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**Government-wide Contracts and
Interagency Contract Vehicles
Working Group**

**Progress Report
June 14, 2005**

Government – Wide Contracts and Interagency Contract Vehicles

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Planned Outcomes

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- Resource and background documents
- Briefings
- Written reports
- Recommendations
 - Start
 - Stop
 - Improve
 - Maintain

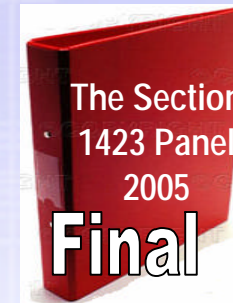
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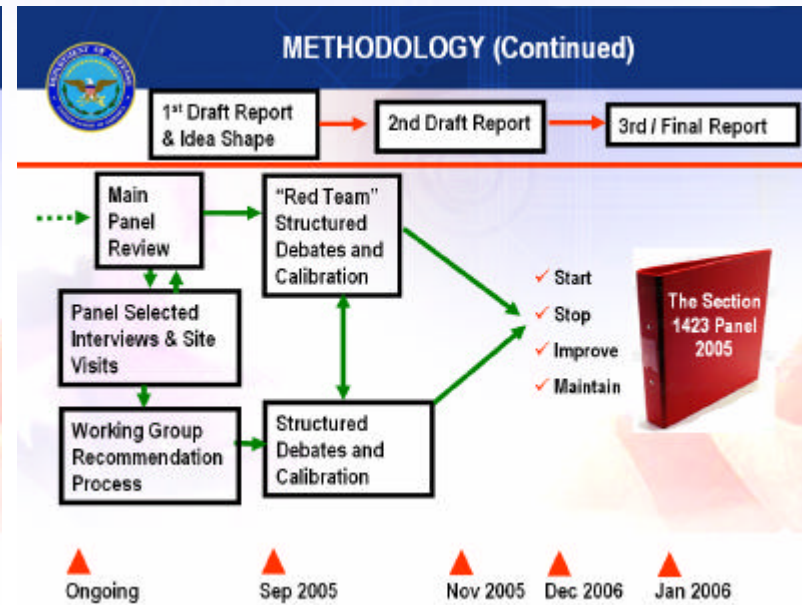
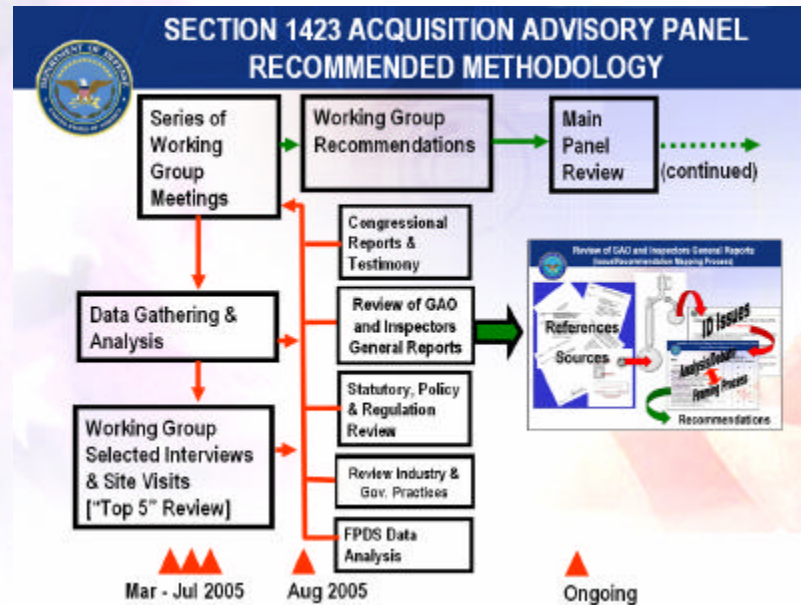
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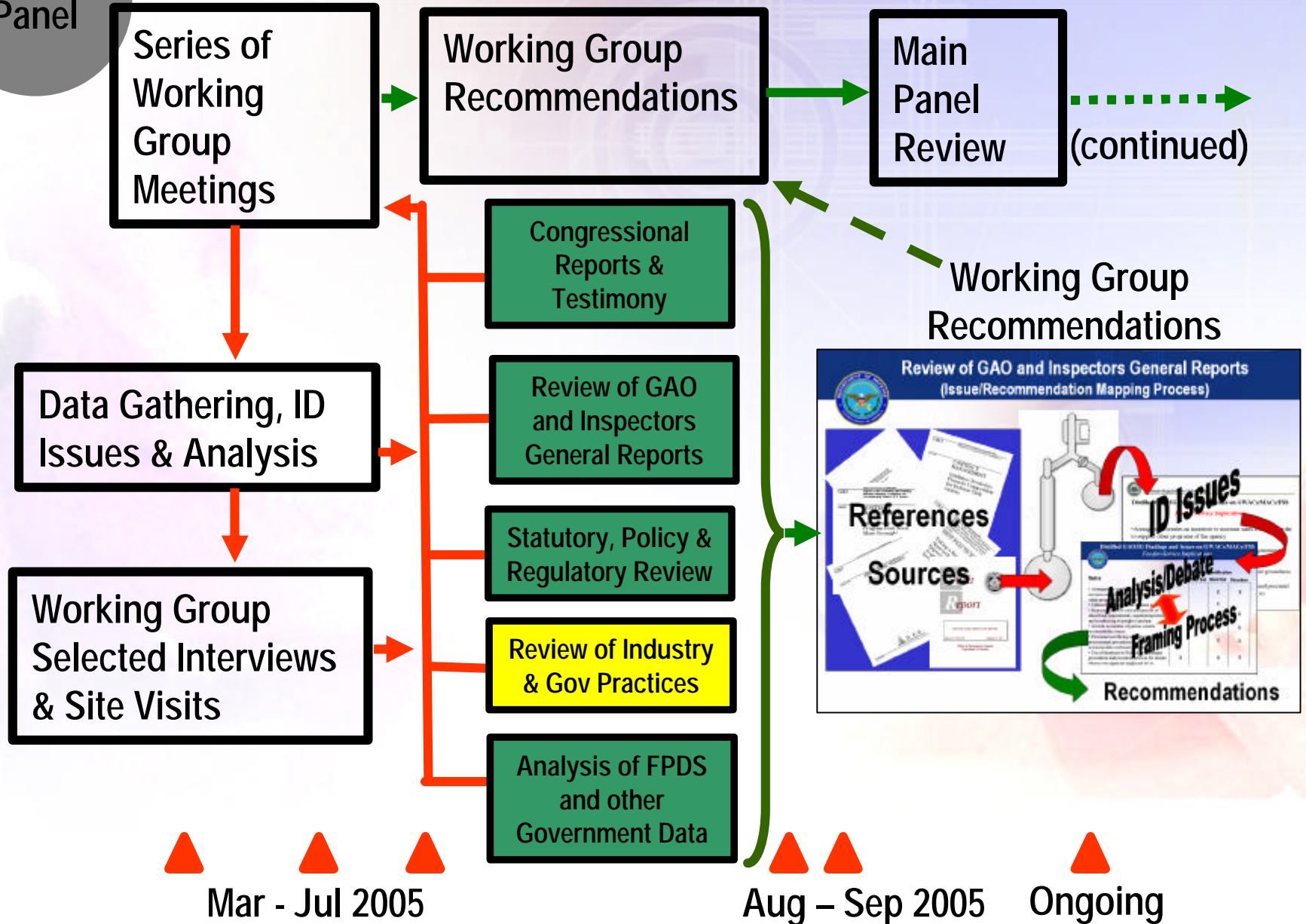
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SECTION 1423 ACQUISITION ADVISORY PANEL RECOMMENDED METHODOLOGY

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Review of Sources (Issue/Recommendation Mapping Process)

