



MBSE Culture, Configuration, and Integration

At Sandia National Laboratories



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Sandia National Laboratories Panel



- As the systems engineering and integration lab for the nuclear weapons enterprise, Sandia has been addressing MBSE challenges for many years.
- Our panel of speakers will address topics that include the following:
 - An MBSE culture – Leadership , Process, and Infrastructure
 - Ontology/patterns/standards - the basis of an MBSE approach
 - Configuration Management vs. Configuration Control
 - Integration of MBSE/SysML to M&S and to executable models

*We can share our journey so far, we are still working
on the vision and the means to get there*

We are trying to change our culture

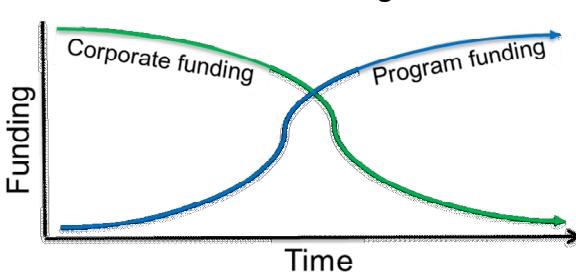
– You can't just “put a Tool on it!”

Consistent MBSE Processes

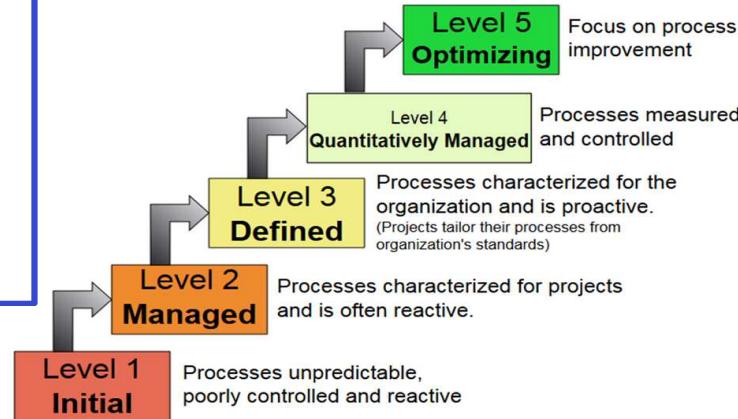
- Assist in resource development
- Updated steps, milestones, and criteria
- Reviews adapted to the MBSE process and its artifacts
- Time upfront, team-wide effort in learning how to communicate through process and the tools

Costs are mostly human labor:

Center of Excellence, development of software to check model patterns, establishing maturity metrics, developing schema for design options, architecture and tool integration



Characteristics of the Maturity levels



Corporate Support Creates a Strong MBSE Infrastructure

- Staff with deep understanding of both MBSE practices and the tools
- Methods to capture, store, access and share both artifacts *and* the central model

