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Thoughts on Program Management

Success Requires Planning

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Introduction

This is a brief look at Program Management with a compendium of tips for success

- Many come from my own experience
- Others are borrowed from successful Raytheon program / business leaders



Integrity is the backbone of success!

- Preserve your integrity and your company's above all else
- Reputation is everything; without credibility and trust you will always fail

Become a quality zealot

- Set the example for others to follow
- Be uncompromising / relentless
- Assume your salary depends on it (because it probably does)

Organization & Structure *Key Ingredients for Success*

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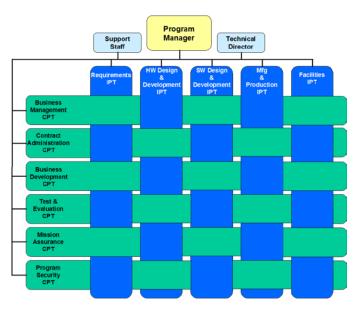
- Organize and structure your program using Integrated Product Teams (IPTs) and Cross Product Teams (CPTs)
 - Tailor the organization to the WBS structure for clearer definition of responsibilities

Place special emphasis on staff selection

- Diversity is a key component to success
 - Know your strengths / weaknesses and build a staff to overcome your weaknesses
- "It's the gift that keeps on giving"

Program Manager must lead the team but emphasize joint destiny

- Recognize roles and responsibilities; fully utilize the matrix org
 - Demand they be fully engaged and fulfill the cross program responsibilities for lessons-learned transfer and execution proficiency
 - Hold the Functions (including Functional Management) accountable



- Provides the basic tools and guidelines to run a successful program – follow the rules!
 - Created from lessons learned over many programs
 - Encourages proactive planning
- Conduct a comprehensive start-up review; it sets the tone for the entire program – get it right and get it done on-time!
 - Requires all forward-looking issues to be addressed (including acceptance by senior management)
 - Entire team must understand and buy into program requirements, plans and goals emphasize alignment
 - Executable plan requires ownership by all (govt., Prime, CBTs, business area, etc.)
 - Does the team understand the contractual deliverables and what constitutes "done"?
- Design Reviews (Requirements, Preliminary Design and Critical Design) plus Readiness Reviews provide independent oversight and buy-in by all the stakeholders

Execute, Execute, Execute (1 of 4)

Performance Is Almost Everything

- On-time, on-budget performance is the expectation (but don't sacrifice integrity or quality). Recognize difference between results and activity
- Create an Integrated Master Schedule (IMS) that is all-inclusive
 - Incorporate both internal and external dependencies (identify predecessors and successors including GFE / CFE, inputs from other programs, etc.)
 - Integrate schedules of major subcontractors
 - Missed milestones need recovery plans
 - IMS is your management plan; much more than just a reporting tool

Construct budget baselines around your IPT / WBS structure

- Establish work packages that are both definable and measurable
- Minimize level of effort (LOE) tasks

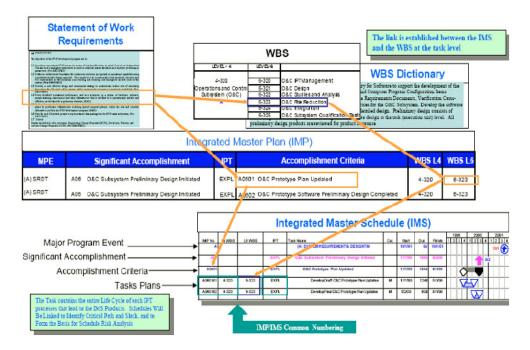
Establish / hold a single management reserve at program start-up

- Restrict authorization for use to you (or better, to your boss)
- Report to senior management any use of management reserve

Performance Is Almost Everything

Ensure your Cost, Schedule and Technical are truly integrated

- Use the Start-Up Review for team alignment and commitment
- Conduct an Integrated Baseline Review (IBR) with customer early in program and obtain concurrence



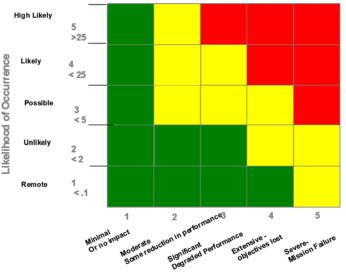
- Use EVMS as a leading indicator, not a lagging indicator
 - Using EVMS only as a tracking tool (lagging indicator) means you are a reporter, not a manager / leader

Execute, Execute, Execute (3 of 4)

