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Total Engineering Estimation -

Data Collection Needs Demand Data Collection Processes Alex Shernoff

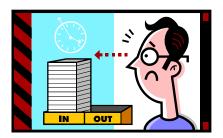


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Data Collection Needs – The Problem

- Do you recognize these scenarios?
 - You receive an urgent call from Business Development. They need you to develop a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate in 24 hours
 - You are working a proposal and are asked to develop 100 Basis of Estimates (BOEs) to put in the cost volume
 - You get a call from your Program Manager asking you to estimate a portion of an Engineering Change Request from your customer
- How do you currently solve them?
 - Contact the "expert"?
 - WAG?
 - Detailed bottoms-up estimates?
 - Parametric estimates?



Data Collection Needs – Historical Data Issues

- To solve the previous issues parametric modeling has become popular, BUT...
- Lack of useful historical data is all too common in our industry
 - No funding to do program post-mortems
 - Critical personnel are quickly moved to other programs
 - Diverse Lines of Businesses present a data collection problem
- Historical data that has been collected has many problems:
 - Inconsistent
 - Unreliable
 - Sparse
 - Gaps/Overlaps

Historical data collection CANNOT be an ad-hoc process!

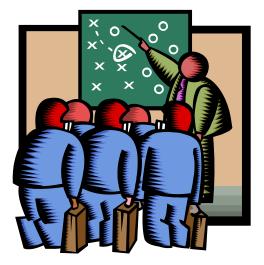
The Catalyst – BAE Systems SEEMaP/TEEMaP Initiatives

- EI&S Operating Group wide strategic initiatives
 - Estimating systems engineering and total engineering efforts in developing a system or executing a program that delivers a system
 - Products
 - SEEMaP[™] Systems Engineering Estimation Model and Process
 - TEEMaP[™] Total Engineering Estimation Model and Process
 - Applied to ROM, Engineering bid & proposal, Trade studies
 - Improve engineering estimation maturity, confidence, and credibility
- Data collection is the cornerstone for estimating tools
 - Parametric estimation is all about data
 - Launched activities in LoBs systematically collection
 - Collected over 50 past programs

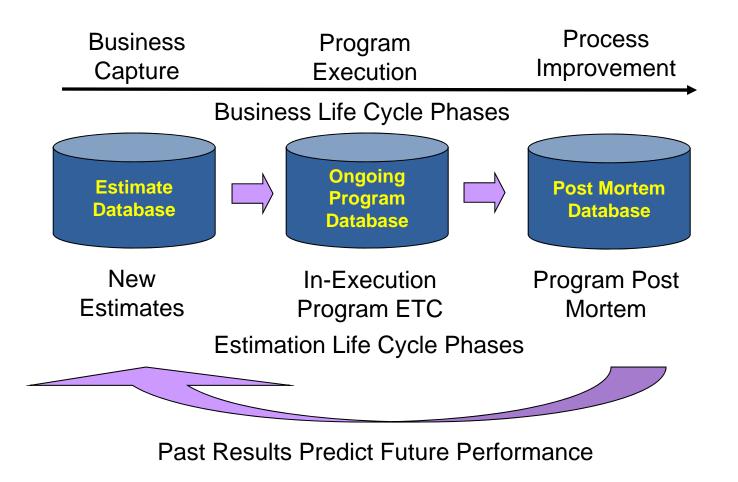
One Model – One Process – Multiple Calibrations

Multi-year Data Collection Process

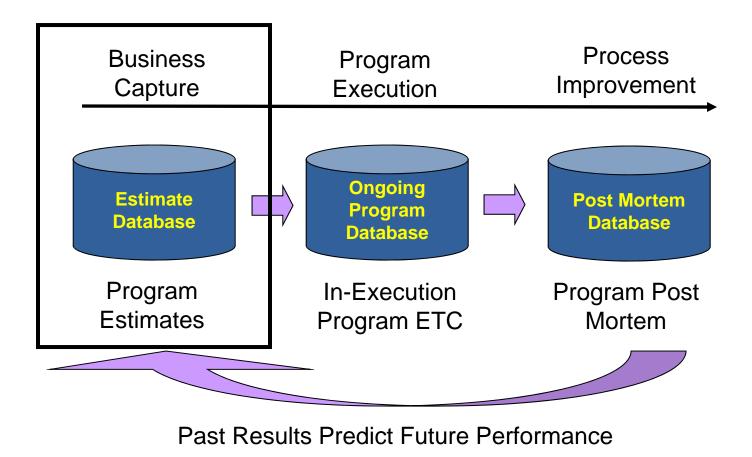
- Objectives: collect historical data for
 - Supporting tool development
 - Bid & proposal estimating
 - Productivity and Efficiency (P&E) measurement (later)
- What to Collect:
 - Completed programs
 - New estimates
 - In-progress program
- Who to Collect:
 - Development team + Stakeholder group + Program personnel
- Where to Collect:
 - All major sites
- When:
 - Over 3 years and still on going, managed at the yearly basis
- How to Collect:
 - Process
 - Tools (DCT + database + Workbooks)
 - Training



