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# Sandia National Laboratories

## A Journey to a Common Engineering Environment

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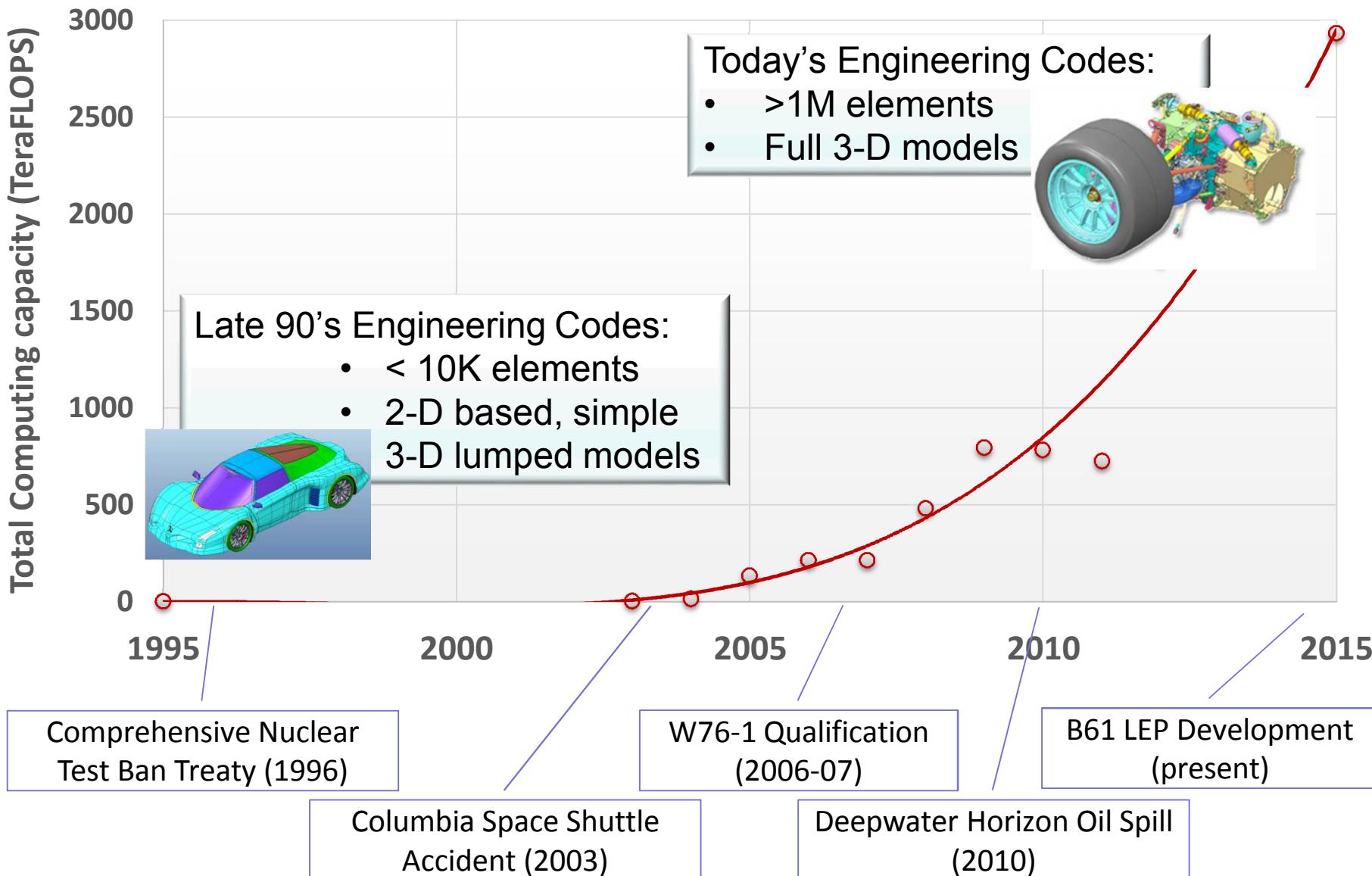
# Discussion Topics