Smooth Tool Management is Essential

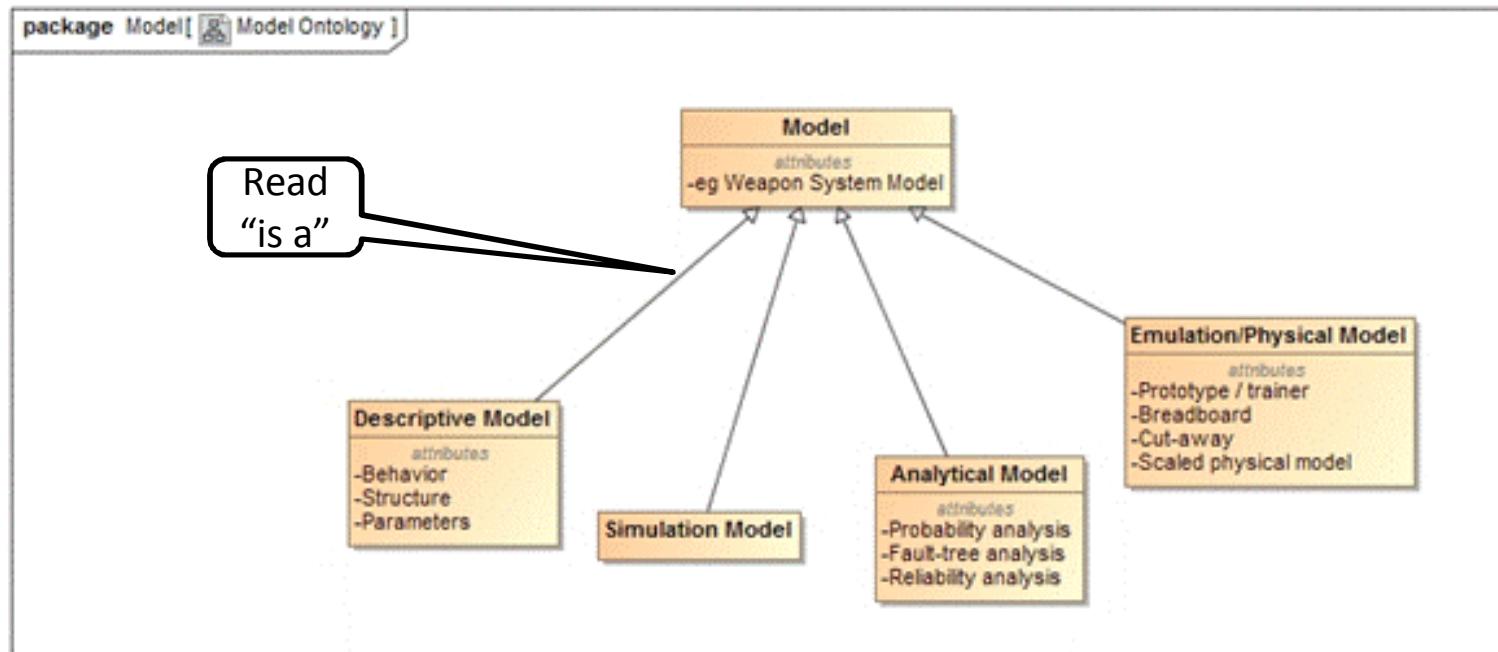
- Managing licenses and new users
- Multiple ‘Projects’ vs One single ‘Project’
- Up-to-date access for viewing (not editing) and sharing with customers
- API needs/ communication between tools
- How/Whether to generate “documents”

Leadership Sets Direction, Supports Staff Development, Organizes for Project and Infrastructure Development, Support and Sustainment

- Ask for artifacts
- Implement MBSE-based reviews
- Establish and Reward Milestones
- Measure Progress