Performance Is Almost Everything

- Manage (don't monitor) significant program risks and establish mitigation plans
 - Schedule monthly risk review meetings to review existing risks, identify new risks / opportunities and scour risk mitigation plans / capture harvest plans
 - Each risk / opportunity should have an owner
 - Does everyone know the Top 5 Program Risks?
 - Risks and opportunities must be quantified





consequence of Occurrence

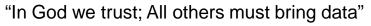
- Hold each direct report formally accountable for their portion of program profit and loss
 - Be quantitative (e.g., SPI > 1.05, CPI > 1.05, Award Fee > 95%, etc.)
- Communicate, communicate, communicate
 - Team can't help you if they don't know the problem
- Break down the stovepipes seek common solutions

- Don't "shoot the messenger" and insist on timely reporting (<24 hours) of all issues (you must know before your customer does)
 - Share important issues with your boss (your customer should never be able to surprise him / her)
 - Bad news does not get better with time; don't be afraid to ask for help
- Promises made = Promises kept
- Keep and use an action item log
 - Recommend starting re-occurring meetings with actions from past meetings
- Program Managers must balance Technical, Cost and Schedule
 - As a general rule, IPT leaders should be the CAMs
- No excuses for late deliverables
- Do it right the first time; Rework = Waste

- Hold crisp weekly IPT meetings (keeps you and everyone else informed)
 - Minimizes surprises and facilitates timely decisions
 - Forces accountability and fosters team concept
 - Should not be a monologue seek concise dialog
 - Review EVMS ACs (delinquent, current, 30 / 60 days ahead)
 - Review deliverables (including CDRLs) delinquent, current, 30 / 60 / 90 days ahead
 - Share a common program calendar
 - Manage by exception if you can (conserves time to focus on issues)

Religiously hold monthly program reviews

- Each Control Account Manager (CAM) presents his / her status and outlooks
 - Does the story pass the "gut check" and do the performance metrics support it?



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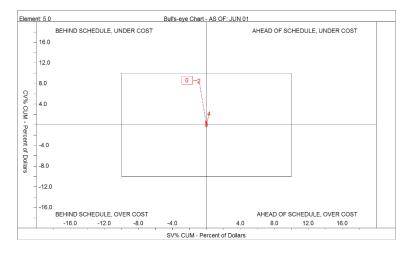


Summarize program status in a weekly highlights report

- Forces you to think about overall program and clarifies progress / issues
- Always report Accomplishments vs. the established Baseline Plan
- Identify issues (especially if Cost and Schedule are jeopardized)

Maintain and report on key program progress and process metrics

Make data-based decisions



CV / SV Bulls-Eye

Phase Originated Phase Detected	Requirements	Design	Code & Unit Test	Integration	S/W Qual Test	System Integration	S/W Maintenance	Total Defects in Phase	Percentage of Total Defects Detected
Requirements	95							95	3%
Design	37	121						158	6%
Code & Unit Test	54	37	1370					1461	51%
Integration	99	39	599	37				774	27%
S/W Qual Test	50	4	115	2	11			182	6%
System Integration	47	7	79	3	0	16		152	5%
S/W Maintenance	12	2	13	1	0	0	0	28	1%
Total Defects Originated in Phase	394	210	2176	43	11	16	0	2850	
Percentage of Total Defects Originated	14%	7%	76%	2%	0%	1%	0%		
Percentage Detected and Originated in Same Phase	24%	58%	63%	86%	100%	100%	N/A		

Software Defect Containment

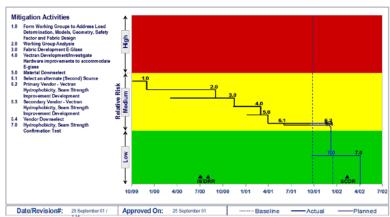
Reviews & Reporting (3 of 4) Information Trumps Misunderstanding

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More Metric Examples:



Updated Monthly	Previous	Current						
Last Update: 1 Feb 07	6 Months	6 Months	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07
Scrap (\$K)	52.0	512.2	8.9	9.9	11.7	9.5	7.9	464.4
Rework (\$K)	661.2	2225.7	203.2	304.8	439.2	326.5	416.3	535.7
FAIT (\$K)	8,212.6	18210.6	2,359.2	3,029.4	3,412.0	2,786.0	3,232.8	3,391.2
Scrap as % FAIT	0.63%	2.81%	0.38%	0.38%	0.34%	0.34%	0.24%	13.69%
Rework as % FAIT	8.05%	12.22%	8.6%	10.1%	12.87%	11.72%	12.88%	15.80%
Total COPQ	713.2	2,737.9	212.1	314.7	450.9	336.0	424.2	1,000.1
Monthly COPQ as % FAIT	8.7%	15.0%	9.0%	10.4%	13.2%	12.1%	13.1%	29.5%
3 Mo Cum COPQ as % FAIT			10.7%	10.2%	11.1%	11.9%	12.8%	18.7%
6 Mo Cum COPQ as % FAIT	N/A	N/A	9.8%	10.3%	11.3%	12.5%	13.6%	15,0%