## Common Engineering Environment (CEE) at Sandia

- How did we get here?
- Enduring Corporate Strategy
- Goals
- What is CEE?
- Stakeholders
- View into CEE
- Next Steps

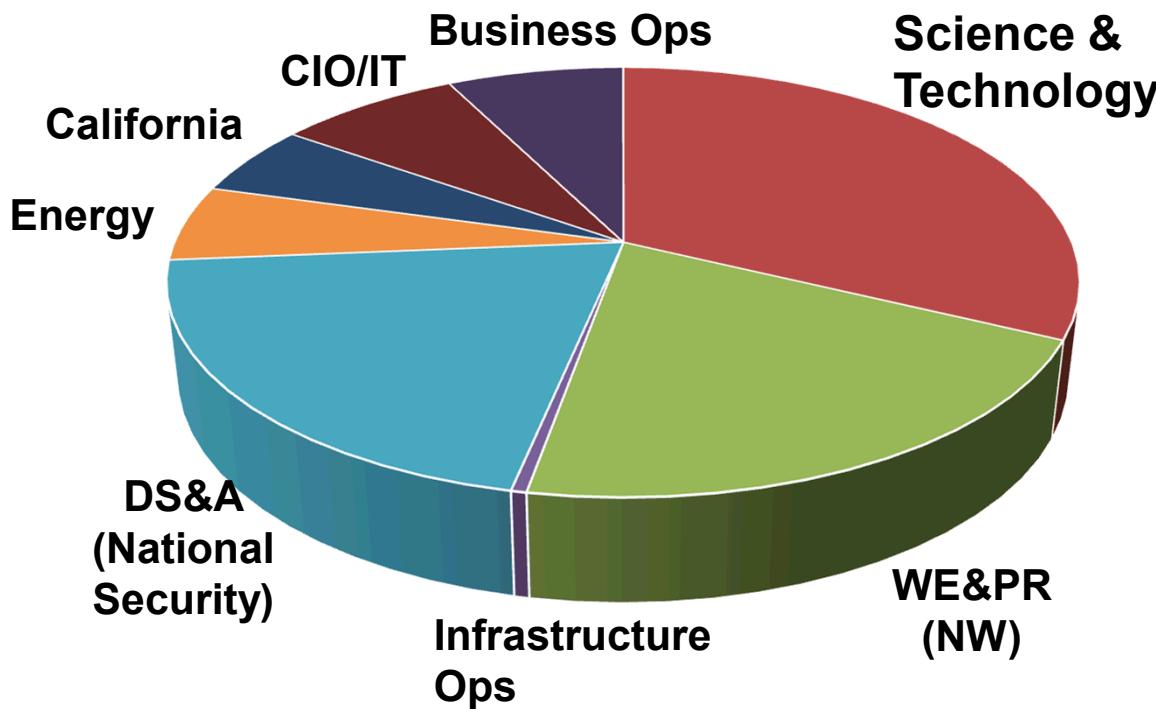
# How did we get here? Technology



# CEE Project in Central Computing

- In existence for 4+ years (previously known as ESHPC)
- Genesis of the Corporate CEE
- Supports Sandia Strategic Goal to implement a CEE
  - Engaged with Comp Sim community, CIO's office, Mission Integration and corporate CEEESC

## Breakdown of Service Subscriptions



- Seamless and ubiquitous access to engineering capabilities and their support.
- Integrated services: engineering apps, graphical workstations, virtual desktops, data storage, HPC.
- Subscription-based menu of services for each supported Sandia environment.

