DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

HOW TO NORMALIZE COST ACCOUNTING DATA

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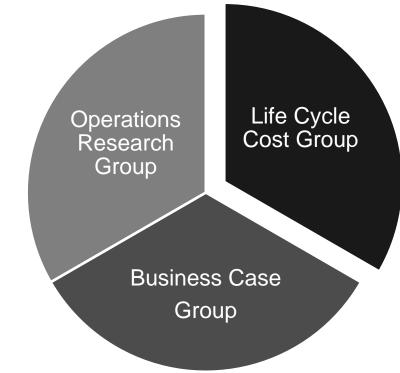
Executive Summary

A year ago, FAAs Cost Manager assembled a small team to collect cost data in hopes of producing a cost database. The team consists of analysts from Regulus and Cobec led by myself. Currently, our cost accounting system stores all cost for the agency. Our challenge is converting cost accounting data into usable cost data with the help of program EVM data. At the least, our efforts will yield a much needed repository to validate program cost estimates.



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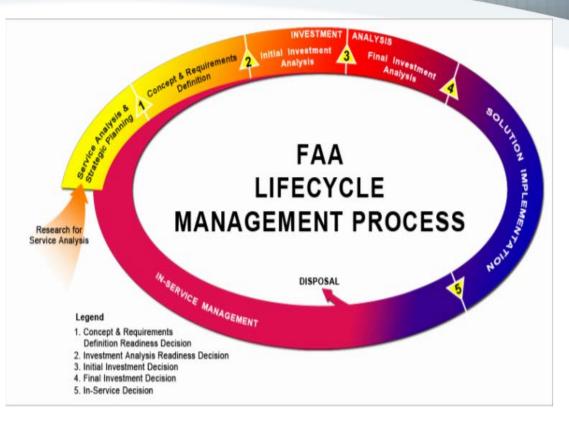




AMS Process

Like DoD, FAA has a lifecycle management process. Ideally we'd like to insert our efforts at EP 2.

Entry point 1 ~ Pre milestone A Entry point 2 ~ Milestone A Entry point 3 ~ Milestone B Entry point 4 ~ Milestone C



Source: FAA Acquisition Management Policy, 2013



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Data Availability

| FAAs "Cost | Accounting | System' |
|------------|------------|---------|
|------------|------------|---------|

| | <u>Pros</u> | Cons |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| ndary | Shows all expended costs | Unreliable WBS Categorization |
| | EVM Data | |
| x | Pros | Cons |
| x x | Better WBS Categorization | Questionable EVM practices Only manages budgets under PM purview |
| x | Cost Reports and Estim | ates |
| x | <u>Pros</u> | Cons |
| x x x | Shows input into budget formulation | Budgets are not actual costs WBS categorization is not correct |
| x | Programmatic Data | |
| x | <u>Pros</u> | Cons |
| x x x | Gives context to expended costs | No actual cost data |
| AO | Subject Matter Experts | |
| | Pros | Cons |
| | Easiest method to collect data | Extremely subjective |

| Data type | Primary | Secondary |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Basic accounting records | x | |
| Data collection input forms | x | |
| Cost reports | x | x |
| Historical databases | x | x |
| Interviews | x | x |
| Program briefs | x | x |
| Subject matter experts | x | x |
| Technical databases | x | x |
| Other organizations | x | x |
| Contracts or contractor estimates | | x |
| Cost proposals | | x |
| Cost studies | | x |
| Focus groups | | x |
| Research papers | | x |
| Surveys | | x |



Source: GAO

Our Approach

Fact: FAAs current environment is not conducive to collecting cost data by Work Breakdown Structure

Opinion: Changing the cost culture is not a near-term fix

Our approach is simply to mine the available data and compile our findings into a viable database. In general our process has been:

- 1. Extract program data from FAA Cost accounting system
- 2. Collaborate with program office for EVM Data and Program History
- 3. Break out cost accounting data by 1st level WBS
- 4. Break that down further using EVM Data to 2nd level WBS
- 5. Reconcile with program history
- 6. Confirm final numbers with program office