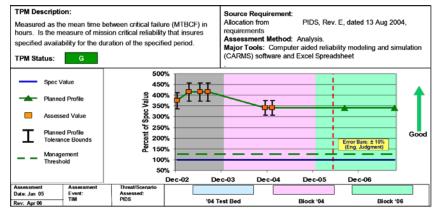


Risk Mitigation

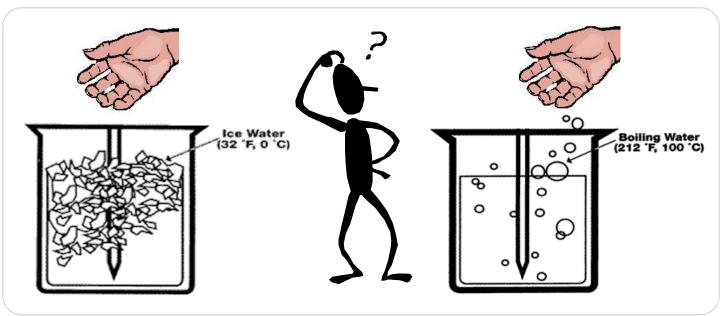
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Plan	2.5%	3.8%	9.8%	17.4%	22.4%	26.4%	39.5%	54.2%	66.9%	78.7%	88.2%	97.7%	100%
Outlook													
Actual	3.1%	3.6%	6.3%	17.9%	23.5%	28.9%	37.5%	49.5%	66.3%	73.8%	81.8%	87.1%	100%
Completion Index	124%	95%	64%	103%	105%	109%	95%	91%	99%	94%	93%	89%	100%

Technical Performance Measure



- Don't get lulled into a false sense of security by reviewing / reporting EVMS SPI / CPI at the Total Program Level
 - Laws of Large Numbers will mask real problems that will grow to get you
 - Understand detailed cost / schedule variances



One hand in ice water and one hand in boiling water doesn't equate to room temperature

- In-depth, independent design reviews during the development phase are critical
 - Hold reviewers (and their managers) accountable
- Deal only with reputable suppliers who have previously demonstrated capability and commitment
 - Solid engineering and strict adherence to process are vital
 - Mandate frequent surveillance by Engineering and Mission Assurance / Quality
- For large volume production, institute sample qualification throughout the build cycle (not just initial qual) to detect subtle changes and ensure delivery of spec-compliant hardware / software
- Robust configuration management system is mandatory
- Treat RF components, power supplies, magnetics and connectors as critical items (not as commodities)
 - History shows these to be most common causes of failures in the field
 - Low bidder shouldn't necessarily win (quality trumps low price every time)
 - Conduct rigorous qual program and frequent, periodic in-process inspections

Insist on total access at all vendors

- Understand every technical process
 - Don't permit screen of "...Proprietary Information" to block insight
- Process control is key to predictability and quality
- Have seat on vendor CCB, or as minimum, get advanced copies of pending vendor change notices throughout your production run
 - Often the supplier does not know the intended use and therefore can't ensure their change will be no impact to your product

Inspect, don't expect

- Require solid evidence of compliance
- Get the engineering right! It's all too common that in the early stages of the program things go well only to have the "wheels fall off" later in test
- Include Manufacturing / Mission Assurance / Performance
 Excellence personnel early in the design process. Have them sign off on the Engineering Design Package

Don't view your customer as an adversary – they're your partner

- Program success is the common goal failure helps neither party
- Make the customer feel that he / she is an integral part of your team
- Invite customer to all key reviews
 - Demonstrates a willingness to be open and to share information
 - Conversely, it shows you are not trying to hide "bad news"
- Allow on-site customer representatives
 - Co-location contributes to the "team" environment
- Provide photographs of manufacturing / construction / testing progress, on a frequent basis, to provide evidence of accomplishments and foster ownership



In Conclusion...

- Integrity is paramount never compromise for short-term gain
- Maintain focus on your customer's expectations, needs and goals
- Create an executable program plan and deliver as promised
- Remember You can't do it all by yourself
 - Surround yourself with talented, "can do" people
 - Recognize accomplishments and reward excellent behavior
 - Hold people accountable

Program Management is similar to a computer operating system

- You assign resources
- You set the priorities
- You handle the interrupts
- You network for information
- You sequence operations
- If you don't do it well, you crash!



Questions

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