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Applying Development Cycle Electronics Hardware Sub-Product Cost Models to Project Execution

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Parametric Models CERs OTS Bidding Tools

Productivity EVMS OTS Scheduling Tools



MEMORANDUM FOR ACQUISITION PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: Better Buying Power: Guidance for Obtaining Greater Efficiency and Productivity in Defense Spending

On June 28, I wrote to you describing a mandate to deliver better value to the taxpayer and warfighter by improving the way the Department does business. I emphasized that, next to supporting our forces at war on an urgent basis, this was President Obama's and Secretary Gates' highest priority for the Department's acquisition professionals. To put it bluntly: we have a continuing responsibility to procure the critical goods and services our forces need in the years ahead, but we will not have ever-increasing budgets to pay for them. We must therefore strive to achieve what economists call productivity growth: in simple terms, to DO MORE WITHOUT MORE. This memorandum contains specific Guidance for achieving the June 28 mandate.

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Bidding and Execution



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Defining a Sub-Product

- Products are either systems or major components of systems
 - Radar
 - EO Sensor
 - STE
 - Etc
- Sub-Products are the items that make up the products
 - Radar
 - Receiver Units, Antennas, Digital Units, Power Supplies, etc
 - Digital Modules, Analog Modules, RF Modules, Power Modules, etc
 - FPGAs, ASICs, Analog ASICs etc
 - EO Sensors
 - Optical Assemblies, Driver CCAs, A/D Mixed Signal Modules etc



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Foundational Principles

- Execution of products depends on the execution of the sub-products
- Execution of electronics sub-products depends primarily on how big the sub-product is (size) and the rate at which it can be completed (productivity).
 - Examples
 - If I need to design an FPGA and I can write FPGA VHDL code at 5 LOC/hour, and the FPGA requires approximately 5000 LOC to accomplish its task, then I should be able to complete the FPGA design in 1000 hours.
 - Size and Productivity are complex parameters and therefore the terms "Effective Size" and "Effective Productivity" are used to establish cost driving relationships.
 - When tracked, effective size and effective productivity are leading indicators of execution performance

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Detailed Example



- Cost Drivers for a Digital Module:
 - Some drivers affect the "size" of the Module
 - Some drivers affect the productivity at which the design can be achieved
- Size Variables
 - Terminations
 - Replication
- Productivity Variables
 - Environment
 - Technical Challenges

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Counting Digital Module KSMs



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Defining the Effective Size

- KSM in the simplest form
 - Digital Modules: Terminations
 - RF Modules: Stages
 - FPGAs:(eLOCs)
- Effective size in simplest form
 - KSM*(SF1)*(SF2)
 - SF1 = % New
 - SF2 = (1 % Repetition)
- Effective size less simple
 - Multivariable Sum Equation
 - Separate size factors from complexity factors
- Adjusting effective size with qualitative variables
 - Re-use



$$y = b + m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 \dots + m_n x_n$$

$$y = b + m_n x_1 (SF)_1 (SF)_2 \dots (SF)_n$$

$$y = B(x_1 \dots x_n)^A$$

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Effective Size: ReUse Example

Given enough historical data **SEER-H** can use Monte Carlo Simulations to predict the effect of well defined parameters.





Amount of Re-use	Scaling factor
0-20%	1
20-40%	0.914504
40-60%	0.816298
60-80%	0.699113
80-90%	0.547398
90-95%	0.442756
95-100%	0.223067

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Defining Productivity

- Productivity in Simple Terms
 - Productivity is defined in the units of hours/KSM where KSM represents the Key Sizing Metric
 - Offset constant may or may not have an impact on the overall productivity
- KSM
 - Quantitative variable
 - Defined method for counting KSM
 - Repeatable by independent party



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Defining Effective Productivity

- Effective Productivity
 - Productivity is defined in terms of hours/KSM and is scaled by a complexity factor and a scaling factor associated with reuse.
 - Offset constant may or may not have an impact on overall productivity

$$L = C \cdot P_{WP} \cdot (R) \cdot KSM + P_0$$

where P_{WP} = Productivity KSM = Key Size Metric C = Complexity Scaling Factor L = Cost (Hours) R = Reuse Factor (less than 1) P_0 = Offset



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eProductivity as a Performance Measure

- Related to EVMS
 - If CPI says a project is overbudget, this should show up in effective productivity
- Related to Process
 - Can be implemented in less than ideal circumstances
 - Not all jobs are cradle to grave developments.
 - Can be defined for any parameter
- Descriptive Performance Measure
 - Still not a leading indicator
 - Useful for "gauge level descriptions"



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In-Process Productivity



Data:		
Productivity on Active		
Development Programs		
Source: Productivity		
Database		
Process Owner:		
Update Frequency:	1	
Monthly		
Date: Jan (Dec data)		
Analysis & corrective		
actions:		
1. Significant increase in Size		
to meet design requirements	5	
2. In-Process Hrs/SF drasticall	y	
changed due to size		
increase (see formula)		
3. In-Process EAC vs BAC gap)	
driven by reduced %		
complete and increase in		
Effective size (BCR planned		
for part of the growth, but		
unlikely due to funding		
limitations)		

In process = ACWP/ (% Complete x effective size SF) -where Size increased and % Compl decreased

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Space and Airborne Systems Relationship Between EVMS and eProductivity

- Clearly both EVMS and Productivity are numerical measures of in-process execution
- Fundamentally, in-process productivity could be reduced to:

P_{InProcess} = CPI * P_{BAC}

- Be sure to use "budgeted productivity" as opposed to "bid productivity"
- EVMS "to complete performance index" could also be applied to inprocess productivity.
 - With statistical analysis, this "to complete performance index" could be associated to a probability of success



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Leading Indicators in Project Execution

- The difference between a leading indicator and a predictive indicator
 - A leading indicator provides an indication that a project may or may not be in trouble with regard to cost
 - A predictive indicator provides numerical inference into the final cost of a project
- CPI
 - Clearly a leading indicator
 - Predictive interference not established
 - Extremely difficult to establish reliable spend profile
- Effective Productivity
 - Clearly a leading indicator
 - Effective size is clearly a predictive indicator through parametric models



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Parametric Models Influence Productivity



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Key Parametric Model Considerations

- Choosing the form of parametric model is key in being able to apply to productivity concepts
 - Implementing SF multiplier parametric models is easiest form to apply
 - Multiple linear regression is also possible, but in the end will lead to representing other variables in terms of KSM variable
 - For example, if parametric model for STE contains both drawings and # of bays, then generally productivity based model will represent bays in terms of drawings (e.g. 1 bay equals 5 drawings)
- All "effective" variables grouped under "Effective Size"

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Space and Airborne Systems Benefits of Model Based Productivity Tracking

- Productivity is a more visual execution language than EVMS
 - Capable of being applied to organizational performance and performance improvement
 - Productivity is the language of upper management
 - It is also the language of the government customer
- When paired with predictive parametric models, productivity tracking (through "effective size" becomes a predictive indicator
- More insight into the execution of each sub-product is gained by tracking productivity



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Summary

- Defining a Sub-Product
 - Organically defined by KSMs and integrated into products
- Effective Size of a Sub-Product
 - A predictive indicator of the cost of development of any sub-product
 - Includes CERs such as KSM, re-use and complexity
- Effective Productivity of a Sub-Product
 - A leading indicator closely associated to CPI
 - Takes into account effective size
- Relationship Between Productivity and EVMS
 - Productivity encompasses EVMS plus the ability to apply statistical inference
- Parametric Model Influences Effective Productivity