Headquarters Air Combat Command

Maturing the Enterprise

Applying process improvement strategies to a large GIS program



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Overview

- Background on Air Combat Command IGI&S (GeoBase)
- What is the SEI and the CMMI
- Why Launch a CMMI Based Process Improvement Program
- What were the benefits to ACC GeoBase
- What did we learn and what were the keys to our success
- Questions / Closing Comments

Background on Air Combat Command IGI&S (GeoBase)

- History of Project
 - Started 2001
- Mission
 - Support all non-Intel geospatial efforts within ACC/AFCENT/AFSOUTH
- Footprint/AOR
 - 15 US Bases, 12 US Ranges, >150 Central and South American Sites and >1000 Southwest Asian Sites
- Services/Capabilities
 - Fast Map Services of all content
 - Data discovery and download for all content
 - Infrastructure (servers, people, etc.) throughout World
 - 99.9% Uptime



What is the SEI

Software Engineering Institute

- DoD Federally Funded Research Development Center (25 years) to research to improve the practice of software and systems engineering
- Today, the SEI is driving the future of complex systems, and performs cutting-edge research that continues to transform the way software and systems are developed and maintained. Areas of research include:
 - Acquisitions
 - Current vs Future DoD Needs
 - Cyber Environment & Related Technologies
 - Economic & Game Theory
 - Network & Systems Survivability
 - Performance Management
 - Process Improvement
 - Social Networking
 - Work Force Development





What is CMMI

- Process Improvement Model
- Collection of best practices from:
 - Industry
 - Government
 - Academia
- Constellations
 - Services
 - Acquisitions
 - (Development
- Process Groups
 - Project Management
 - Engineering
 - Process Management
 - Support





What is the CMMI(Cont)

- Capability Maturity Model Integrated (CMMI)
 - Process Improvement Model for Software & Systems
 - Ideal for government systems
 - Globally Recognized

Between April 02 - June 09

- 4,726 Appraisal
- 3,906 Organizations



Argentina	Australia	Austria	Bahrain	Bangladesh	Belarus	Belgium	Brazil
Bulgaria	Canada	Chile	China	Colombia	Costa Rica	Czech Republic	Denmark
Dominican Republic	Egypt	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hong Kong	Hungary
India	Indonesia	Ireland	Israel	Italy	Japan	Korea, Republic Of	Latvia
Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malaysia	Mauritius	Mexico	Morocco	Nepal	Netherlands
New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan	Panama	Peru	Philippines	Poland	Portugal
Romania	Russia	Saudi Arabia	Singapore	Slovakia	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
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^{*} The ACC IGI&S (GeoBase) Systems Group is one of the only GIS programs in the world to earn this recognition



What is the CMMI(cont)

Level	Focus	Process Areas Including IPPD	
5 Optimizing	Continuous Process Improvement	Organizational Innovation and Deployment Causal Analysis and Resolution	†
4 Quantitatively Managed	Quantitative Management	Organizational Process Performance Quantitative Project Management	
3 Defined	Process Standardization	Requirements Development Technical Solution Product Integration Verification Validation Organizational Process Focus Organizational Process Definition Organizational Training Integrated Project Management (2 IPPD Goals) Risk Management Decision Analysis and Resolution Organizational Environment for Integration Integrated Teams	
2 Managed	Basic Project Management	Requirements Management Project Planning Project Monitoring and Control Supplier Agreement Management Measurement and Analysis Process and Product Quality Assurance Configuration Management	Risk
1 Initial			Rework