**Serving ~20% of Sandia's workforce**

**Total # of Unique Customers = 2051**

**Total # of Subscribed Accounts = 8843**

# How did we get here? Culture/External

2005

Top  
Down

- CEE proposed for engineering tools (2007)
- Product Lifecycle Management (2008)
- Mission Execution Policy (2008)
- Genesis of CEE Tools Packages (2008)
- SAMS rollout (2009)

2010

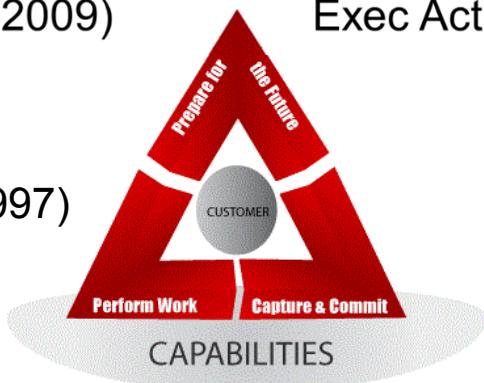
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Up

- Demand-based CEE Tools offerings (2009)
- sEPM (2009)
- PLM/ME program terminated (2011)
- ECAD Toolset Exec Action (2011)
- Engr Tools Ownership Exec Action (2012)

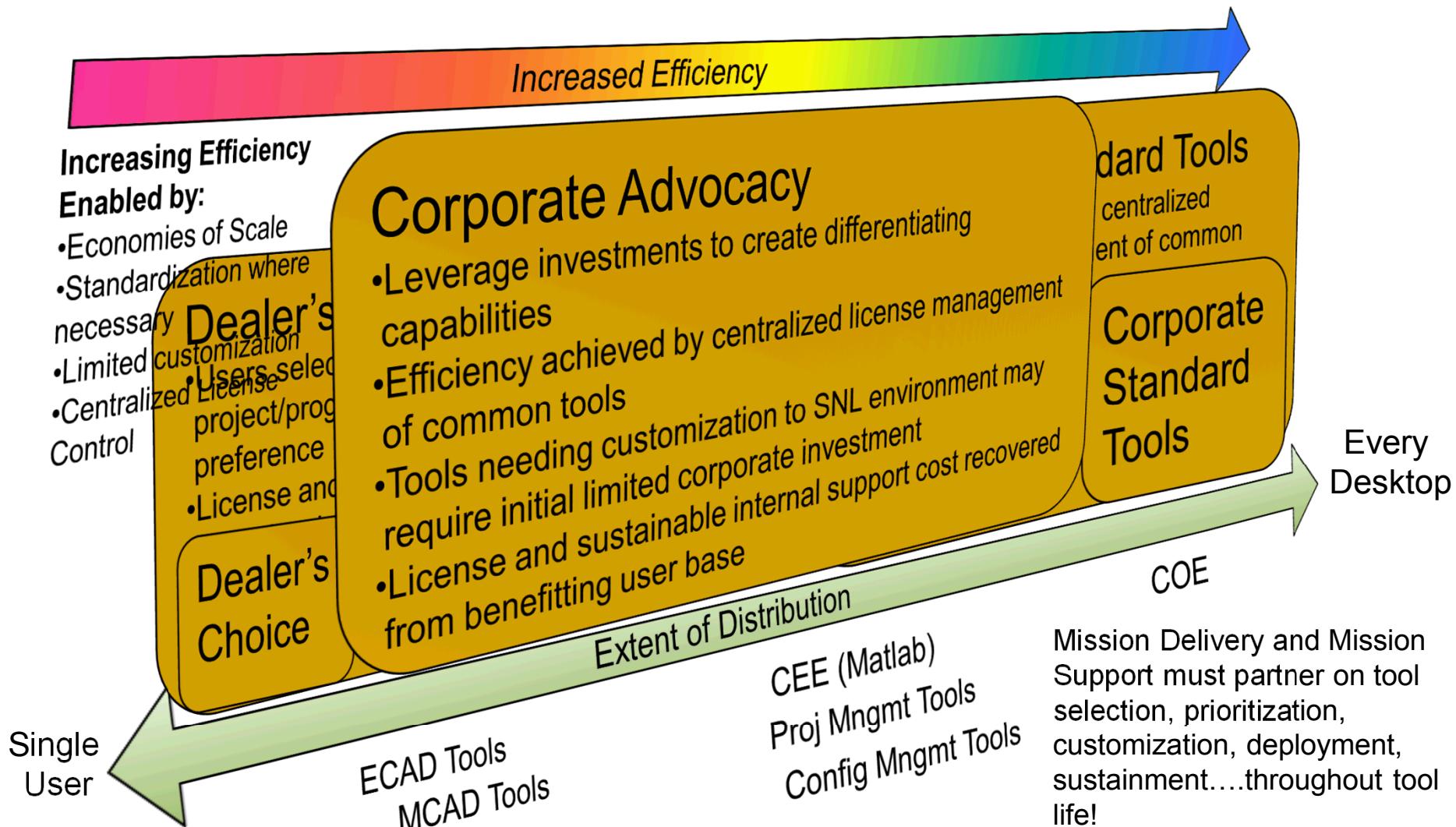
2015

Perfect  
Storm

- Strategic Objectives (2012-15)
  - CEE
  - Quality/Project Framework
- CEESC created (2012)
- EVM (2013)
- CEE Portal Launch (2014)



# Sustainment Models for Commercial Tools Supporting Mission Delivery



# CEE Maps to Corporate Strategy



## FY12 – FY15 Strategic Objective: Excel in the Practice of Engineering

**FY12 and 13 Goal: Implement a common engineering environment that enables technically creative work and promotes a disciplined approach to assure quality.**

Establish CEE Steering Committee

**FY14 Goal: Enhance our engineering environment**

Develop and deploy CEE Portal

**FY15 Goal: Drive continuous improvement of our engineering environment**

Mature CEE Portal

Standardize engineering training

Engage the workforce

# CEE Steering Committee

*Comprised of Directors representing business and mission areas across the Laboratory*

- **Nuclear Weapons**
- **Defense Systems & Assessments**
- **Energy and Climate**
- **International, Homeland and Nuclear Security**
- **Science and Technology / CTO**
- **Information Technology Services / CIO**
- **Mission Integration**
- **Mission Support (CFO, ES&H, HR, etc.)**
- **Sandia California Site**

# Why Do We Need CEE?

Because without the right tools you may not get the best results.  
A Common Engineering Environment (CEE) will help you to:

**excel in the practice of engineering**

**improve systematic quality approaches through consistency in processes, practices and tools in critical areas such as configuration management, risk management, and project management**

