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## ***Rapid Improvement Team (RIT) Initiative with Lessons Learned from GTN 21***



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# *Abstract*



**Rapid Improvement Team (RIT) and Evolutionary Acquisition Decision Review (EADR) process. Outline the RIT initiative as an OSD sponsored program to use evolutionary acquisition to get IT capabilities to the warfighter faster. RIT moves large software intensive programs from "Oversight" to "Insight" transforming the way we think about how to satisfy statutory and regulatory acquisition requirements without impacting or stalling programs that would provide sorely needed mission capabilities. GTN 21 is the first of the RIT programs to successfully pass an EADR that gives the equivalent of a MS B decision. This precedent setting event included much discussion about how to shift the burden off proof of compliance on the part of the program office "oversight" to the burden of review and facilitation on the part of the OSD and Service stakeholders "insight".**





# Overview



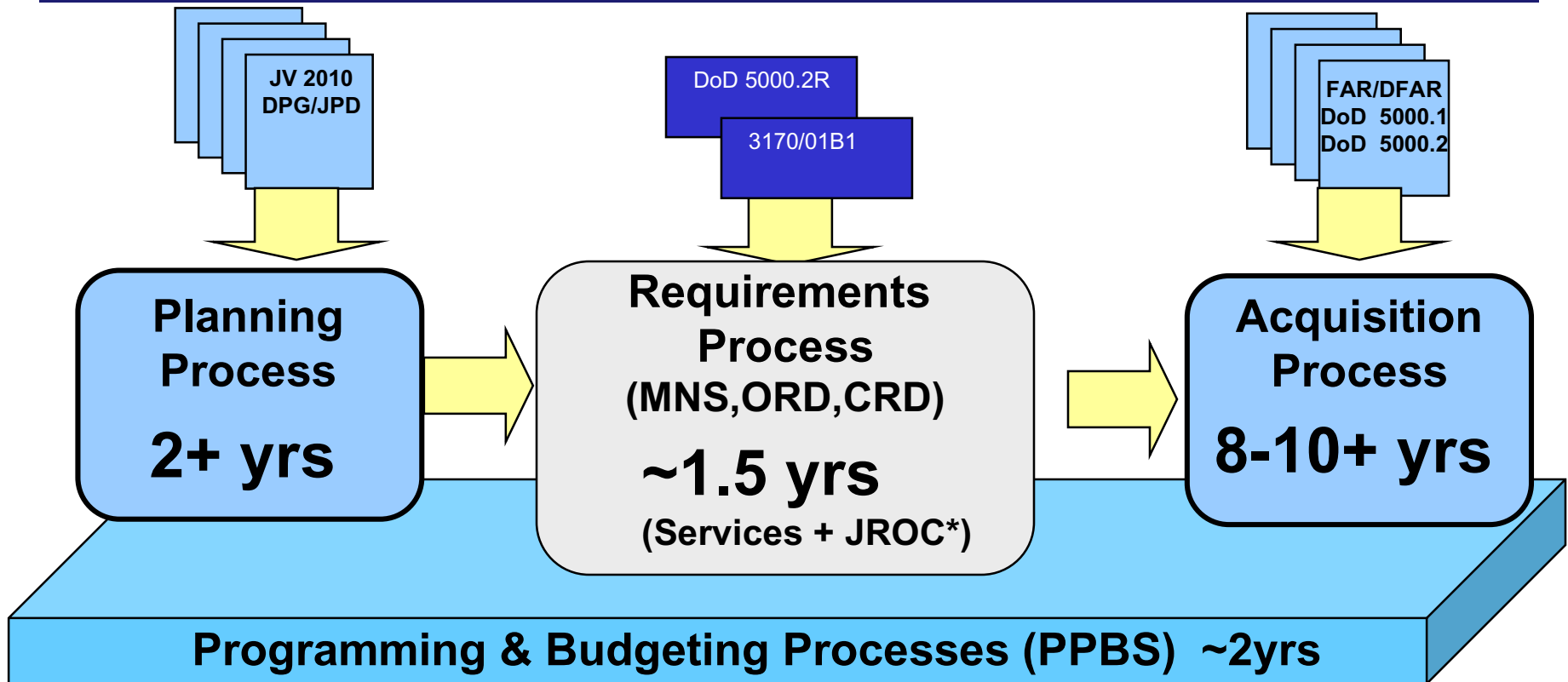
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# The Traditional Acquisition Process Timelines



No part of this process is compatible with the pace of technology or the experience of internal IM/IT development in commercial companies

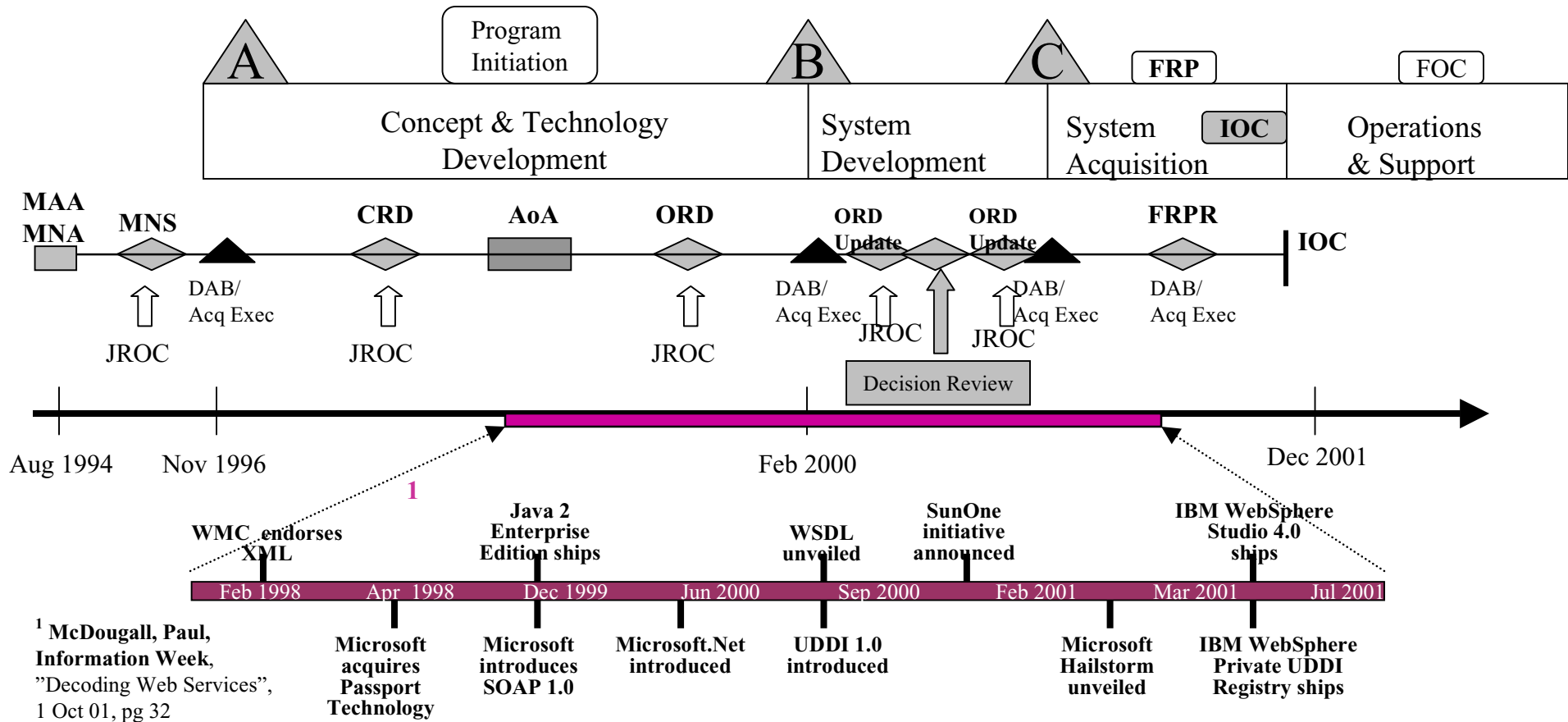
\* JROC Cycle is 79 days





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# Today: Oversight Process That Exceeds IT Innovation Cycle