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References

Sources

Quote

Report

MULTIPLE AWARD CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES
Report No. D-2001-189 September 30, 2001
Office of the Inspector General
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CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
Guidance Needed to Promote Competition for Defense Task Orders

BEST PRACTICES
Taking a Strategic Approach to Improving Acquisition Services

HIGH RISK SERIES

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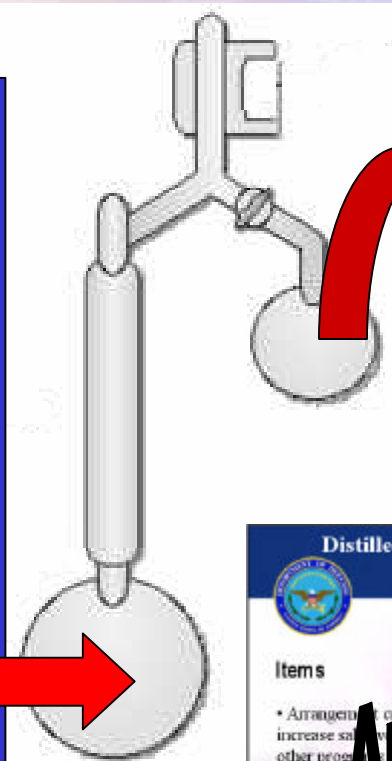
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ID Issues

Defense Acquisition University
Distilled GAO/IG Findings and Issues on GWACs/MACs/FSS
Fee-for-Service Implications

- Arrangements create an incentive to increase sales volume in order to support other programs of the agency.

Analysis/Debate

Framing Process

Items	Identification	For Set	Mind Set	Structure
• Arrangements create an incentive to increase sales volume in order to support other programs of the agency.		X		X
• Culture that has created a sense of responsibility for critical functions of describing requirements, negotiating terms and conducting oversight is unclear.		X		
• Growth in number of parties creates accountability issues.				X
• Personnel sacrificing agency procurement procedures to accommodate customer requirements.		X		X
• Use of shortcuts to Federal procurement procedures and procured services for clients whose own agencies might not do so.	X		X	X

Recommendations

Issues

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Issues and recommendations arise from four basic questions:

- **What are they?**
- **Why do agencies use them?**
- **How do agencies use them?**
- **How should agencies use them?**

What are they?

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- **Interagency Contract Vehicles**
 - Schedules
 - Government-wide acquisition contracts
 - Multi-agency contracts
 - Interagency contracting offices
 - Franchise Funds
 - Related instruments
 - Blanket purchasing agreements under schedules
- **Stakeholders**
 - Vehicle owners
 - Agency requirement holders
 - Oversight and management organizations
 - Industry
- **Issue: Oversight and management of the landscape**

Why do we use them?

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- **Incentives and benefits from each stakeholders' perspective**
 - **Ease of use**
 - **Economies of scale**
 - **Flexibility**
- **Private sector perspective**
- **Issue – Do actual and perceived incentives translate into benefits for taxpayer?**

How do we use them?

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- **Acquisition strategies of contracts and orders from each stakeholders' perspective**
- **Private sector experience**
- **Issue: Securing taxpayer benefits through more effective planning, management, and accountability**

How should we use them?

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- **Develop recommendations for changes to laws, regulations, and policies to:**
 - **Establish overarching goals and acquisition planning mechanisms to balance competing mandates.**
 - **Address systemic issues identified in GAO, IG and other reports.**
 - **Foster possible restructuring/reorganization/consolidation of programs and vehicles.**
 - **Import appropriate best practices from private sector experience.**
 - **Address acquisition workforce issues.**
 - **Establish reliable and meaningful data collection to allow for effective management and oversight.**

Next steps

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- Connect identified issues with applicable laws, regulations and policies - June 30.
- Collect and review agency and private sector practices – continuing.
- Draft background and framing sections of report to the panel - July 31.
- Use working group meetings to refine issues and emerging recommendations – continuing.
- Begin drafting recommendations for the Panel – August.