Cost Accounting Example

| | | Sum of Amount | Column Labels | | | |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Row Labels | OPS | F&E ACTIVITY 5 | F&E DIRECT | Grand Total |
| WBS Number | Meaning | A030501 | 1,680,571.47 | 26,780,625.90 | 67,751,981.76 | 96,213,179.13 |
| | J | A030503 | | 1,531,343.64 | 7,814,274.39 | 9,345,618.03 |
| 1.0 | Mission Analysis | C260100 | 2,298,958.10 | 76,271,985.08 | 215,023,537.84 | 293,594,481.02 |
| | | C260101 | | 1,175,336.27 | 6,815,159.08 | 7,990,495.35 |
| 2.0 | Concept Design | C260102 | 6,034.39 | 1,219,039.57 | 2,406,693.32 | 3,631,767.28 |
| | and Review | G01A0204 | -458.76 | 1,585,425.39 | 7,879,380.59 | 9,464,347.22 |
| | | 00.WB1040 | | 51,750.27 | 337,500.00 | 389,250.27 |
| 3.0 | Solution Development | 00.WB1050 | | 11,582.36 | 69,496.00 | 81,078.36 |
| 3.0 | | 00.WB2020 | | 1,218,055.19 | 7,323,530.95 | 8,541,586.14 |
| | | 00.WB3050 | | 9,329.82 | 46,502.24 | 55,832.06 |
| | | 00.WB4010 | | 118.60 | | 118.60 |
| 4.0 | Implementation | 00.WB4020 | -355.13 | 121,462.47 | | 121,107.34 |
| | - | 00.WB4050 | | 139,964.04 | 67,110.75 | 207,074.79 |
| | | 00.WB4060 | -103.63 | 28,316.27 | 35,240.65 | 63,453.29 |
| | | 00.WB4070 | | 4,846.37 | | 4,846.37 |
| | | G02A0103 | 12,429.78 | 27,519,651.06 | 109,584,937.58 | 137,117,018.42 |
| | | G02A0104 | | 22,156.25 | 125,000.00 | 147,156.25 |
| | | G02A0105 | | 1,136,946.66 | 7,107,160.83 | 8,244,107.49 |



EVM and Mapping Example

| | | FAA WBS | | F&E | Act 5 | F&E | Act 5 | F&E | | Act 5 |
|----------------|---|---------|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----|--------|
| EVMS WBS | EVMS Description | v5.1 | WBS v5.1 Description | FY09 | FY09 | FY10 | FY10 | FY11 | F | FY11 |
| FY.3.01.01 | GDC4S Radio Base Year Order - CLIN 2004 | 3.1.1 | Subsystem 1n | | | | | \$ 19,134.92 | | |
| FY.3.01.99 | NEXCOM Prime Mission Product - PP | 5.1.1 | Subsystem 1n | | | | | \$ 19,134.92 | | |
| FY.3.01.2 | GD Training | 3.1.2 | Prime Mission Product Software | | | | | | | |
| FY.3.02 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Program Management | 3.2 | Program Management | | \$ 387.95 | \$ 1,460.00 | \$ 287.44 | | \$ | 287.43 |
| FY.3.02.01 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Program Management | | | \$ 1,361.18 | | | | | | |
| FY.3.02.01.001 | Progrm Management (FAA) | 3.2.1 | Planning, Authorization, and Control | | | | | \$ 400.00 | | |
| FY.3.02.01.002 | Progrm Management (CTR) | | | | | | | \$ 108.32 | | |
| FY.3.02.02 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Contract Management | | | | | \$ 1,400.62 | | | | |
| FY.3.02.02.001 | Contract Management (FAA) | 3.2.2 | Contract and Grant Management | | | | | \$ 1,099.23 | | |
| FY.3.02.02.002 | Contract Management (CTR) | | | | | | | \$ 900.44 | | |
| FY.3.03 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Systems Engineering | 3.3 | Systems Engineering | | | | \$ 243.69 | | \$ | 292.43 |
| FY.3.03.01 | Systems Engineering (FAA) | 3.3.1 | Systems Engineering Management | | | | | | | |
| FY.3.03.02 | Systems Engineering (CTR) | 3.3.2 | Requirements and Architecture Engine | eering | | | | | | |
| FY.3.05 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Test & Evaluation | 3.5 | Test and Evaluation | | | | \$ 599.61 | | \$ | 599.61 |
| FY.3.05.01 | Test & Evaluation (FAA) | 3.5.1 | Development Test and Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| FY.3.05.02 | Test & Evaluation (CTR) | 3.5.2 | Operational Test and Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| FY.3.06 | NEXCOM Segment 2 Integrated Logistics Support | 3.6 | Integrated Logistics Support | | | | | \$ 130.20 | \$ | 302.99 |
| FY.3.06.01 | Maintenance Planning | 3.6.1 | Maintenance Planning | | | | | | | |
| FY.3.06.05 | Logistics Training | 3.6.5 | Training, Training Support, and Person | nnel Skills | | | | | | |