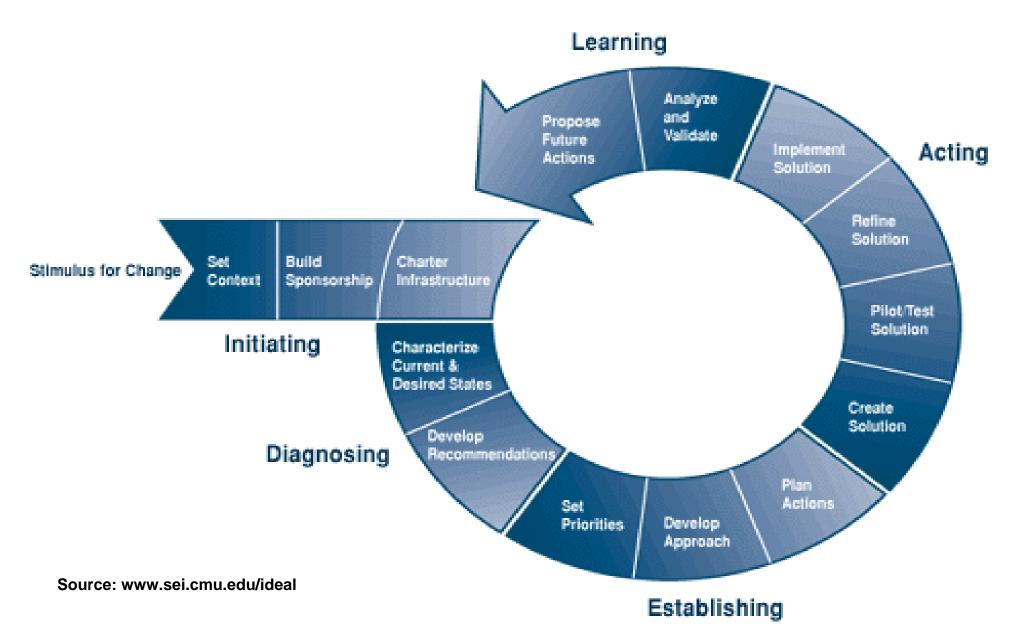


Why Launch a CMMI Based Process Improvement Program?

- Certifications, awards and recognition are important and we wanted to take credit for the good work we have done
 - Few if any geospatial program have earned a CMMI Rating
- We thought we were good, but we wanted to benchmark against industry standards
- We really wanted to know our strengths and weaknesses so that we could do even better
- Innovation and continuous improvement are cornerstones of our success – we wanted to enshrine these principles in our processes

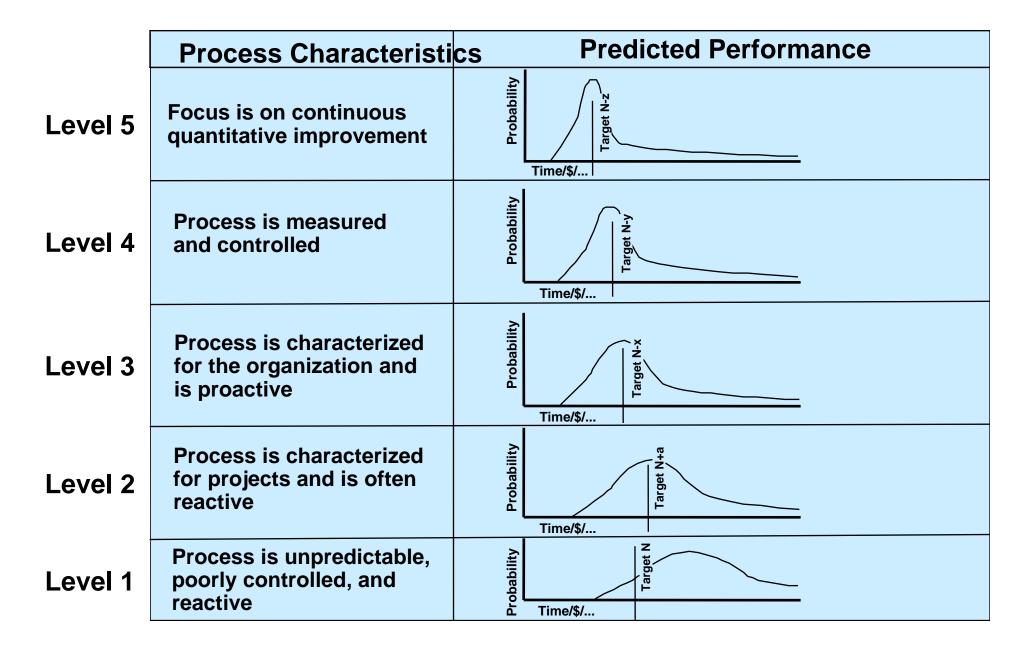


Process Improvement Lifecycle





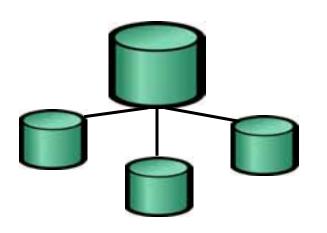
Benefits of process improvement





Application to ACC GeoBase

- SEI CMMI Level 2 Appraisal for ACC GeoBase Systems Group
- ACC GeoBase Systems Group
 - Manage all core service technical operations
 - DB
 - PM
 - WEB
 - System Admin / Engineering