<sup>1</sup> McDougall, Paul, Information Week, "Decoding Web Services", 1 Oct 01, pg 32

## Web Services Technology

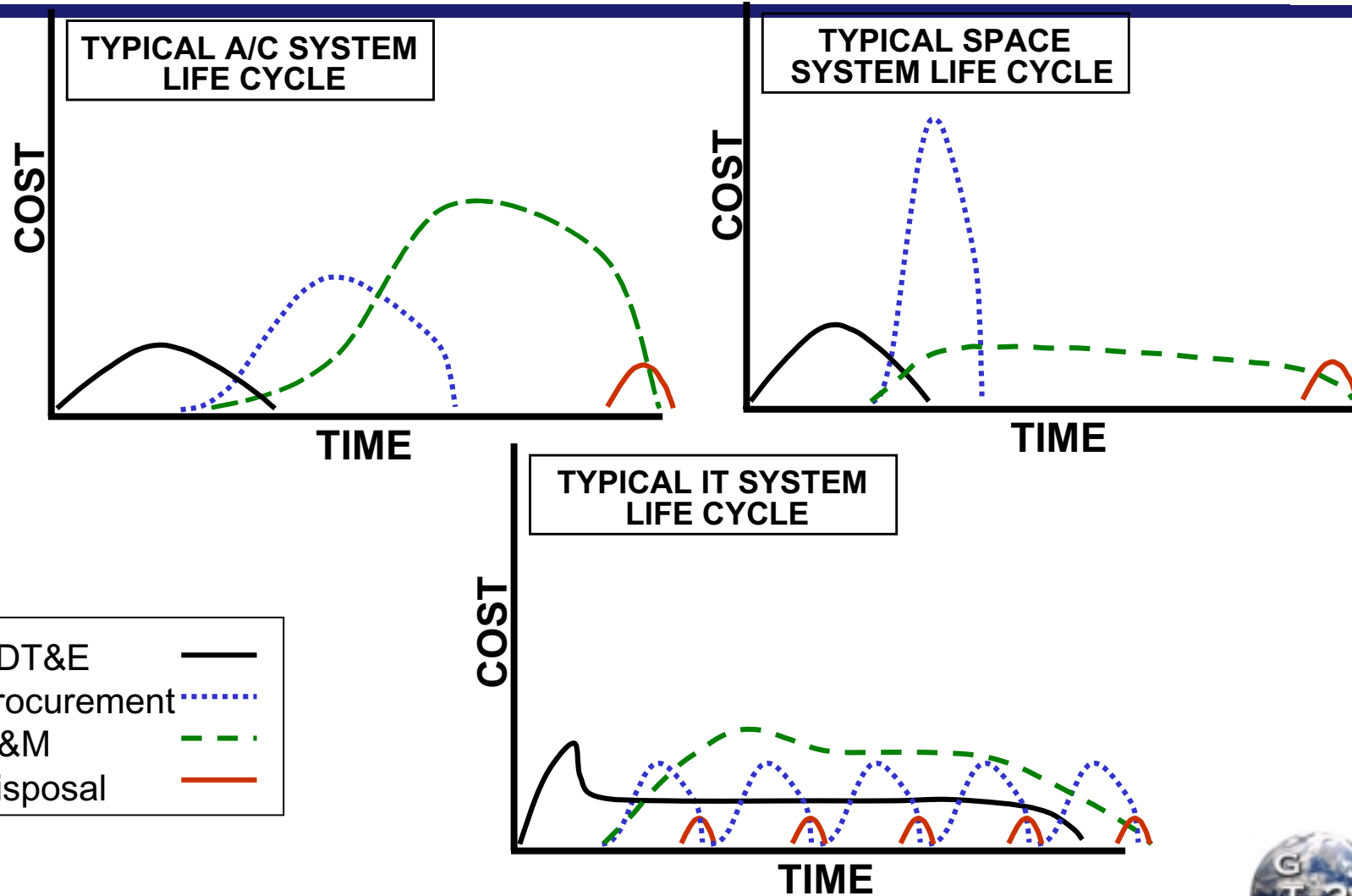
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# Life Cycle Profiles (notional)



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# RIT Tasking



- n **“Information Technology (IT) is a key enabler for transforming military, business, and administrative processes to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. To achieve these objectives, we must strive to *reduce the cycle time to deliver mission effective IT capabilities to 18 months or less.*”**
- n **“...the DoD CIO, USD(AT&L), USD(C), and VCJCS are co-sponsoring a Rapid Improvement Team (RIT) to address this *reduction in the time to deliver IT mission capabilities and improve mission effectiveness and efficiency.*”**
- n **“We have directed the co-chairs to manage this RIT initiative and report its ...recommendations to us not later than October 2001.”**

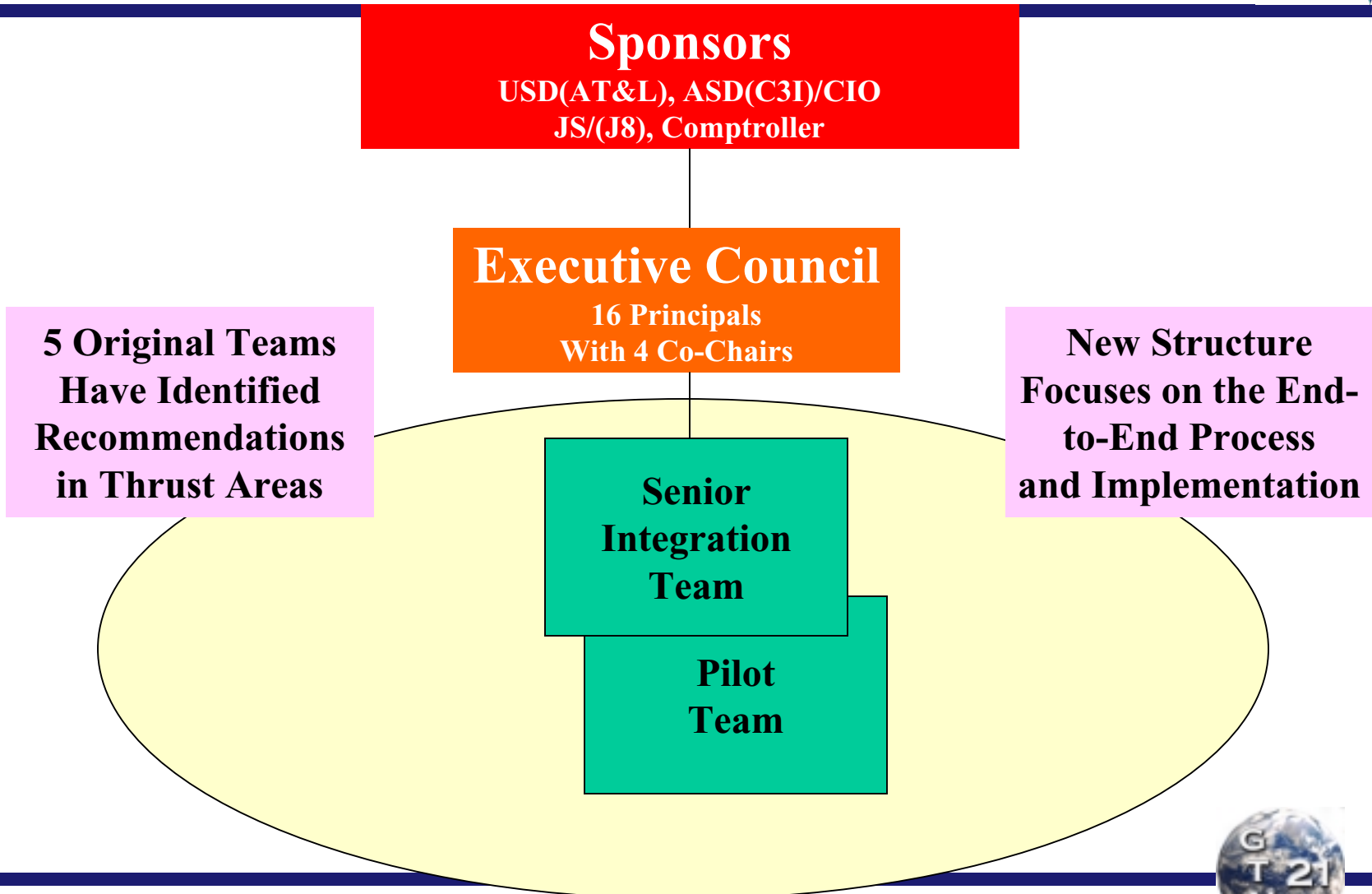
USD(AT&L) and ASD(C3I) Memo, 2 August 2001





