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System Development Performance Measurement (with a Particular Emphasis on Affordability) Workshop August 1, 2012 Pete McLoone, Cheryl Garrison PSM Users Group Conference 30 July – August 3 2012 Portsmouth, VA

Workshop Goals

- Provide participants with information on the four major industry teams on Affordability (NDIA, INCOSE, PSM, MORS) as well as the NDIA/PSM System Development Performance Measurement Project
- Obtain participant feedback on emerging or traditional affordability measures particularly those summarizing the results of affordability analyses, as well as additional suggestions in this regard
- Obtain participant feedback on a qualitative approach in the affordability space
- Obtain participant feedback on techniques for addressing the following information needs: Requirements Verification & Validation, Testability, and Defects and Errors.

Workshop Participants

- Bill Golaz
- Garry Roedler
- Pete McLoone
- Cheryl Garrison
- Jim Stubbe
- Adam Hilburn
- Jim McCurley

Results: Affordability

- For each performance parameter, Performance Parameter Values for each alternative vs. Life Cycle Cost of each alternative
 - Should show confidence intervals around parameter and cost
 - Should show current target for the performance parameter
 - Should show current Life Cycle Cost baseline
 - Should show Age of System at Retirement
- Decided more of a need for a qualitative measure of the value of an alternative than a qualitative measure of affordability management
 - Results would be represented by a spider chart with the spokes corresponding to the characteristics being evaluated
- Recognized the need for a mechanism to analyze cost and value results across multiple parameters

Results

- <u>Requirements Verification and Validation</u>
 - The information need statement needs clarification concerning whether intended focus was on up front requirements validation or back end system validation or both
 - MOE/MOP assessment might be a primary focus up front
 - NDIA Test and Evaluation Committee
- Defects and Errors
 - Phase Containment/Defect Removal Effectiveness addresses "finding defects early"
 - "reducing defects inserted" probably involves some root cause analysis of some subset of defects, perhaps those detected late in a release cycle
- <u>Testability</u>
 - Addressed via checklists utilized during development without any real direct measure
 - The SDPM project should drop this information need

Moving Forward

- Results will be brought to the NDIA-PSM System Development Performance Measurement Core Team for consideration
- PSM Affordability Measurement Project will work qualitative evaluation of value
- Collaborate with NDIA Test and Evaluation Committee on Requirements Verification and Validation