Three Stage Data Collection



New Estimate Data Collection



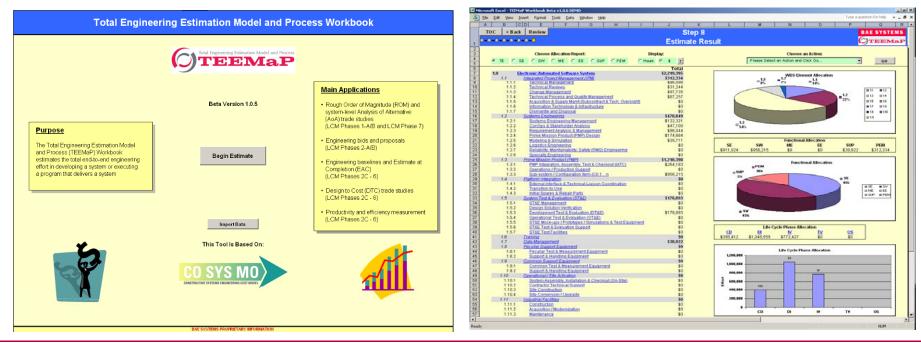
Collecting New Estimate Data

- Proposal Data Collected
 - Newly developed estimates
 - Basic Program and Estimate Information
 - TEEMaP/SEEMaP estimate results
 - Estimates based on other methods (e.g., bottom-up)
 - Questionnaire filled out by individuals developed estimates
- Data intended for
 - Basis of analogy for future Bids/Proposals estimation
 - Reference for contract negotiations
 - Validation of the estimating tool
- Tools used
 - TEEMaP & SEEMaP Workbooks
 - Central database
 - Statistical analyses

TEEMaP Workbook

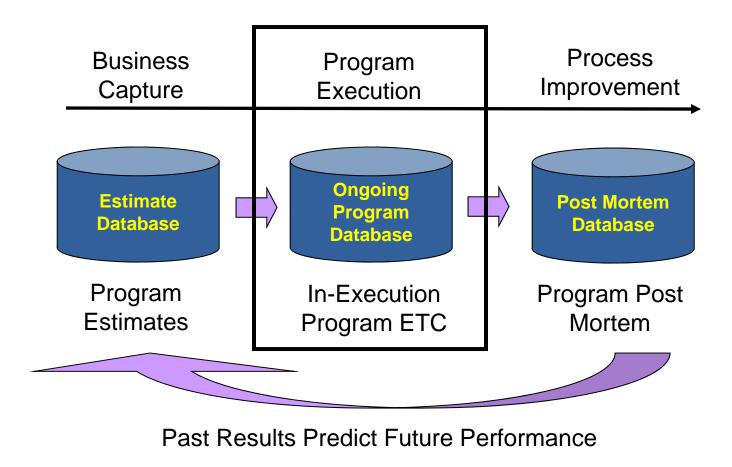
TEEMaP Workbook

- Internal engineering estimation tool deployed across the organization
- Process driven follows the "Turbo Tax[®]" methodology
- Model based on extended COSYSMO
- Create estimate based on organization specific calibrations



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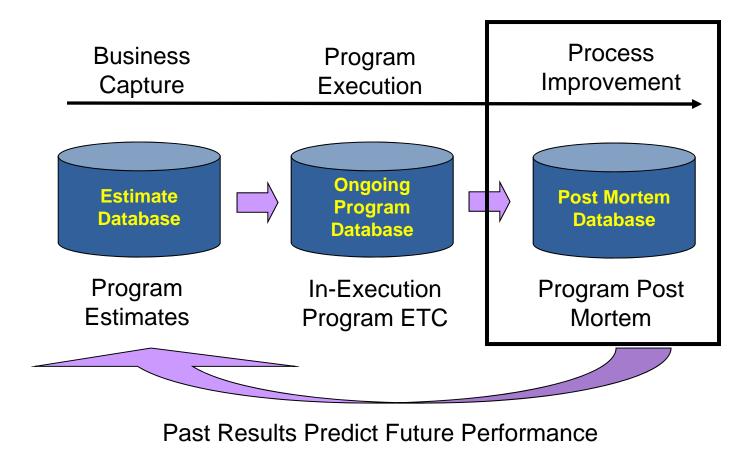
In-Execution Program Data Collection