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# RIT Organization Structure



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# *IT RIT Executive Council*



n **Sponsors:**

- n Mr. Aldridge (AT&L)
- n Mr. Lanzilotta (Comptroller)

- Mr. Stenbit (C3I/CIO)
- LTGEN. Carlson (J8)

n **Joint Chairs:**

- n Dr. Margaret Myers (DCIO)
- n Mr. Bob Nemetz (AT&L)

- Mr. Ron Garant (Comptroller)
- ADM Stanley Szemborski (J-8)

n **Principals:**

- n Mr. Dave Borland (Army DCIO)
- n Mr. Ron Turner (Navy DCIO)
- n Mr. John Gilligan (AF CIO)
- n Ms. Diane McCoy (DISA)  
(AFPEO/CS&CS)
- n Mr. Bill Curtis (DCIO)
- n BG Charles Croom (J-6)

- Mr. John Landon (C3ISR OIPT)
- Mr. Dale Uhler (DASN)
- Mr George Wauer (DOT&E)
- Mrs Virginia Williamson
  
- Mr. John Osterholz (DCIO)
- COL Mike Perrin (J-8)





# Overarching Goal



Reduce cycle time to deliver  
mission effective IT capabilities  
to 18 months or less





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# *RIT Pilot Major Thrusts*



- n **Risk-Balanced Oversight - The allocation of appropriate supervision and oversight resources consistent with:**
  - n The risks of the investment and;
  - n The goal to manage and oversee programs at the lowest competent and capable level.
- n **Doc X - The sum of information needed to enable a decision maker to set the program on a given acquisition path with a defined level of oversight appropriate to the risk involved**
- n **Information - Utilize an information-based portal providing real-time visibility of IT programs in a joint/shared, secure database open to the community to pull from to do their job**



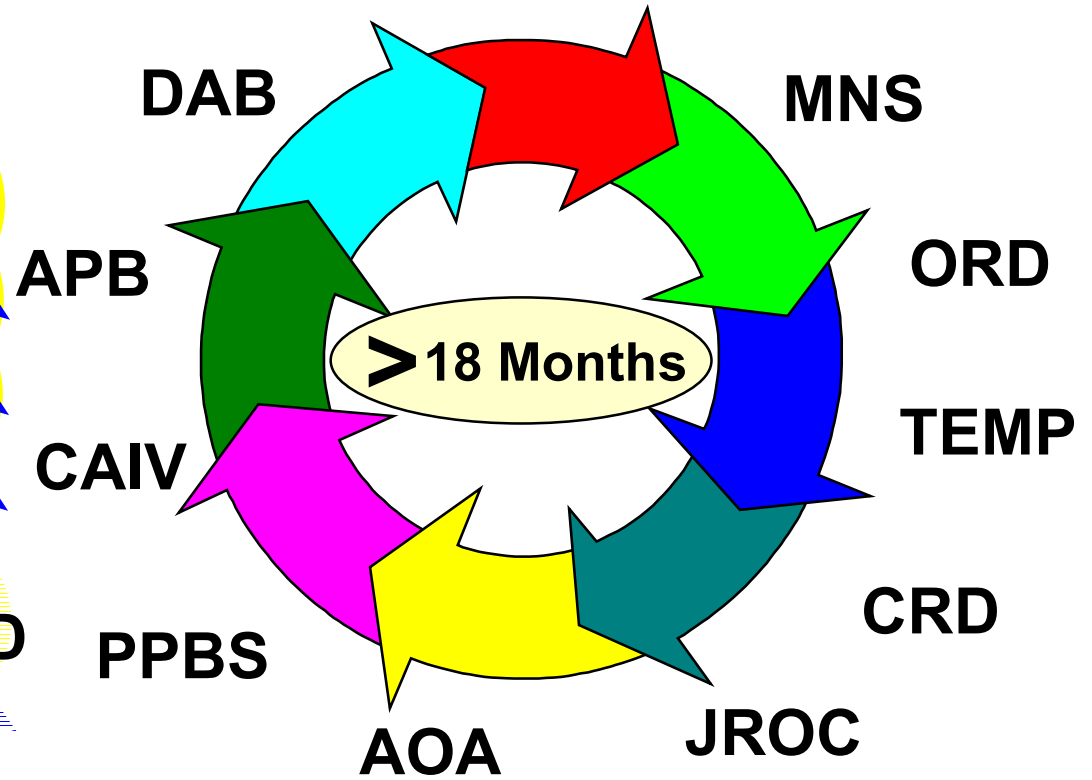
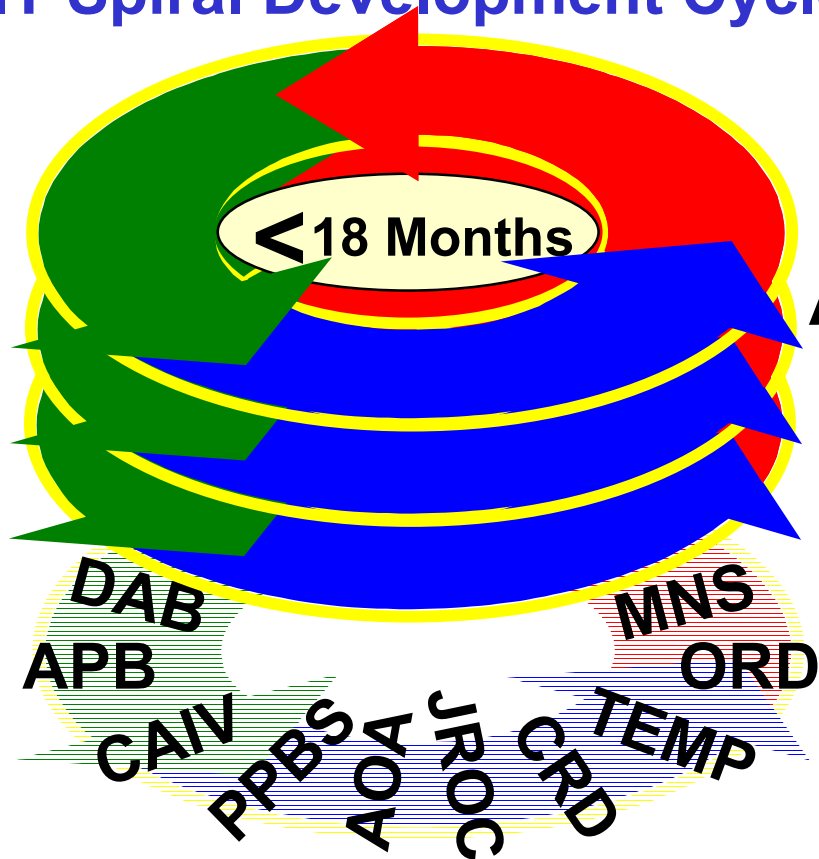