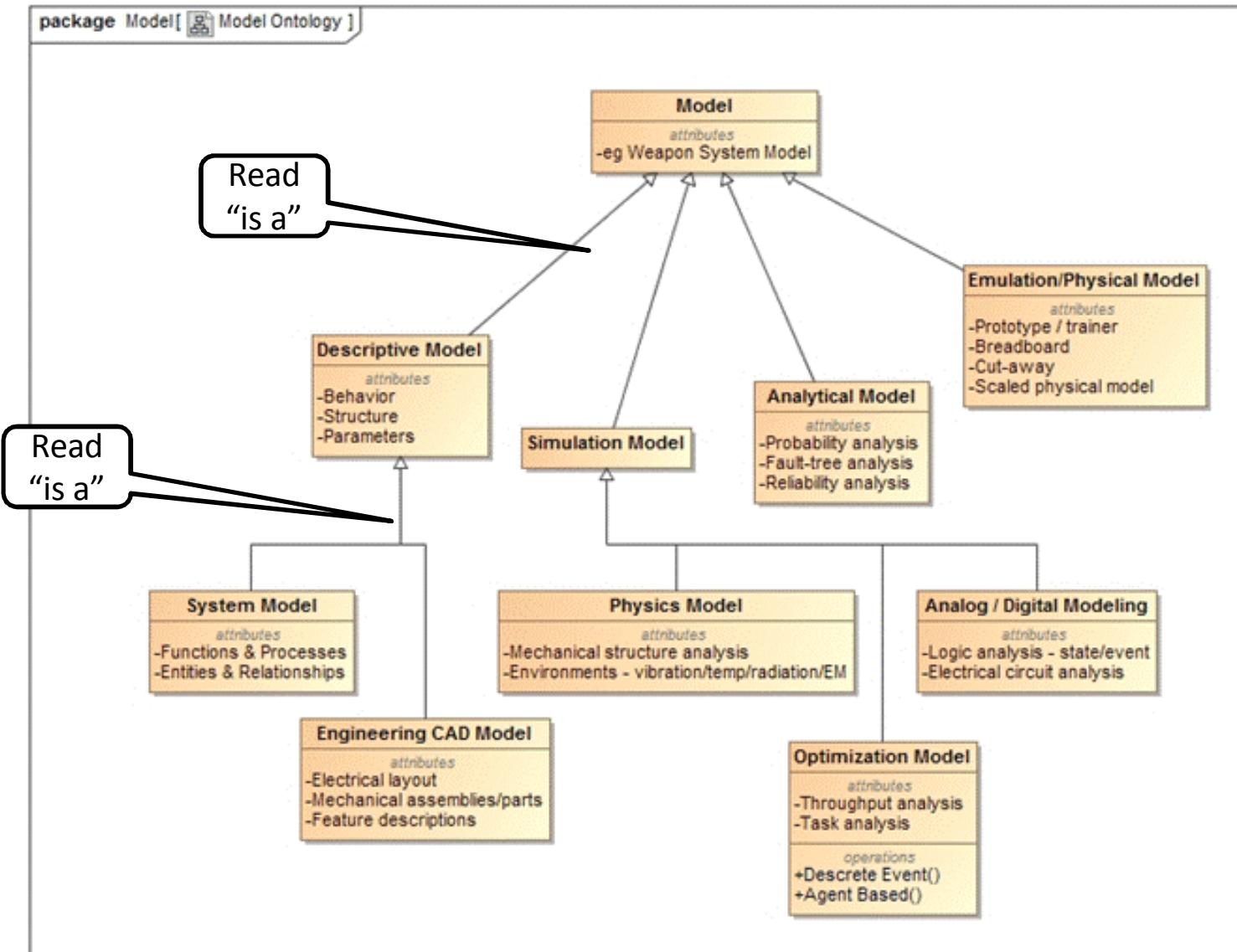


What is a “model”



Need an ontology for the word “Model”

What is a “model”



Ontology, Patterns, and Standards

An ontology is critical to model success

Organizes and describes content

Metadata, structure, relationships

- Inputs

DG Implementation Team, Data Stewards/Owners, SMEs

- Outcomes

Navigation, taxonomy, search, audience



Data is Accessible: Our workforce will experience a first day on an assigned project in which they will have seamless access to the data and tools they need.



Data is Trusted: Protected, but access to data within a person's authorization level is seamless; the method by which data is authorized is also seamless.