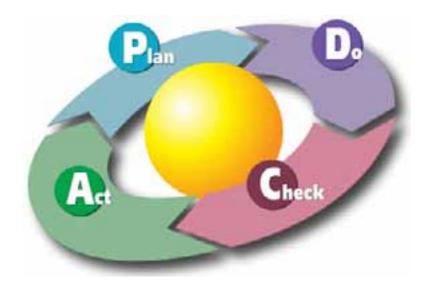






Benefits of the Process

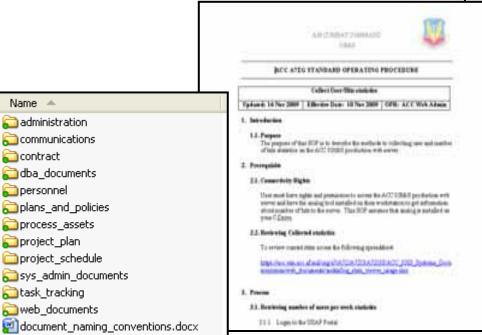
- Benefits of the process improvement event
 - Adequate Document Management
 - Adequate Metrics
 - Independent Auditing
 - Work Classification: routine, scheduled, event driven
 - Motivator for related groups

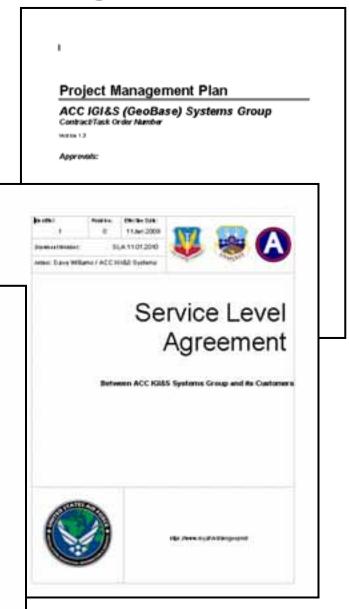




Proper Document Management

- Centralized all documentation
- Standardized formatting
- Templates for everything
- Defined directory structure and naming system







Adequate Metrics

Step back and develop measurements that are really

important

Web

• User / Hits, etc.

DB

Mean Time to Recover
 (performing a real recovery of data)

- System
 - Mean Time to Recover an OS (performing a real recovery of data)





Independent Auditing

- Performed by an independent auditor
- Scheduled and random
- All aspects of audit are documented
- Audit'ees wrote key aspects of audits (buyin)





Three Categories

- Project Management
- Technical
- Information Assurance



Work Classification: routine, scheduled, event driven

Work Classification = Understanding where time is spent

- Routine: day-to-day expected work activities
- Event Driven: unplanned or reactive activities
- Schedule: known and planned for activities

	LEAD	SYS	DBA	WEB	ARCENT
Routine Activities	5%	30%	25%	10%	20%
Event Driven	60%	90%	15%	40%	30%
Activities					
Scheduled	35%	10%	60%	50%	50%
Activities					

Benefits

- Identifying areas that need focus
- Support for resource planning and request





Keys to Success

- Establish the right foundation early
 - This is about improving the process, not getting the prize
 - The model or appraisal is not more important then the business
 - If it doesn't make sense...why do it?
- You need to start with a team that can win
 - Managers who are motivated and competent
 - Consultants / appraisers with the "right stuff"
 - Supportive management structure
- Build consensus rather than demanding compliance
 - Building the system without understanding the requirements takes longer, costs more and usually fails
 - Requirements come from all stakeholders (including the developers)
 - Taking the time to listen, understand and develop smart solutions results in faster, bettter implementations



Closing / Questions

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