# IT Spiral Development & Acquisition Process Cycles



## IT Spiral Development Cycle

## Acquisition Process Cycle



*DoDI 5000.2 inflexible, time consuming oversight process*

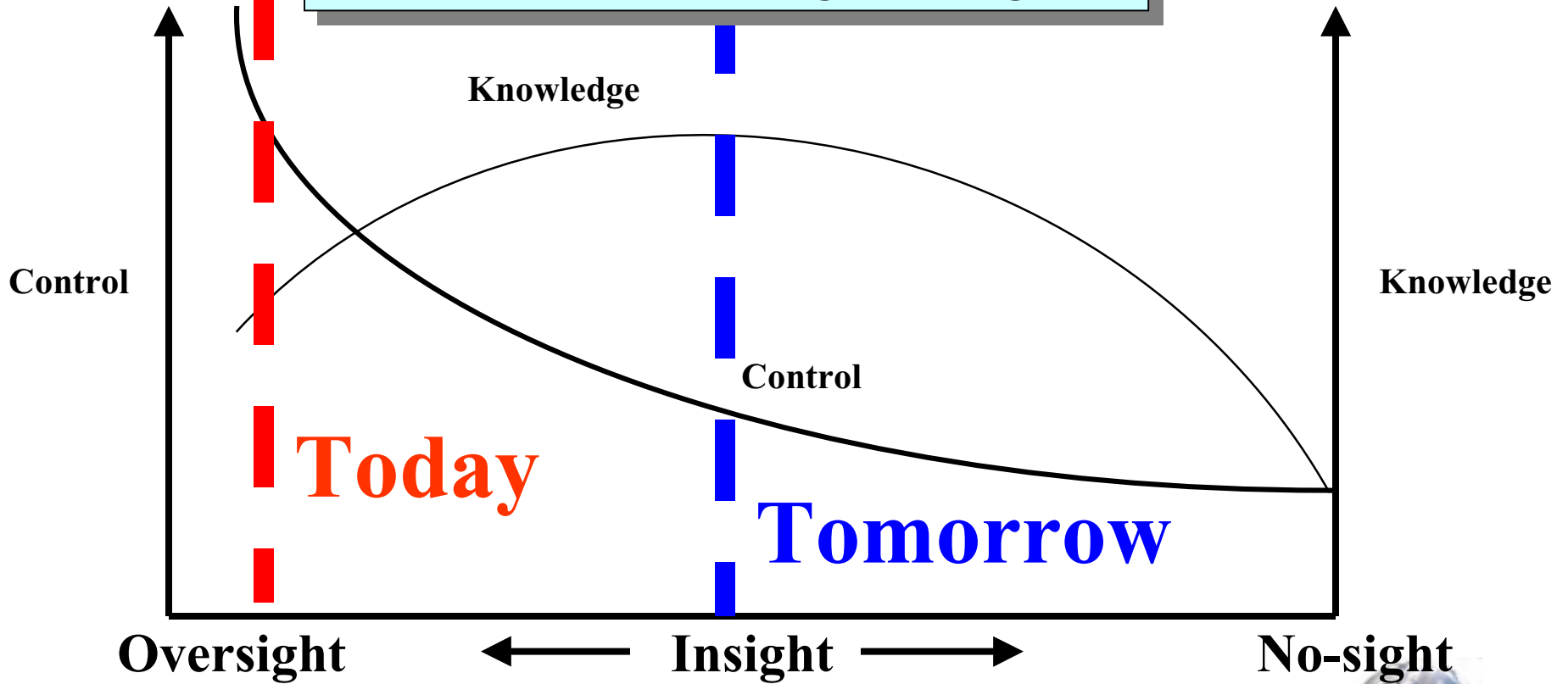




# Our Goal: More Timely Knowledge & Less Control

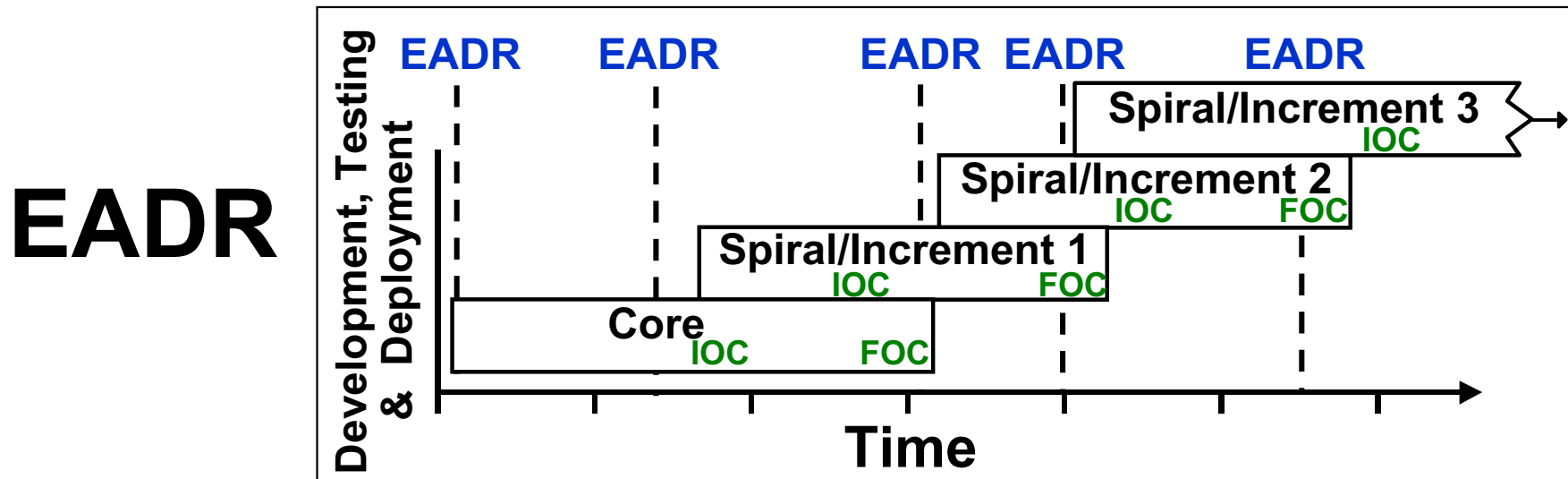
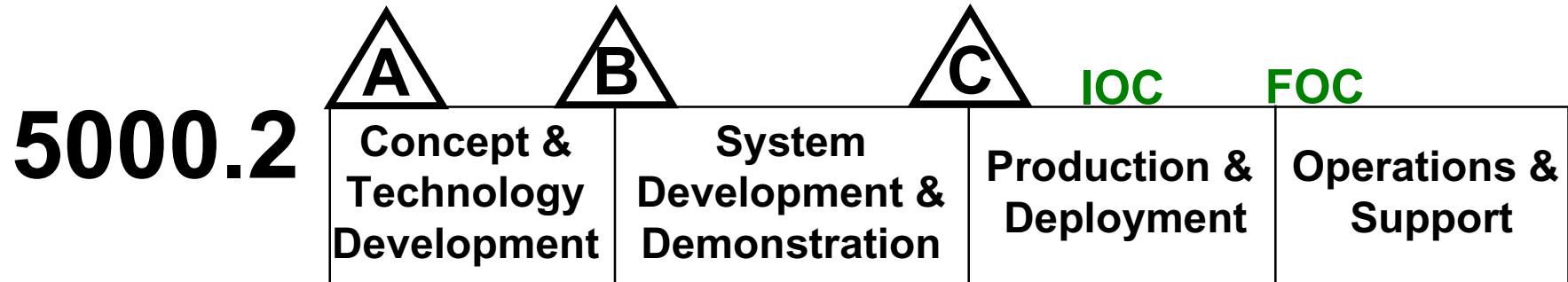