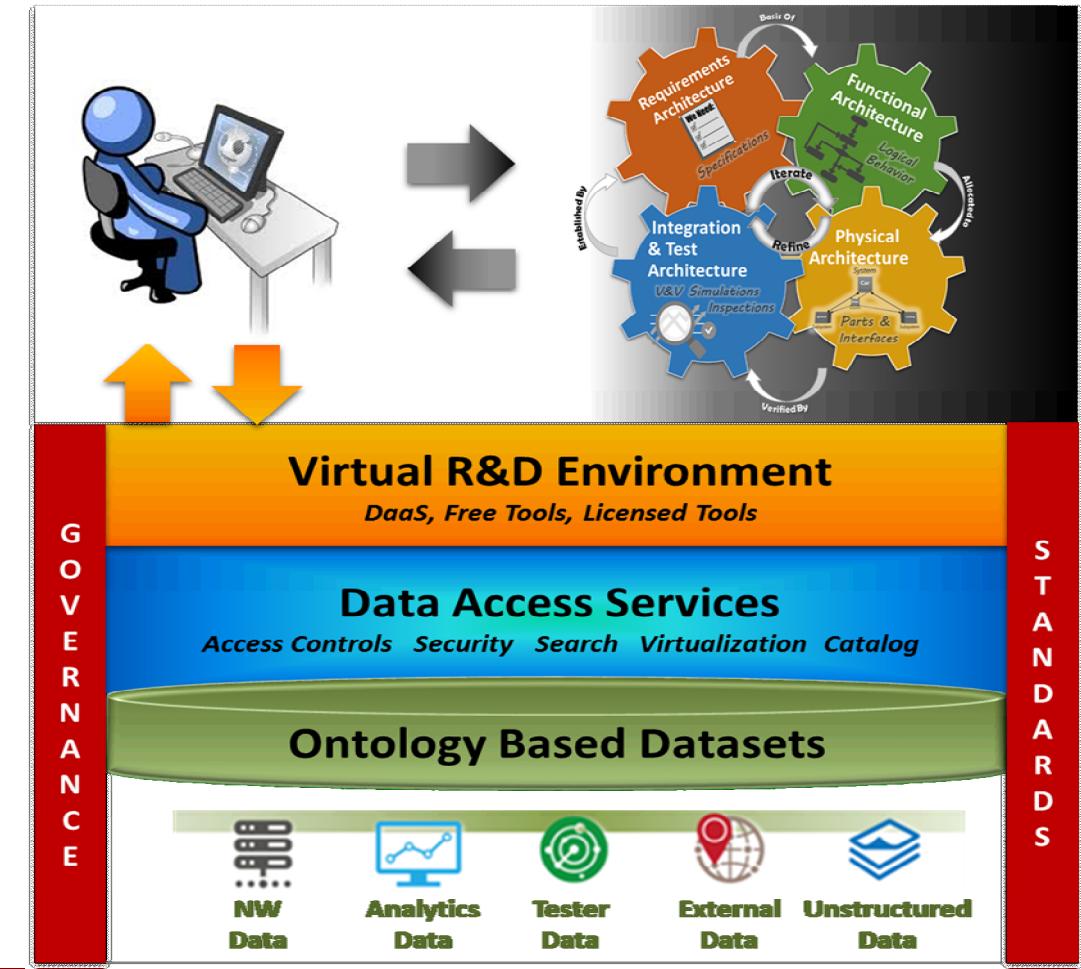
Data is Useful: Data is readily shared and available to a broad set of users allowing different "lenses" to view and use the data.



Data is Traceable: Our workforce knows where to find data and whether or not it is the right data to use.



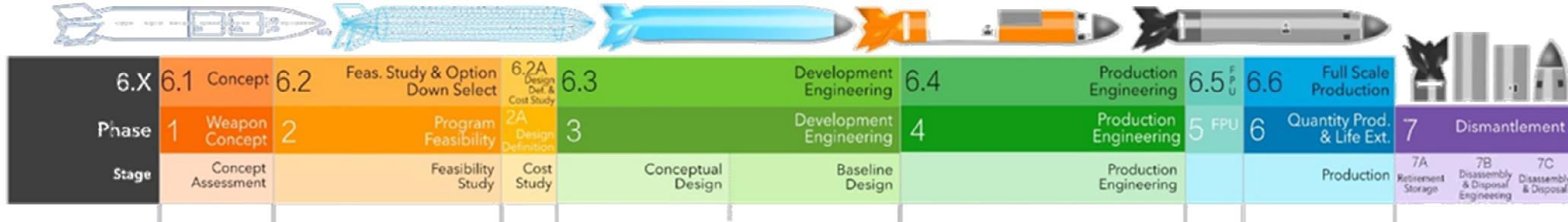
Data is Understandable: lifecycle is considered at beginning of any program/project.



