

A NEW WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

The Army has leveraged commercial industry to achieve significant modernization of network capabilities through the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan using the flexibility of contingency funding and operational necessity. The challenge has been to define a process that enables success within the current materiel enterprise framework. Under the Network Integration Evaluation (NIE) effort, the Army has established a similar operational environment at Fort Bliss/WSMR, supported by laboratory analysis at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, to institute an "Agile Process" that will introduce and evaluate commercial technologies in a controlled setting. This phased Agile Process is an effort to procure critical capabilities in a more rapid manner, while ensuring technical maturity and integration synchronization.

The ultimate end state of the Agile Process, the NIE, is to procure and align systems that meet a pre-defined operational need or gap and demonstrate success through Soldier lead evaluations during the Network Integration Evaluation.

Those needs are identified within TRADOC and fed to the acquisition community to solicit and exercise potential solutions. In order to move a potential solution forward it will be endorsed by a TRADOC recommendation report authored at the conclusion of the NIE. TRADOC and the Army acquisition community must ensure those solutions are aligned to a newly developed or pre-existing requirement in order for the materiel enterprise to conduct any procurement activities within the rules of the Defense Acquisition System (DoD 5000.01/.02). This alignment and requirement identification begins at the start of the Agile Process when gaps are identified and potential solutions are submitted for laboratory assessment—prior to entering the NIE. System/program resourcing will be identified as a candidate moves through the process and procured in the most efficient manner as determined by the acquisition and resourcing community.



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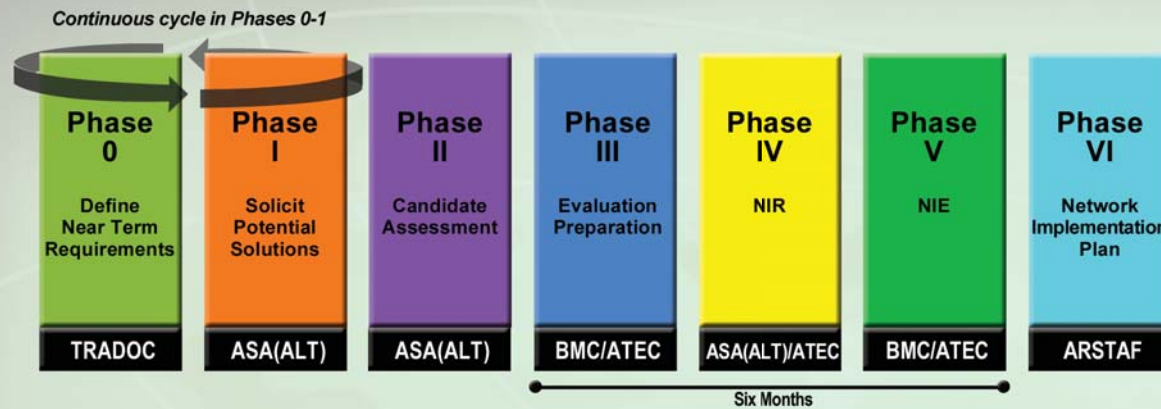
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THE AGILE PROCESS



THE ARMY'S AGILE PROCESS



The Agile Process consists of seven phases grouped in three basic areas.

Phases 0 and I focus on identifying requirements and potential solutions. These phases are continuous in nature and react to external changes from ongoing operations, advances in information technology and traditional analysis the Army conducts to modernize the force for the future.

Phases II through V focus on assessing potential solutions in both a laboratory and operational environment. Candidate systems are prepared through architectural development, systems integration and Soldier training prior to executing the Network Integration Evaluation. These phases are time-driven, on an approximately 120-day cycle, based on the capacity of operational units in the Brigade Modernization Command.

The final phase, VI, consists of HQDA applying analysis to TRADOC's DOTMLPF report at the conclusion of a Network Integration Evaluation. HQDA collectively aligns requirements, programmatics, and funding COAs to implement NIE recommendations in concert with capability set fielding and ARFORGEN alignment.

While the phases imply a linear Network development approach, all are collaborative in nature and continuously inform each phase. Each phase will be refined over time as the Army matures the process to accelerate technology procurement.

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