The RIT Pilot will utilize the Army's Acquisition Portal and the EADR process to move us from oversight to insight.





# Spiral EADR Process Approach Supports 5000.2 Agile Acquisition



**EADRs Incorporate IT Program Milestone Reviews**





## *Evolutionary Acquisition Decision Review (EADR) Process Objectives*



### **n EADR process objectives**

#### **n Establish an agile acquisition process involving strong Customer and PEO participation (and OSD where appropriate)**

- n Allocates funds that are aligned with operator prioritized requirements**
- n Aligns oversight process with spiral development strategy**
- n Delivers functional capability within the customer's current funding envelope**

#### **n Establish a responsive and disciplined requirements process**

- n Retains corporate ability to make timely decisions and change direction as required**





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## *Evolutionary Acquisition Decision Review (EADR) Process Objectives (continued)*



- n **EADR process objectives (continued)**
  - n **Align program documentation and performance metrics to IT Spirals**
  - n **Identify the management infrastructure to manage program and incremental spirals**
    - n Processes, tools, and manpower
  - n **Satisfy DoDI 5000.2 mandates and applicable EA AFIs/OIs**
    - n Across spirals at various stages of acquisition

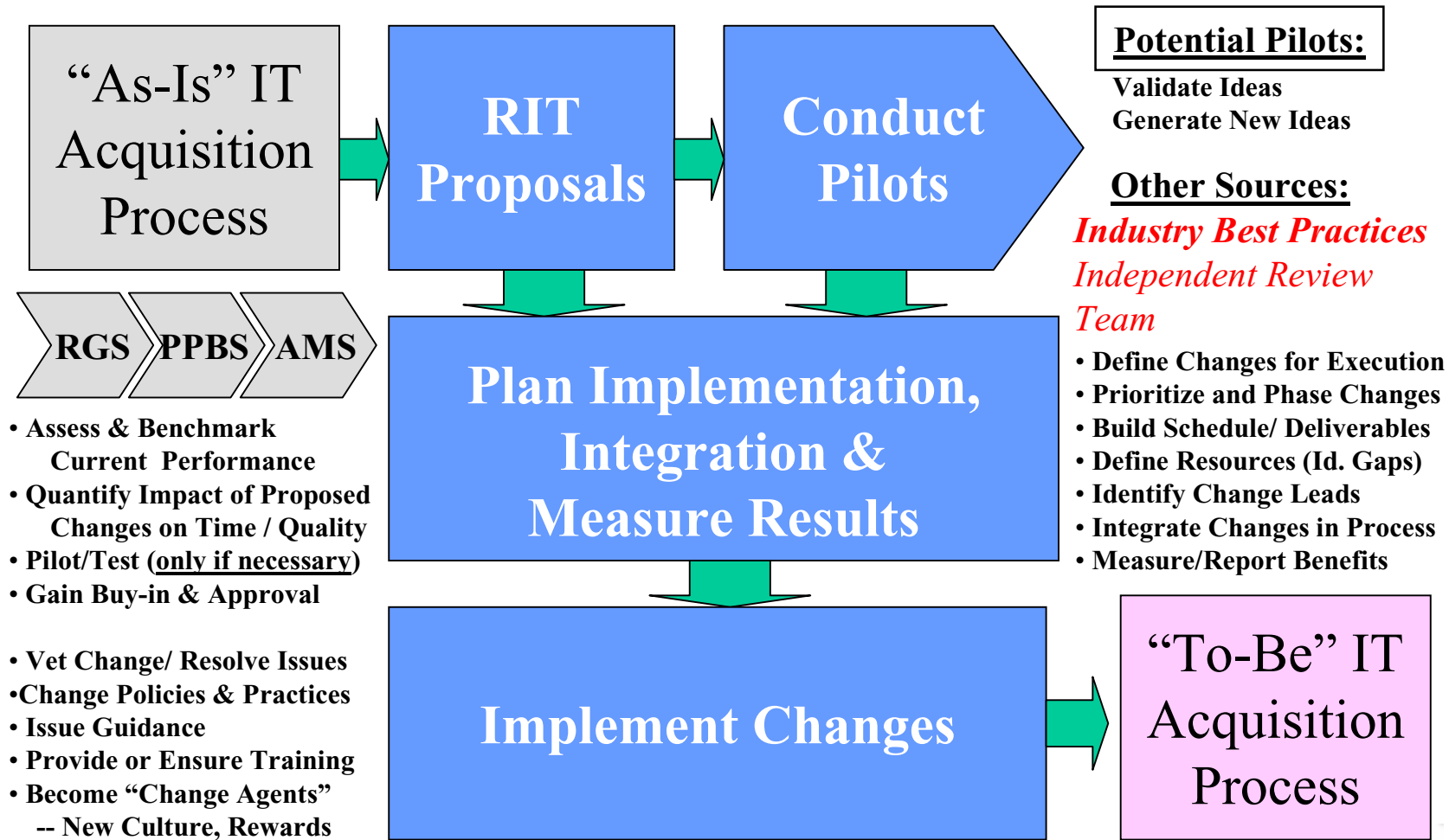






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# IT RIT Process





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# *Focus of IT RIT Activities*



- n **Innovation, agility and speed to meet emerging threats -- e.g., Homeland Defense**
- n **Delivery of mission-effective IT capabilities to the warfighter within threat / technology cycle times**
- n **Shift to risk-based oversight with reduced burden and staffing**
- n **Delegate responsibility and accountability to lowest levels -- process owners & developers**
- n **Establish improved DoD “End-To-End” IT Acquisition, Management and Oversight Policies and Processes that rapidly deliver mission effective IT capabilities to the warfighter and other users**

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# Summary



- n **IT RIT developed set of recommendations focused on reducing acquisition cycle time and improving effectiveness**
- n **Integration of recommendations with the current “As-Is” system (RGS, PPBS and AMS) underway**
- n **RIT restructured for implementation and risk mitigation**
  - n **Implementation/Integration Team**
  - n **Pilot Team**
    - n **New Concepts Exploration/Experimentation**
- n **Positioned for near- and mid-term change**
  - n **Fix long-standing problems in near-term, position for “radical” change**
  - n **Pilot and explore new ideas to feed the new process**
  - n **Evolve to a “To-Be” new way of doing business (mid- to long-term)**





