



COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE. REALIZED.

# CROSS SERVICE IPT ON MISSION OBJECTIVES

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# Agenda

- Terminology
- Developing SMART Objectives



# Terminology

- Parts of an objective:

- Measure
- Target
- Timeframe

- Example:

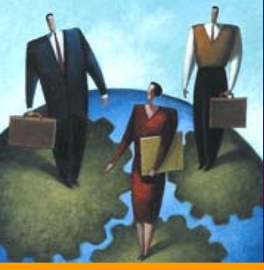
- Improve Government Travel Card Program pay delinquency rate by .5% over last year by end of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter this year

*Measure* →

← *Target*

- Tracking Source

← *Timeframe*



# Developing Objectives/ Performance Standards

- Find measures for the job – the indicators of success
- Transform the measures into SMART objectives
- Identify tracking sources
- Align to higher level goals
- Confirm that the objectives represent  $\geq 80\%$  of the job



# Finding the Measures

- Ask these questions:
  - Ultimately, why does this job exist? What value does it provide?
  - If you couldn't be observed in action, how would someone know the job was performed successfully (or unsuccessfully)? What tangible outcomes would there be?
- Consider the group you lead, because your objectives must represent the group as a whole
- Brainstorm as complete a list as possible, then winnow it down to the most critical lead & lag indicators



# Categories of Measures

- Quality
- Quantity (or Productivity)
- Cost
- Human Reaction

*Measures can be focused on:*

- Outcomes/results
- Outputs/deliverables



# Air Force Example

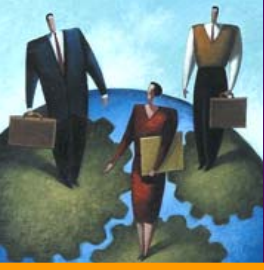
- Serves as Chairman on the Executive Resources Board & develops the strategy, policies, & plans governing the development of all AF civilian professionals. Guide all efforts to achieve diversity in the civilian workforce, Air Force-wide
- Exercise fiduciary oversight of the \$3.4B HAF portfolio. Co-Chair of the HAF Board & oversee the development on the \$3.4B HAF Program/Budget to achieve Top-4 objectives
- Oversee operation of the AF Rapid Capability Office to deliver enhanced warfighter capabilities to field commanders
- Chair the Joint Cross Service Functional Group, in support of the FY 05 BRAC process, responsible for analysis of Headquarters & Support Activities
- Oversee fielding of an Enterprise Information Management System for Headquarters Air Force & integrate all communications & information management functions across the Headquarters



# Navy Example

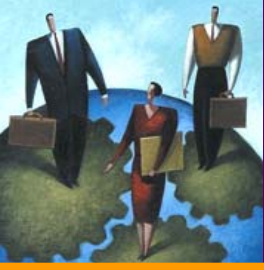
- Conduct monthly program reviews on Strategic Sourcing efforts with Navy/United States Marine Corps.
- Use Mission Criticality Assessment Process (MCAP) to classify a minimum of 30% of Inherently Governmental/Commercial Activity (IG/CA) functions.
- Reconcile budget in Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC) to ensure 100% obligation of funds by mid-September 2005.
- Issue policy on Agency Tender Official (ATO) duties/market research standards.
- Establish partnership with Professional Services Council & conduct quarterly meetings.





# Transform Each Measure Into a SMART Objective

- Add a target/performance standard – focus on this year
- Add a timeframe – focus on this year
- Start with an action verb:
  - Increase
  - Complete
  - Conduct
  - Attain
  - Achieve



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# Challenging Situations

- Projects that haven't been scoped (no deliverables or timeframes exist)
- Jobs where highly trained individuals apply their professional judgment to complex situations (e.g., lawyers)
- Jobs that have never been measured before (e.g., staff functions)
- When there are a lot of intervening variables between the job & the ultimate goal (e.g., human resources)



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