Managing vs Controlling Model Configuration

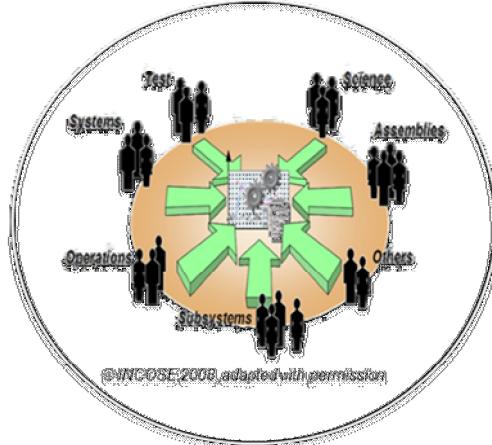
Nuclear Weapons Product Realization Lifecycle: System Level Milestones

Version 1.0

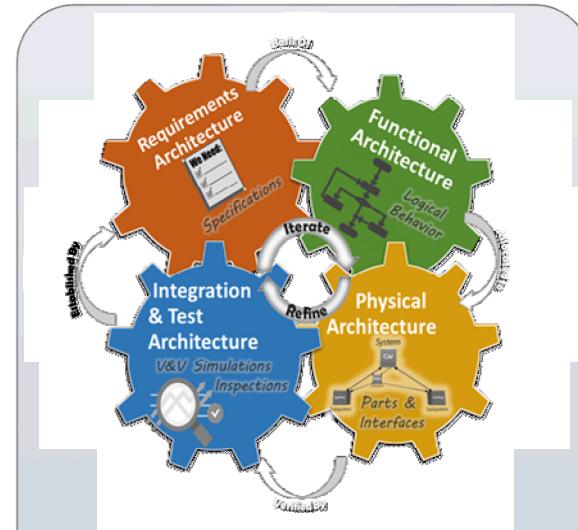


- Comparable DoD & DOE Lifecycles:
 - Multi-year with PM oversight
 - Typically includes:
 - Technology maturation
 - Feasibility studies
 - Concurrent engineering
 - Trade-off analyses
 - Unique products
 - Critical Interfaces
 - Extensive integration
 - Imposing Rigorous Change Control too early can kill the MBSE approach & add program risks
 - Version control early – yes
 - Configuration *control* – only after stabilization
 - Model changes involve not only words --- *but also relationships, objects, diagrams – AND review time*
 - Where possible, use separate projects and use relationships to relate subsystem/component models to the level above

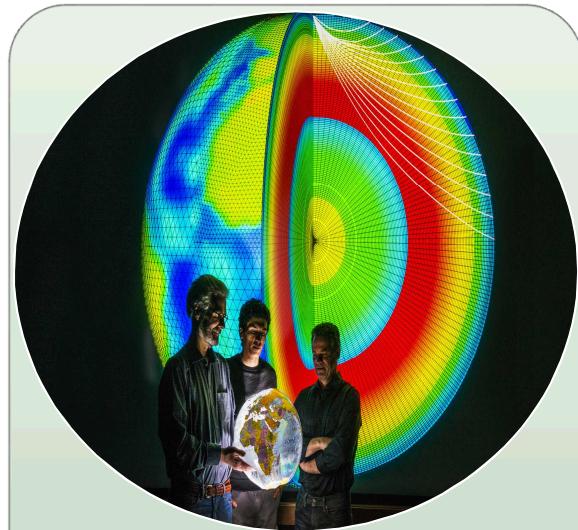
Desired State is Integrated Model Centric Engineering



