Capabilities Based Planning: An Acquisition Perspective



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Systems Engineering for Large-Scale System of Systems

□ A Department of Defense perspective....













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Large Scale SoS Example: Integrated Air and Missile Defense Challenges





Defining the Challenge

□ Strategic View:

- Begin to characterize the battlespace in terms of "Capability Areas"
- Sort and categorize the Component systems by capability area
- Define Family of Systems and System of Systems solutions to meet capability area needs

We call this Capabilities Based Planning



Capabilities Based Planning (CBP) Objectives

CBP should be a top-down, competitive approach to weigh options vs. resource constraints across a spectrum of challenges

Capability Based Planning should:

- □ Link DoD decision-making to the Defense Strategy
 - Encompass the full set of DoD challenges
- Inform risk tradespace -- identify joint capability gaps, redundancies, and opportunities
 - Generate common framework for capability trades
 - Couple capability development to operational needs
- □ Facilitate the development of affordable capability portfolios



End-to-End Capabilities Based Planning Process





Acquisition Engagement







□ Rigorous, top-down determination of joint capabilities takes time

- Requires sound analytical baseline, and
- Cooperation from multiple communities that have not traditionally worked together
- Capabilities must be satisfied by grouping of legacy, new systems, and technology insertion
 - Solutions will cross organizational and funding "stovepipes"
 - Solutions must integrate with other related capabilities and architectures
- Incremental acquisition calls for open, extensible system designs that can support future, yet to be defined increments
- Management oversight of capabilities has ripple effects on individual programs
- Early and continuous involvement of acquisition in requirements determination allows for greatest leverage to determine optimal, joint solutions



Defining System of Systems Engineering (SoSE)

- □ Establish a common vocabulary in designations as:
 - System of Systems (SoS)
 - Family of Systems (FoS)

□ Characterize the scalability of SE processes for SoS and FOS

- Investigate how to optimize SoSE given the complexity of constraints (budgets, schedules, maturity, technology, program independence, etc.)
 - > Apply optimization to a pilot
 - How to harmonize SOS and FOS methodologies with the Capability Based Planning (CBP) process?

For Individual Programs... Consider existing challenges