NDIA PMSC Meeting Minutes

PMSC and PARCA Meeting– September 12, 2013

1. Discussion on Reciprocity
   a. Gordon Kranz: Definition of Reciprocity? What does it mean? How often does this happen that the "smaller agencies" have a certification and then DCMA comes in needing a certification; Can't solve it here at this meeting. We got to get DCMA and others. Let's spend a couple of days with the right people to discuss this.
   b. Questions and Comments from the audience
      i. Neil Albert: What about the smaller agencies? E.g. Dept. of Labor, Smithsonian; Dept. of Education etc.
      ii. Linda Noble: Scalability – if we had a good definition / idea then we don't have to change what DCMA does
      iii. Pete Wynne: What are the different intersections?
      iv. Buddy Everage: There is a NDIA System Acceptance Guide just for this purpose
   c. Actions
      i. Set up a 2 day meeting with the right people to discuss (Tracie Thompson/Gordon Kranz)
      ii. Need Data – Specifics – Maybe send out a survey asking for some of the specifics AND asking what the pool of backlog for certification is in their area (John Duvall and Tracie Thompson)
      iii. Pull Data from CR to get some of this information (Gordon Kranz)
2. Steve B. Question: Can the data for program performance concerns by Govt./OSD (Mr. Woosley's presentation on DAES data) be provided to the company so it is not a surprise (e.g. discovered when the company CEO meets with Mr. Kendall).
   a. Actions:
      i. Steve Barnoske to form this request formally and send it into NDIA PMSC which then can be forwarded to Gordon Kranz to provide to Mr. Bliss (Steve B)
      ii. Bring this request/discussion up at ICPM meeting (Steve B.)

3. Harvesting Under-runs
   a. The contractual language and requirements must first be in place
   b. Can we consider changing the name of OTB to something else like "formal reprogramming"; Name change won't eliminate the negativity of an OTB or formal reprogramming
   c. In some RFPs it is required that the contractor respond if they have had / have contracts with OTB
   d. Actions:
      i. Look at changing name (Gordon Kranz)

4. IPMR Consistency – Between the DID and the IPMR Guide – Gordon Kranz: Let's see if this really does become an issue then we will deal with it.

5. XML viewer update and digital signature – the ability for digital signature is now provided. John Meghan of PARCA office have announced last Friday. – Closed
   a. Gordon Kranz wanted to remind everyone the matrix of the vendor and the status was is "in process data" and is incomplete. So when we distribute this we really need to make sure people understand this.

6. General discussion on Thresholds and applicability of EVM – Gordon responded that this would be addressed via the DFARS update

7. Carol Boser asked what Gordon Kranz's understanding about the Integrated Program Management?
   a. DAES is more than EV that Mr. Kendall reviews
   b. For cost and schedule performance Mr. Kendall depends on the EV data
   c. Also note DAES is the assessment of the total program not a contract…including the Govt. costs and the total life cycle cost.

8. Central Repository (CR)
   a. Pete Wynn asked if PARCA has had enough time to see if the data integrity is getting better?
      i. In general 75% of submissions are on time. The other 25% though could be do to multiple reasons. Maybe it is they don't have the right expectation e.g. PARCA doesn't have the right delivery schedule
   b. Pete Wynn: The 39 data elements that are going to be provided by the CR to the DAMIR tool…can the services change the data of the 39 elements? The intent is"

9. Pete Wynn: The Data required by DCMA (Mr. Kester)- why can't DCMA get that from the CR? Gordon: DCMA needs much lower level data such as down to the control account level which the CR does not have. How much of the data pull can be satisfied from the CR? NDIA PMS needs to ask DCMA if they want.

10. Dave Ricci asked if PARCA could provide the companies with the "scorecard". Dave to request from PARCA office.

11. PARCA and DCMA Coordination on the interpretive Guide (CGI)

a. Industry concern that DCMA is moving along on test cases so our input that PARCA will request later will be too late

b. Gordon: At the end of the day, DCMA is the experts on compliance. They have the right attitude now and is trying to do the right thing so let's see how this comes out

12. In yesterday's presentation PARCA mentioned wanting to have something that some level of program management is needed even on programs that do not have the EV requirement. How is this going to come about / form?

a. Gordon: Define what are the right program principles on all programs without worrying about compliance first. Use the expert knowledge about how to manage programs VS. compliance.

b. Actively working on defining how to do this. What is the best way to manage cost and schedule on programs. What are the fundamental program management processes

c. He challenged NDIA PMSC. He has heard from several factions that ALL 32 ANSI standards are right …that this is the right way to manage. So why all the discussions on what applies? What do we stand by?

    i. Let's look at bottoms up – attributes that are needed for scaleability

13. General discussion again on not type of contract but more so on type of work. For example, FFP Production contracts. Yes schedule is needed but cost? The risk for cost is borne by the contractor.

14. Tracie Thompson asked: Does / Will PARCA and DCMA 'endorse' / support the NDIA Intent guide as they have done in the past with a memo?

a. Action: Gordon will discuss with DCMA (Gordon Kranz)