# ***Pilot Candidates***



**AF** - GCSS-AF, ILS-S, IMDS, SCS, GTN21,  
FIRST

**NAVY** - NAVSEA (ERP)- NEMAIS,  
NTCSS, GCSS-M

**ARMY** - TC-AIMS II

**DISA** - GCSS(CINC/JTF)

**Health Affairs** - Systems TBD





# Pilot Program Oversight Approaches

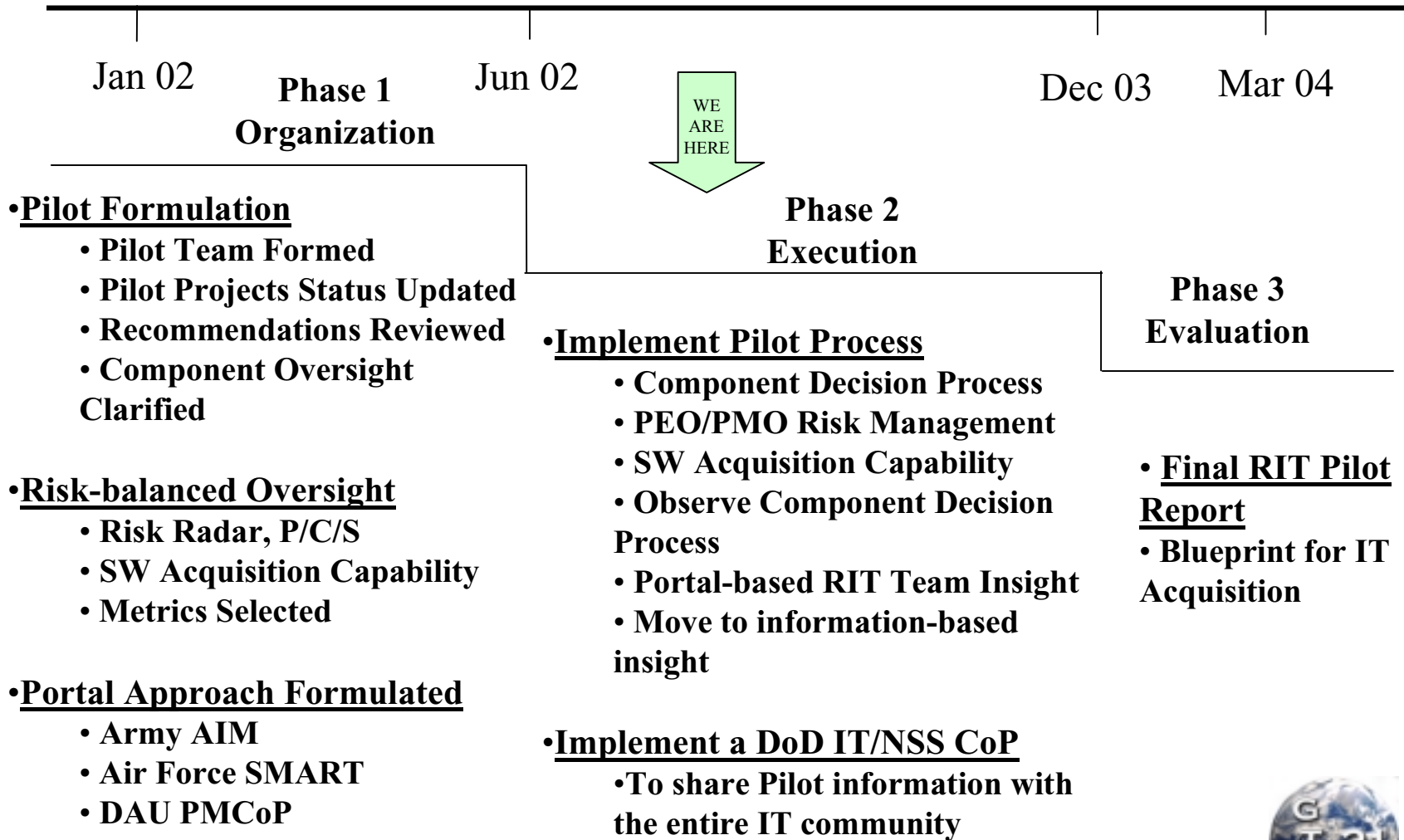


- n **AF (GCSS-AF, ILS-S, IMDS, SCS, FIRST, GTN-21)**
  - n EADR (Evolutionary Acquisition Development Review)
  - n Decision Authority - PEO- Brig Gen (sel) Dehnert /Ms Williamson
- n **Health Affairs (TMIP)**
  - n Capitalize on existing MHS IM/IT program governance
  - n Decision Authority - ASD (Health Affairs) - Dr. Winkenwerder
- n **DISA (GCSS-CC/JTF)**
  - n Periodic reviews to monitor progress following initial program review
  - n Decision Authority - Principal Director - Ms McCoy
- n **Army (TC-AIMS-II)**
  - n Draft DA acquisition process for RIT Pilot
  - n Decision Authority – ASD (C3I) – Mr. Stenbit
- n **Navy (NTCSS)**
  - n Virtual Oversight thru use of portal for decisions
  - n Decision Authority – DASN(C4I/EW/Space) - Dr. Uhler





# RIT Pilot Phases & Milestones





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*Vision*



To gather the family of transportation customers and providers of lift into an integrated Defense Transportation System (DTS) **data infrastructure** that will provide the Intransit Visibility (ITV) and the C<sup>2</sup> decision support information necessary to meet customer requirements.