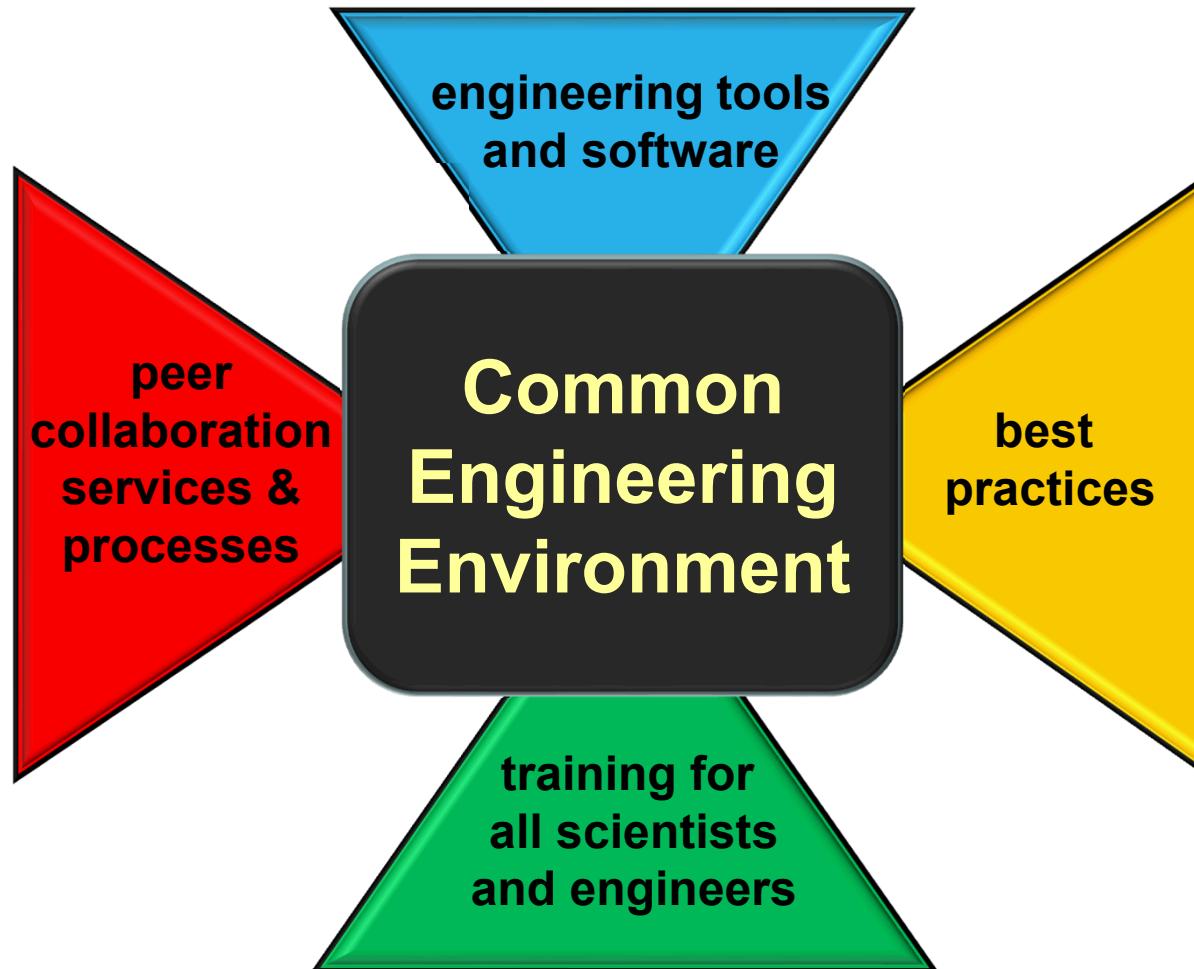
**realize cost savings through corporate tool purchases including multi-user licenses**

**enable flexible workforce mobility with common engineering skills**



# What is CEE?

It's a resource for all engineers and scientists!



# Foundation Based on Four Pillars

## Sandia's Common Engineering Environment

COMPUTING  
RESOURCES

PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT

ENGINEERING  
QUALITY

COMPETENCIES  
& TRAINING

# CEE | Common Engineering Environment

## Computing Resources

## Project Management

## Engineering Quality

## Competencies & Training

### Access computing resources

Are you trying to decide what software to use for your scientific or engineering project, or wondering how to get access to collaboration project space, remote graphics workstations, or HPC clusters?

[Find software or hardware by category  
\(e.g., modeling & simulation\) »](#)

### Manage your projects

View the recommended software tools, processes, training, and corporate resources for engineers who manage projects.

[Find PM software for configuration, requirements, and risk management; cost estimation; and more »](#)

### Ensure quality work

Are you doing everything you should do to produce quality work? View the recommended tools, training, procedures, and best practices to ensure the highest quality in every phase of your product lifecycle.

[Browse engineering quality resources »](#)

### Keep your skills up-to-date

Sandia has identified competencies (knowledge, skills, and abilities) for various engineering roles. Learn what competencies and training you need to succeed in your job.

[Browse competencies and related training in a program area or job role »](#)

### Find engineering support

Find engineering support services, best practices, processes, and training for all engineers and scientists. Connect with other Sandia engineers through communities of practice, and tap into MySites to perform a skill search to find colleagues with a particular skill or subject matter expertise.

CEE is brought to you by the [Common Engineering Environment Steering Committee](#)—the governing body that standardizes Sandia's engineering resources to enable lab-wide efficiencies, a disciplined approach to engineering, and an integrated engineering environment with easy access to tools and capabilities.

Download the [CEE Briefing](#) presentation and [An Intro to CEE](#) handout to learn more about the what and why behind CEE.