Collecting In-Execution Program Data

- Program data collected periodically (6-month cycles)
 - Actuals (by WBS, Life Cycle Phase, and Function)
 - Estimate to Completion (ETC) (by WBS, Life Cycle Phase, and Function)
 - Revised estimates
 - Basic Program and Estimate Information
 - TEEMaP/SEEMaP estimate results
 - Other Engineering Data (SW Rqmts, ME/EE Rqmts, eSLOC, HW SWAP, Supportability metrics)
- Data intended to
 - Monitor program Productivity & Efficiency (P&E) trends
 - Look at program progress and status
 - Assess ECPs, Requirement changes, etc
- Tools used
 - TEEMaP Data Collection Template
 - Central database
 - Statistical analyses

Post Mortem Program Data Collection

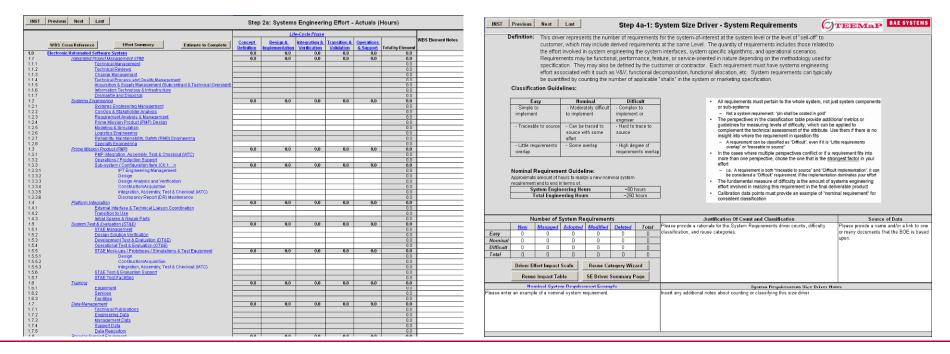


Collecting Post Mortem Program Data

- Program data at completion (or historical programs)
 - Program Information (Type, Duration, Contacts, etc.)
 - Actuals (by WBS, Life Cycle Phase, and Function)
 - COSYSMO-based Size and Cost Drivers
 - Other Engineering Data (SW Rqmts, ME/EE Rqmts, eSLOC, HW SWAP, Supportability metrics)
 - Rationales and justifications
- Data intended for
 - Calibration development
 - Program validation (if the program was previously estimated)
- Tools used
 - TEEMaP Data Collection Template
 - Central database
 - Statistical analysis tools

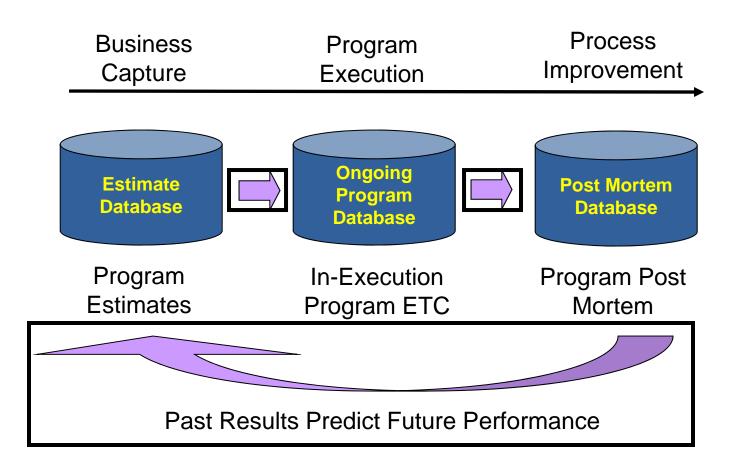
TEEMaP Data Collection Template

- Data Collection Template (DCT)
 - Actuals and ETCs
 - Standard WBS, engineering functions, life cycle phases
 - COSYSMO-based size and cost drivers
 - Functional oriented Data (SW Rqmts, ME/EE Rqmts, eSLOC, HW SWAP, Supportability metrics)
 - Rationales and justifications