# *Mission*



- n **The Mission**

- n **Provide near-real time visibility...**

- n **Global, multi-modal movement**

- n **Passengers, Cargo, Patients**

- n **Peace, War, Contingencies**

- n **Provide the Warfighter with C2 Decision Support Capabilities**



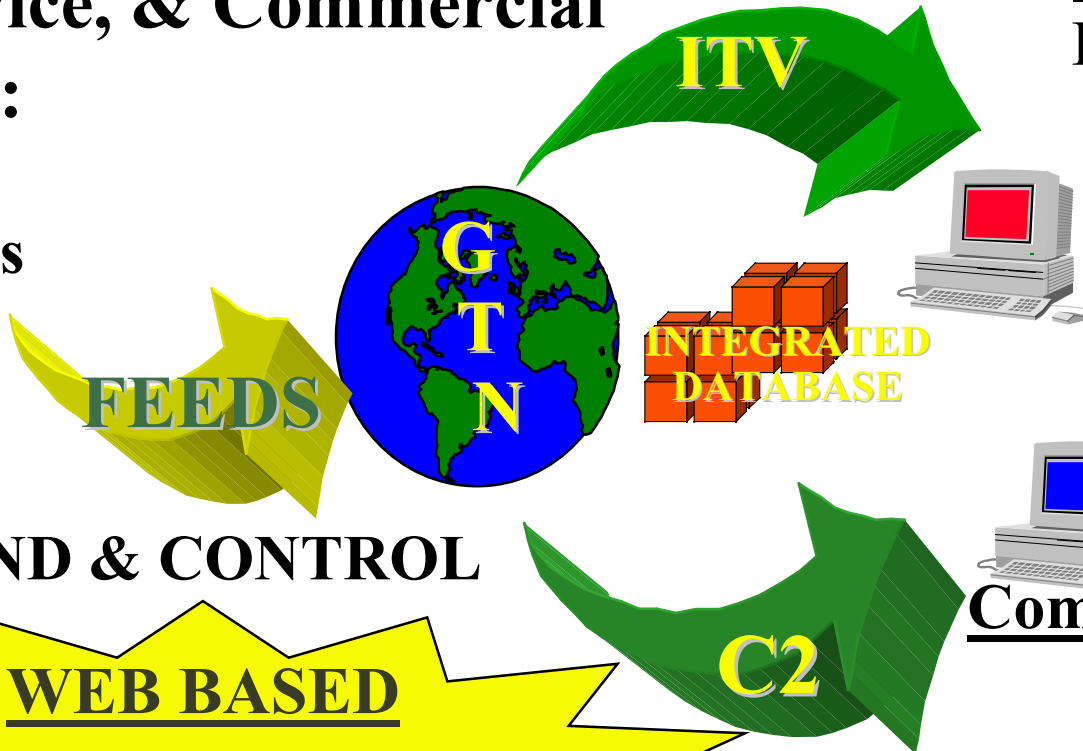


# Concept



## DoD, Service, & Commercial Interfaces:

- AIR Ops
- LAND Ops
- SEA Ops
- UNIT
- SUPPLY
- COMMAND & CONTROL



- DTS Customers  
 Deploying Units  
 Materiel Mgrs  
 TMOs/ITOs  
 Depots  
 Service HQs  
 Systems

- Command Centers  
 Operators  
 Planners  
 Logisticians  
 Systems

**WEB BASED**  
 Classified - Secret  
 Unclassified - Sensitive/Protected





# Replacement System Strategy



- n **Shortcomings in Current GTN System**
  - n Does not satisfy all ORD requirements
  - n Obsolete technology
  - n Replacement strategy chosen
- n **Full and Open Competition, Best Value**
  - n Competition critical for innovation, quality and affordability
  - n Allows current technology insertion
  - n Will satisfy all ORD requirements
  - n Significant lessons learned from current program





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# Acquisition Strategy



Designated RIT Pilot

FY01 - FY02

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr FY02

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr FY02

4<sup>th</sup> Qtr FY02

Acquisition Strategy Formulation

Phase I Source Selection

Phase II Down Select

Execution

- Industry Days (5)
- One-on-Ones (40+)
- Web Accessible Info
- RFI
- Sources Sought
- Draft RFPs
- RFP Release

- Evaluate Proposals
  - Written
  - Oral (In-Plant)
  - Interim Ratings
  - SSA Rebuttal
  - Discussions

- Deliverables:
  - DBDD
  - Technical Approach
  - IMP/IMS

- Development
- Operations
- Maintenance

Contract Award

Exercise Option

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# *Two-Phase Approach*



- n **Two Phase Approach**
- n **Phase I - Risk Mitigation & Data Gathering**
  - n **Firm Fixed Price**
  - n **At least 2 contracts – \$2M per contract \***
  - n **4-Month Period of Performance**
  - n **Deliverables**
    - n **Tailored Database Design Document (DBDD)**
    - n **Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)**
    - n **Technical Approach & Integrated Master Plan (IMP)**
  - n **Cost Proposal received after tech eval completed**

\* Award made to Northrop Grumman Information Technologies, TRW, CSC, and Harris





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## ***Two-Phase Approach (cont)***



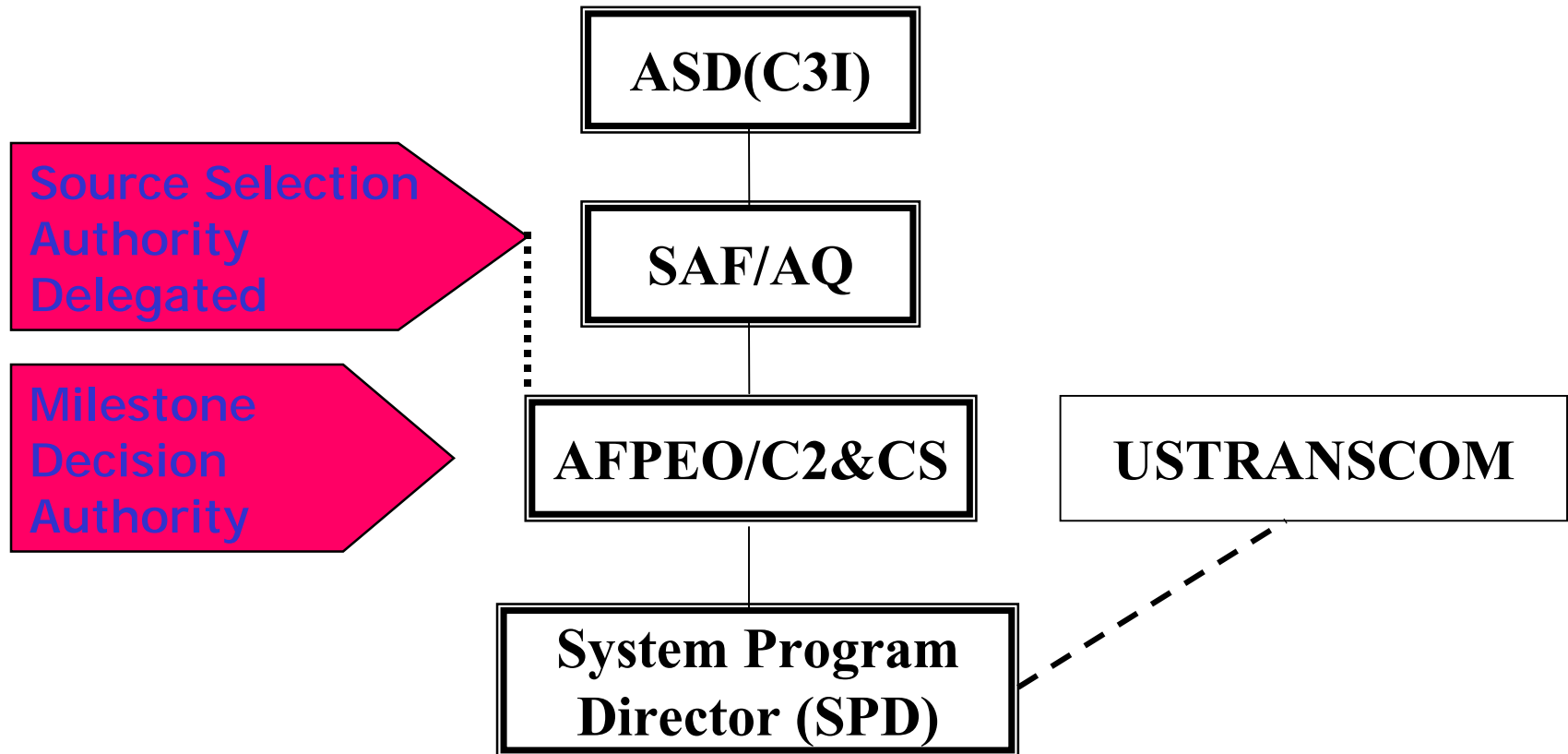
- n **Phase II - Development and O&M (up to 16 years)**
  - n **Cost Plus Award Fee**
  - n **Exercise Option on single Phase I Contract**
  - n **3-Year Development to IOC**
  - n **2-Year Development to FOC**
  - n **2 Years O&M Between IOC & FOC**
  - n **1-Year Follow-on O&M Post FOC**
  - n **10-Year Follow-on Maintenance**
  - n **Actual Durations Depend on Proposed Schedule**