Search CEE website



[Connect with the CEE community](#)

[Sandia External News Releases](#)

Connect with other Sandia engineers

## COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Explore these communities of practice with other Sandia engineers who are doing similar work:

- [Software Quality Implementation](#)
- [User Experience Community](#)

Get the word out about your community of practice

Is there a community of practice you'd like to share with the Sandia engineering community?

[Let us know.](#)

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## EXPERTISE FINDER

Need to find someone with a particular skill or subject matter expertise?

Search **MySite profiles** by entering a skill or field of expertise below (e.g., MatLab):

(TIP: Fill out your [MySite profile](#) if you want to be found.)



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Find applications and associated hardware services for your scientific & engineering projects using the table below



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Search for a specific computing resource, **filter** items by category, licensing model, or network, or **sort** items by the column headings.

Search:

Used for:

All

Configuration

Modeling & Sim

Data Analysis

**C** Hardware Con

**R** Electrical Anal

Design Definiti

High Performa

**+** Programming

## Detailed Information

- What is it
- What is it used for
- What network environment
- What is the license model
- Cost
- How to get access
- How to get help
- Documentation Links
- Available Training
- What systems does it run on
- How to install

10  entries

ility by Network:

SRN  SCN

## Browse the competitor role...

1

Select a program to view the common competencies

Choose a Program  
General  
**Nuclear Weapon**

### Common Competencies

- + Analytical Skills
- + High Performance Teamwork
- + Interpersonal Communication
- + Nuclear Weapons (NW) Fundamentals
- + Technical Documentation

2

Role

No.

Role

No.

Role

Training

No.

specific to a single job role in your selected area

Quality Engineer

### Role Description

The Quality Engineer assists the PRT in taking the preventive actions necessary to successfully meet its quality requirements by following RPSS procedures and quality principles. Responsibilities include working with the design and production communities to improve the design, development, manufacturing, etc. of weapon related product through the expert application of quality techniques. Activities include evaluating the adequacy of the product evaluation strategy in providing a defensible technical basis for demonstrating conformance to product requirements throughout stockpile life.

### Role-Specific Training

*Required training are marked with an asterisk (\*)*

[ENGR224 - Introduction To Measurement Uncertainty](#)

[ENGR310 - Measurement Systems Engineering](#)

[ENGR400 - Product Definition \\*](#)

[GDT101 - Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing \(Gd&t\) Introduction Level](#)

