - Where/How many are there?
 - Who is taking advantage of them?
 - Do we have a sufficient pool of personnel for the exchanges?
 - Have we gotten the message out?



The Last One





Backup



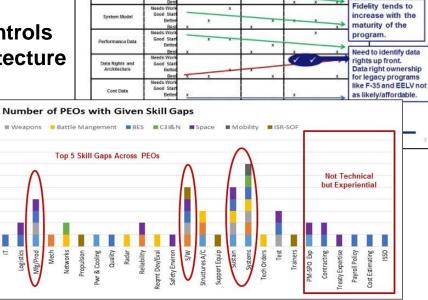
Own the Technical Baseline ...knowing the program

- OTB is 1 of 5 AQ Priorities
- Goal:
 - Gov't as able and informed customer
 - Manage technical risk and produce agile and adaptable capabilities
- OTB assessment of ACAT 1s
 - Key Attributes:
 - System Design
 - Cost Data
 - Performance Data
 - System Model
 - Skill gaps id'd
 - Addressing as part of overall workforce hiring/retention

- Interface Defn/Controls
- Data Rights/Architecture
- Tech Risk/Issues



OTB Self-Assessments



Cyber HSI HSI



AF Open Architecture ...path forward

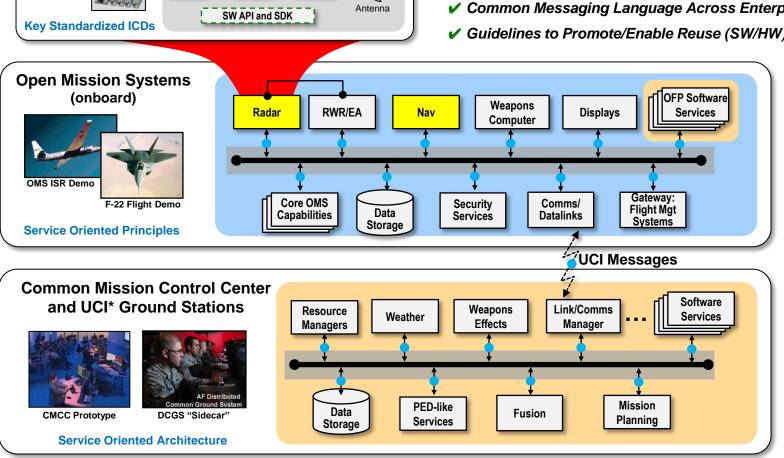
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military, commercial standards UCI Message Data Model (C2, interoperability)

Broad incorporation of

Open Subsystems DDR / NGR LRU#2 ← SW API and SDK **Key Standardized ICDs**

- ✓ Industry Consensus Technical Solutions
- ✔ Open Key-Interfaces (vertical and horizontal)
- ✓ Service Oriented Architectures
- ✓ Common Messaging Language Across Enterprise
- ✓ Guidelines to Promote/Enable Reuse (SW/HW)





AF Modeling & Simulationparadigm shift

"Whatever the F-35 builds for JSE should be compatible with what the Air Force needs to use in the future"

CSAF, Gen Goldfein

- JSE-AF
 - Next generation SoS M&S capability
 - Test, training and decision analysis
 - Virtual capability across enterprise
 - Maximum information exchange
- Experimentation & Advanced Capability Analysis
 - Support R&D efforts
 - "What-If" analysis for existing platforms
 - Improve technical investment decisions





Cyber Campaign Plan ... weapon system cyber resiliency