- Make the model the center from concept to operations
- Thread a digital path with model-centric engineering
- Share capabilities across systems and enable a digital approach (an NW engineering initiative):
 - MBSE is fundamental for successful delivery of a modular weapon system architecture, model-centric engineering, and lab-wide design and qualification.
 - It will be critical to the success of specific projects such as high-tempo flight tests, that require coordination across a diverse set of organizations internal to SNL



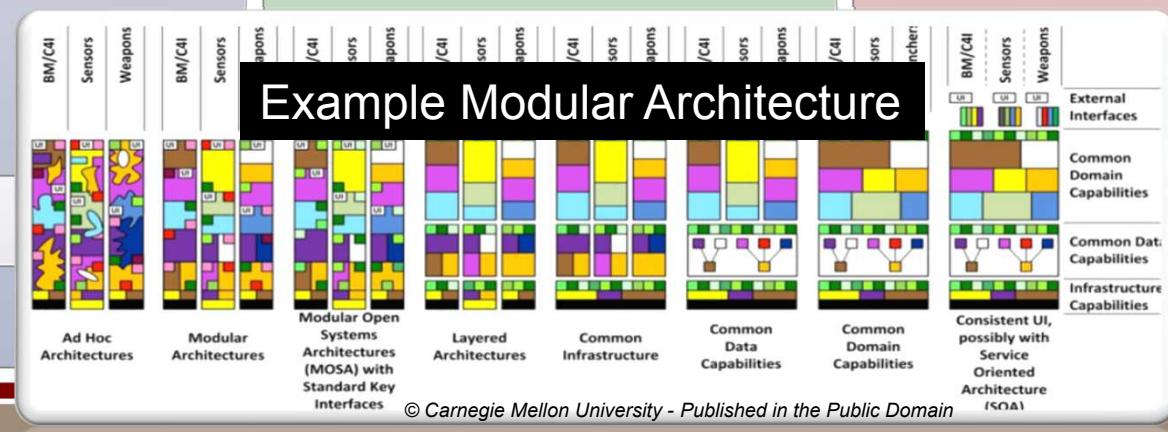
MBSE



Modeling & Simulation



Design Engineering



BACK-UP

MBSE Vision Initiatives

Journey of systems engineering utilizing models in nuclear weapons engineering projects

MBSE by other names ~mid 80's	Significant M&S Investment ~mid 90's	MBSE more formally introduced ~mid-2000's	Recent NW Capability attempts ~2010	Establishing Grassroots Capability 2015	Current Customer Requests ~2017	Enterprise Capability?
<p>MBSE application to systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW Telemetry Systems • High-integrity SW <p>Simulation/ Emulation external capability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daisy for digital logic • SPICE, etc. <p>Healthy M&S investments</p>	<p>End of Cold War, NNSA S&T Program Stood-up for Stockpile Stewardship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invested in making tools available through corporate resources • Visualization tools were world-class • Projects to integrate capability maturity and delivery <p>1st full system model (RDD-100)</p>	<p>MBSE application to systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Surety domain modeling • Initial models of B61 <p>MBSE application to enterprise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical business processes • New NNSA Product Realization processes • Production plant special tooling • Qualification for radiation environments <p>Simulation/ Emulation Internal Capability</p>	<p>W88 Modernization</p> <p>B-61 Modernization</p> <p>Infrastructure challenges</p> <p>Cultural change too drastic for</p>	<p>High Confidence System Environments Department established corporate commitment</p> <p>Supported MBSE Tools mentioned on CEE</p> <p>Training established</p> <p>Community of Practice established</p> <p>Resources Committed to Projects</p> <p>LCMD, ESH, CMS, High Risk Transportation</p> <p>A&E continued efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W88 • JTD 	<p>W88 Modernization</p> <p>GBSD</p> <p>W80 Modernization</p> <p>High Op Tempo</p> <p>ELNG</p> <p>ESH</p>	<p>Need an organization committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the maturity of systems engineering practices • implementation of procedures, • application of tools, • and support of project level needs.

****Note this list is not all inclusive, as many efforts have occurred but meant to be an overview**