## VISITOR DEMOGRAPHICS

Yrs of Service

Job Title

Division

Center

Site Location

## TRAFFIC

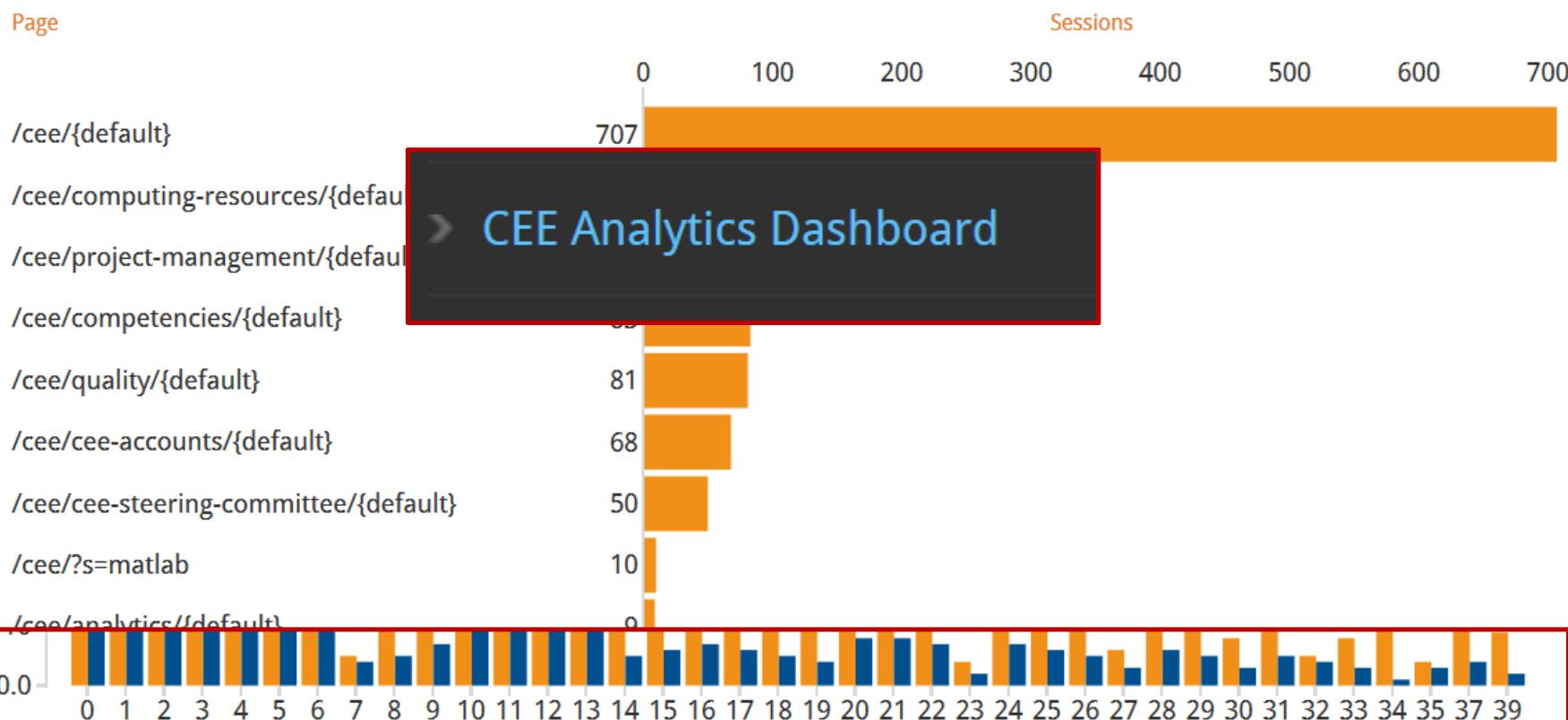
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Visitors

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# Metrics

1951 unique visitors (Oct. 1, 2014 – Apr. 10, 2015)

Q1: 1084 unique visitors Q2: 630 additional new visitors

Division	% of unique visitors
1000	19%
2000	24%
5000	14%
6000	8%
8000	8%
9000	13%
Other	14%

Years of Service	% of unique visitors
0-5	37%
6-10	12%
10-15	17%
16-20	9%
20-25	8%
25-30	8%
>30	9%

Job Description	% of unique visitors
R&D Mech Eng	12%
R&D Comp Sci	8%
R&D Sys Eng	6%
R&D Electrical Eng	6%
R&D Electronics Eng	4%
R&D Other	21%
Non R&D	43%

52% increase in sustained usage after CEE was added to TechWeb homepage

# Next Steps



# IT Next Steps



- **Configuration Management Strategy**
  - What tools should be used for what purposes
- **License services integration**
  - Consistency in provisioning services
- **Tools survey**
  - Next tools?
- **CEE Portal improvements**
  - User feedback (filtering, inclusion, usability)
  - Content management (distributed providers)
    - Duplication
    - Provider interface

# Future Indicators of Efficiencies

## CEE KPIs

- Ease of access and individual customer demand
- Customer usage and total demand
- Completeness of the suite of tools available versus others that may be needed
- Centralization versus staff owned/supported