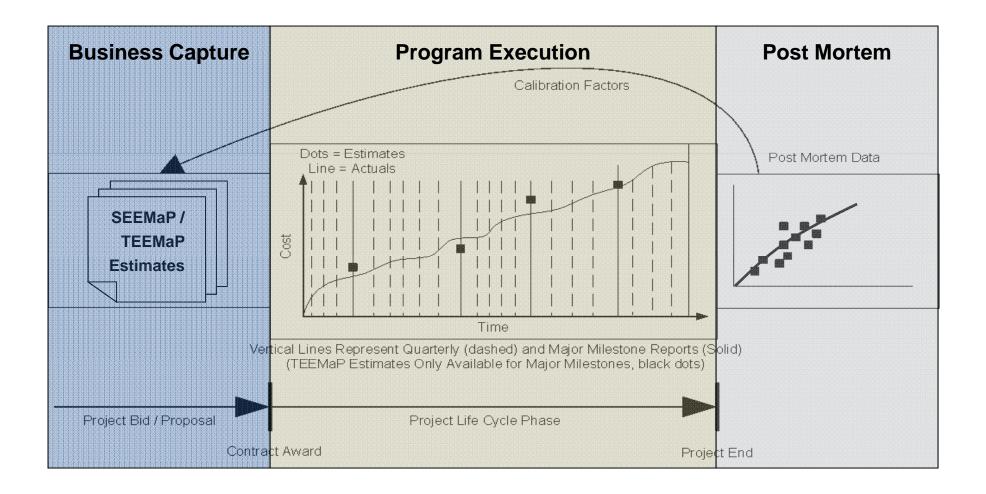


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Data Relationship – Life Cycle Perspective

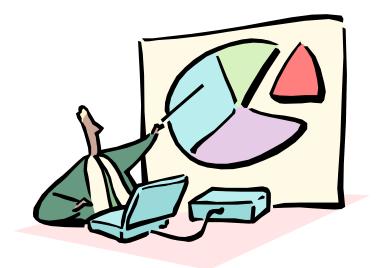


Data Migration in Program Life Cycle



Creating Calibrations with Historical Data

- Historical data needs to go one step further
 - Data Analysis bridges the gap between past performance and future business
 - Group "like programs" to discover productivity patterns
 - Calibrating your historical data is the key to tying the end of the data collection life cycle to the beginning of the data collection life cycle



Data Collection is a hands-on process

- 1. Identify historical programs and establish program technical and financial points of contact (POCs) and Data Collectors (DCs)
- 2. Conduct initial data collection training session (face to face preferred)
 - Learn the TEEMAP Data Collection Template
 - Learn metrics definitions
- 3. Initial data collection performed by the program POCs
 - Engineering actuals by WBS, life cycle phase, and functions
 - System drivers
 - SW & HW drivers
- 4. Interview session with TEEMaP team to review the program data
- 5. Iterate
 - Recollect questionable data
 - Additional interview sessions
- 6. Finalize the data point
 - Upload into the SQL Database
 - Move on to analysis and calibration...

Identifying Relevant Data

- Identifying candidate programs eliminates headaches upfront
 - 1. Completed Program
 - Does the program have clear start and completion, and clean funding lines?
 - There can be exceptions for strategic areas
 - 2. Relevance of Future Bids
 - Do we have the right kinds of programs to support future bids? Example: similarity of programs, age of programs, process changes, etc
 - 3. Point of Contact
 - Can we identify the individual(s) who really know the project in detail, e.g., PEM/Engineering Leads, and who we can interview to collect data?
 - 4. Supporting Data
 - Can we find the engineering documentation, e.g., Metrics, etc, from which to derive important program attributes (i.e., the size drivers: requirements, interfaces, LOC, # drawings, # circuit boards, etc.)?

Data Collection Challenges

- Time
 - Data Collection is a time consuming process
- Money
 - Data Collection takes investment, which is hard to get
- Personnel Setbacks
 - Core Team, Program Data Collector, Stakeholder
 - Personnel issues can stop data collection in its tracks!
- It's a problem solving process
 - After the first pass, data may look bad don't get discouraged
 - Requires personnel internal to program
 - Training is necessary
 - Data reviews are necessary
- Consistency, consistency, consistency!
 - Program Data Collector is set in his/her ways
 - Same definition different interpretation
 - Diverse products and product lines
 - What is "the system"?
- Management championship is key



Summary

- 3-year data collection effort at BAE Systems to support:
 - Estimation process improvement drove data collection and tool development
 - P&E measurement
- Three pillars to support large scale data collection
 - People + Process + Tools
- Data Collection is hard work!
 - Consistency is key but requires effort to achieve
 - It's a problem solving exercise
 - Defined process helps
- It is worth it!
 - Metrics are useful in more ways than one
 - Capture it while you can... If you wait until you need it it's already too late

People, Process, and Tools are the foundation of successful data collection



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