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# Program Management





# USTRANSCOM Stakeholders



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CINC & DCINC**

**J6**

- System Administration
- System Operators

**J3**

- Functional Administration
- Requirements
- Outreach
- ITV Planning/Metrics

**GTNPMO**

- Contractor Oversight
- Program Management
- Technical Requirements

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# System Characteristics



- n **Hardware: COTS**
- n **Software: COTS & Developed**
- n **Primary Site: Scott AFB**
- n **Alternate Site: DECC STL**
- n **User Interface: Web-Based—No Deployed Code**
- n **Large Database**
- n **Multiple Interfaces**
  - n **Aggregate Data from many sources**
  - n **No direct data input**
  - n **Supply aggregated data to end users/customer systems**





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# ***Acquisition Streamlining (RIT)***



- n **Oversight as exception processing**
- n **Continuous access to info for comment vice shepherd through long approval process**
  - n **Post to AIM (Doc X)**
- n **Periodic Evolutionary Acquisition Decision Reviews (EADRs) replace formal milestones**
- n **Establish 18 month max delivery cycle**
- n **Designated GTN 21 from ACAT 1AM to 1AC**
- n **MDA lowest appropriate level (AFPEO/C2&CS)**





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# Proposed IT EADR Example:



- Approved:**
- What are we buying?
    - Requirements
  - How are we buying it?
    - Funding
    - Acquisition approach
    - EADR Approach
  - What are the risks?
    - Risk ID complete
- Documentation**
- MNS
  - Draft ORD (w/ Interoperability KPP)

- Approved:**
- What are we buying?
    - Requirements
  - How are we buying it?
    - Funding
    - Acquisition approach
  - What are the risks?
    - Mitigation Plans complete
    - Incentive Plan
- Documentation**
- Doc X
  - Evol Pgm Baseline
    - Year 1: Baseline
    - Yrs 2-8: Forecast

- Deliver Spiral 1**
- Exit Criteria**
- Approved:**
- What are we buying?
  - How are we buying it?
  - What are the risks?
- DocX**
- Evol Pgm Baseline
    - Year 2: Baseline
    - Yrs 3-9: Forecast
  - Updates

*Senior Official Involvement Critical to Success*

# 2011 EADR Participants



Key Stakeholders  
involved (VTC)

n **MDA:**

n Deputy AFPEO (C2&CS),  
**Co-Chair**

n **User:**

n TCJ3/4, **Co-Chair**

n JSJ4

n **CIO:**

n TCJ6, **Co-Chair**

n AFCIO

n DASD(C4ISR)

n **Test**

n OSD(T&E)

n AF/TE

n AFOTEC

n **Budget/Cost:**

n TCJ8

n OSD Comptroller

n SAF/FMC

n AFCAA

n **Acquisition:**

n SAF/AQC/AQI/GCQ

n AFMC/DR

n ESC/AE/JA

Decision Authority  
and Customers as  
Co-Chairs





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# GTN 21 EADR Outline



- n **What Are We Buying?**
- n **How Are We Buying It?**
- n **What Are the Risks?**
- n **Clinger-Cohen Act Compliance**
- n **Test Strategy**
- n **Security Strategy**
- n **Documentation**
- n **Summary/Recommendation**

- Mapped goals of the EADR with MS B requirements in DODI 5000.2
- Tailored to Program Needs
- Evidence of total compliance posted on AIM





# *RIT Lessons Learned for GTN 21*



- n **Designation From 1AM to 1AC Effects**
  - n **MDA Has Day-to-Day Knowledge of Program**
  - n **Streamlined CCA Confirmation**
  - n **OSD Gray Beards Still on Board**
- n **Teaming with Key Stakeholders Throughout Acquisition Process**
  - n **Test IPT Critical to Successful Test Strategy**
  - n **CCA IPT Resolved GTN 21 Unique Situation**
  - n **C4ISP Not Affected by RIT – 18 Month Process**





# *RIT Lessons Learned for GTN 21 (cont.)*



- n **EADR Minutes Serve as ADM, Streamlines Approval—Reduces cycle time**
- n **User Involvement Still Critical to Success**
  - n **Author CCA Compliance Items (I.E. BPR, MPMs)**
  - n **Author and Coordinate MNS, AoA, ORD**
  - n **Participate in SAMP, TRD, RFP, C4ISP**
- n **Change From Oversight to Insight with Expert Help Another Key**
  - n **Initiative Sharing – Information Pull Vs. Document Push**
  - n **IIPT Was First Step; RIT Takes It Rest of the Way**







# *RIT Lessons Learned for GTN 21 (cont.)*



- n **Document X (AIM)**
  - n **Central Repository for Stakeholders to Pull All Program Information**
  - n **Initial Move From Document Focus to Information Focus**
  - n **Need a program information structure upon which to build common repository**
  - n **Define views for communities of interest**
- n **Pre-brief to EADR Co-chairs and Information Flow Prior to EADR Helped Set Expectations**





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# Recommendations



- n **Delegate MDA to Lowest Appropriate Level**
- n **Use EADRs for All IT Programs**
- n **Continue to Foster Culture**
  - n From Oversight to Insight
  - n Information Pull vs. Document Push
  - n Signature/approval process not there yet
- n **C4ISP Process Too Long - Integrate with Doc X**
- n **Document X vs. myriad program documents**
  - n Build common common program information repository
  - n Provide views for communities of interest (i.e. C4ISP)
- n **IIPT Still Needed, but Facilitated by AIM**
- n **Align Financial Management Process (AFCAIG) with EADRs**





# Abbreviations



<b>A/C - Aircraft</b>	<b>ISC2 - Intelligence Surveillance Command and Control</b>
<b>AFI - Air Force Instruction</b>	<b>IT - Information Technology</b>
<b>AFPEO/C2&amp;CS - Air Force Program Executive Officer for Command Control &amp; Combat Support</b>	<b>JROC - Joint Requirements Oversight Council</b>
<b>AOA - Analysis of Alternatives</b>	<b>KPP - Key Performance Parameter</b>
<b>APB - Acquisition Program Baseline</b>	<b>MOB - Mission Operations Board</b>
<b>ASD(C3I) - Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command Control Communications and Intelligence</b>	<b>MDAP - Major Defense Acquisition Program</b>
<b>C2 - Command and Control</b>	<b>MNS - Mission Need Statement</b>
<b>CAIV - Cost as an Independent Variable</b>	<b>N/UWSS - NORAD/USSPACECOM Warfighting Support System</b>
<b>CINC - Commander in Chief</b>	<b>OAB - Operations Approval Board</b>
<b>CONOPS - Concept of Operations</b>	<b>OI - Operating Instruction</b>
<b>CRD - Capstone Requirements Document</b>	<b>O&amp;M - Operations and Maintenance</b>
<b>DAB - Defense Acquisition Board</b>	<b>ORD - Operational Requirements Document</b>
<b>DoDI - Department of Defense Instruction</b>	<b>OSD - Office of the Secretary of Defense</b>
<b>USD(AT&amp;L) - Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics</b>	<b>PEO - Program Executive Officer</b>
<b>EA - Evolutionary Acquisition</b>	<b>Pgm - Program</b>
<b>EADR - Evolutionary Acquisition Decision Review</b>	<b>PPBS - Planning, Programming, and Budgeting System</b>
<b>Evol - Evolutionary</b>	<b>RDT&amp;E - Research, Development, Test and Evaluation</b>
<b>FoS - Family of Systems</b>	<b>RFP - Request for Proposal</b>
<b>FOC - Full Operational Capability</b>	<b>SAMP - Single Acquisition Management Plan</b>
<b>IOC - Initial Operational Capability</b>	<b>TEMP - Test and Evaluation Master Plan</b>