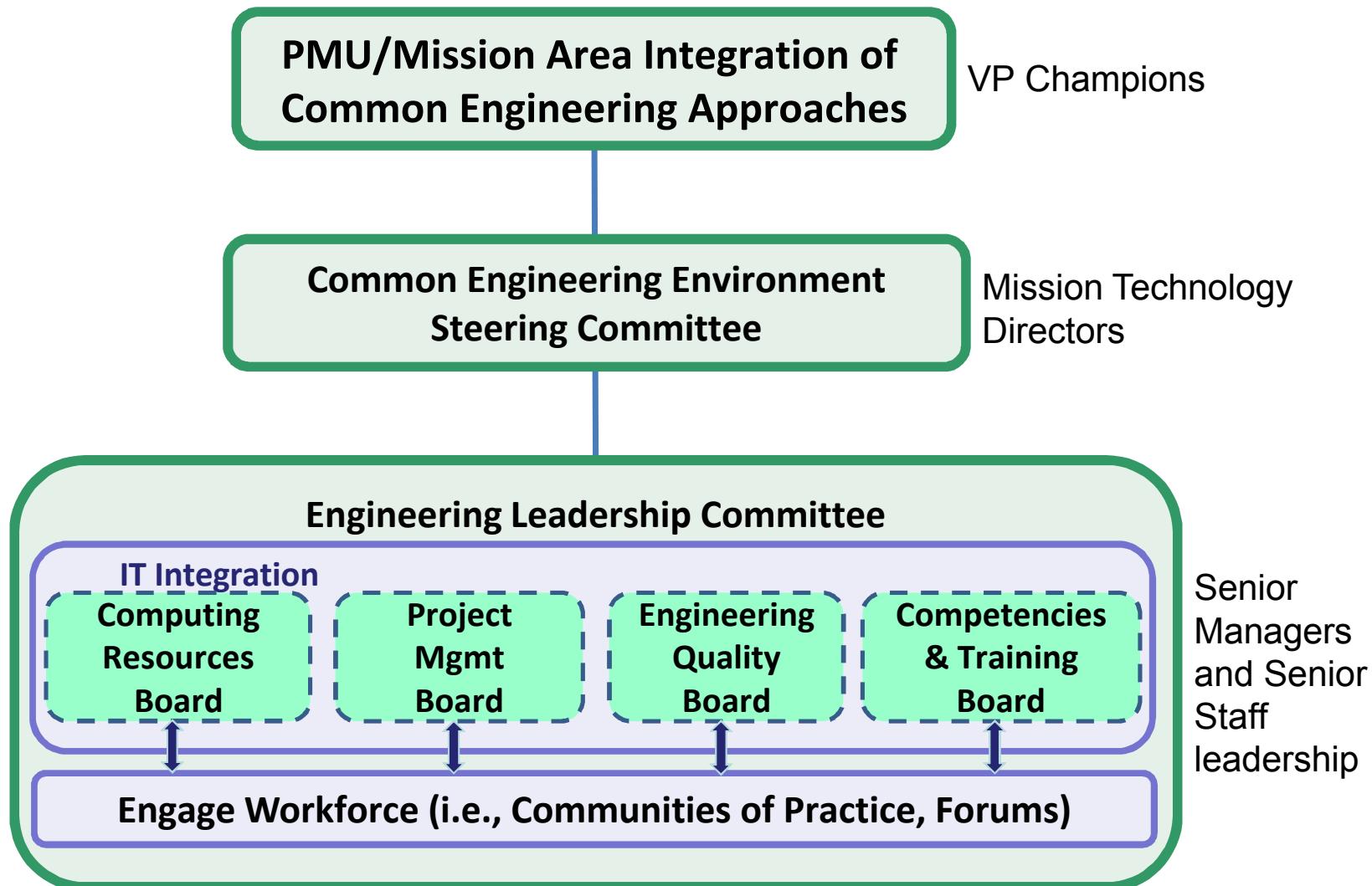
## Resultant Metrics

- Number of CEE downloads
- Number of shared licenses
- Trend of non-CEE licenses purchased through SAMS
- Cost avoidance estimate

## Causal Metrics

- What's available and what is being used that is available:
  - Preferred engineering best practices
  - Processes
  - Training Courses
  - CEE Tools
  - CEE software tools
  - Support services

# Proposed Structure for CEE Sustainment





# Questions?