Product Example

| Appropriation | WBS | WBS Description | FY08 | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | Total |
|---------------|-------|--|------|------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Act5 | 1 | MISSION ANALYSIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 2 | INVESTMENT ANALYSIS | | | \$ 21,223.56 | \$ 77,521.78 | \$ 2,498.10 | \$ 3,293.85 | | | | | | | | \$ 104,537.29 |
| Act5 | 3 | SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION | | | \$ 20,414.00 | \$ 3,379,801.11 | \$ 8,428,448.54 | \$ 13,867,038.31 | \$ 16,212,090.95 | \$ 19,320,663.47 | \$ 16,742,113.10 | \$ 18,237,828.50 | | | | \$ 96,208,397.98 |
| Act5 | 3.1 | Prime Mission Product | | | \$- | s - | s - | \$ - | s - | s - | \$ - | s - | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.2 | Program Management | | | \$ 3,029.36 | \$ 187,938.18 | \$ 326,823.05 | \$ 662,199.13 | \$ 593,457.60 | \$ 716,774.77 | \$ 465,352.49 | \$ 657,814.23 | | | | \$ 3,613,388.81 |
| Act5 | 3.3 | Systems Engineering | | | \$ 2,568.27 | \$ 191,207.47 | \$ 311,932.06 | \$ 1,464,022.66 | \$ 1,132,691.25 | \$ 1,634,746.61 | \$ 1,229,558.63 | \$ 1,738,005.76 | | | | \$ 7,704,732.72 |
| Act5 | 3.4 | Flight Standards, Regulations, and Rulemaking | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.5 | Test and Evaluation | | | \$ 6,319.34 | \$ 392,059.33 | \$ 681,785.38 | \$ 1,389,434.85 | \$ 929,005.37 | \$ 670,385.10 | \$ 151,264.87 | \$ 213,819.36 | | | | \$ 4,434,073.61 |
| Act5 | 3.6 | Integrated Logistics Support | | | \$ - | \$ 198,112.20 | \$ 344,498.10 | \$ 900,832.27 | \$ 651,056.54 | \$ 600,873.08 | \$ 539,232.55 | \$ 766,588.28 | | | | \$ 4,001,193.02 |
| Act5 | 3.7 | Implementation | | | \$ 8,497.03 | \$ 2,410,483.92 | \$ 6,763,409.94 | \$ 9,450,549.40 | \$ 12,905,880.19 | \$ 15,697,883.91 | \$ 14,356,704.55 | \$ 14,861,600.87 | | | | \$ 76,455,009.82 |
| Act5 | 3.7.1 | Implementation Planning, Management, and Control | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.2 | Environmental and Occupational Safety and Heath Compliance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.3 | Implementation Engineering | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.4 | Real Estate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.5 | Facilities | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.6 | Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.7 | Airspace Design | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.8 | Key Site Preparation, Installation, Test, and Activation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Act5 | 3.7.9 | Site Preparation, Installation, Test, and Activation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$- |
| Act5 | 4 | IN-SERVICE MANAGEMENT | | | | | | \$ 35,750.01 | \$ 10,942.76 | \$ 50,023.84 | \$ 4,911.15 | \$ 33,025.83 | | | | \$ 134,653.59 |
| OPS | 1 | MISSION ANALYSIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | s - |
| OPS | 2 | INVESTMENT ANALYSIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| OPS | 3 | SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| OPS | 4 | IN-SERVICE MANAGEMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| F&E | 1 | MISSION ANALYSIS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| F&E | 2 | INVESTMENT ANALYSIS | | | \$ 40,925.95 | \$ 427,209.17 | \$ 13,703.23 | \$ 18,658.47 | | | | | | | | \$ 500,496.82 |
| F&E | 3 | SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION | | | \$ 27,587.33 | \$ 3,333,822.64 | \$ 9,443,799.09 | \$ 26,959,466.14 | \$ 20,950,523.19 | \$ 50,574,515.24 | \$ 38,885,739.94 | \$ 37,992,634.90 | | | | \$ 188,168,088.47 |
| F&E | 4 | IN-SERVICE MANAGEMENT | | | | | | \$ 2,525.18 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 360.83 | \$ 1,023.48 | \$ 65,434.07 | | | | \$ 75,843.56 |
| TOTALS | | | 0 | 0 | 110150.84 | 7218354.7 | 17888448.96 | 40886731.96 | 37180056.9 | 69945563.38 | 55633787.67 | 56328923.3 | (| 0 0 |) (| \$ 285,192,017.71 |



Product Results

| WBS | Act5 Estimate | Act5 Actual | Act5 Difference | Act5 Budget % |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 3 | \$51.226 | \$96.208 | (\$44.982) | 187.8% |
| 3.1 | \$3.107 | | \$3.107 | 0.0% |
| 3.2 | 2 \$2.600 | \$3.613 | (\$1.013) | 139.0% |
| 3.3 | \$\$2.503 | \$7.705 | (\$5.202) | 307.8% |
| 3.4 | l. | | | 0.0% |
| 3.5 | \$4.010 | \$4.434 | (\$0.424) | 110.6% |
| 3.6 | \$2.655 | \$4.001 | (\$1.347) | 150.7% |
| 3.7 | ' \$36.352 | \$76.455 | (\$40.103) | 210.3% |
| 2 | l . | | | 0.0% |
| WBS | F&E Estimate | F&E Actual Fa | &E Difference | F&E Budget % |
| | 3 \$235.059 | \$188.168 | \$46.89 | 1 80.1% |
| 3 | .1 \$118.113 | \$\$70.065 | \$48.04 | 7 59.3% |
| 3 | .2 \$7.077 | \$8.053 | (\$0.977 | r) 113.8% |
| 3 | .3 \$2.146 | \$4.490 | (\$2.344 |) 209.2% |
| 3 | .4 | | | 0.0% |
| 3 | .5 \$6.256 | \$5.273 | \$0.98 | 3 84.3% |
| 3 | .6 \$7.936 | \$5.869 | \$2.06 | 7 74.0% |
| 3 | .7 \$93.532 | \$94.418 | (\$0.886 | i) 100.9% |
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