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# Center 9500 All-Hands Meeting



August 3, 2016

## 9500 Executive Leadership Team



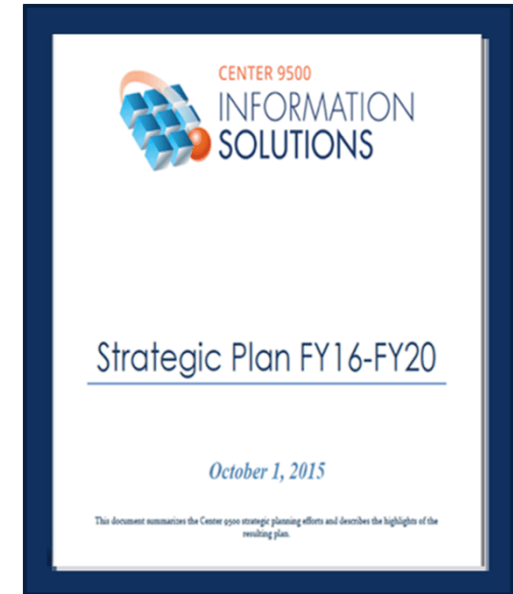
# Agenda



- **Setting the context for today's meeting - Joselyne**
- **Updates and Expectations**
  - People & Culture of Innovation Activities – Jerriann Garcia
  - Solutions Delivery Lifecycle (SDL) – Ed Saucier
    - SDL Overview & Release Management – Sandy Ryan
    - User Experience Standards – Ann Lorenz
    - Application Architecture – Jayson Lane
- **What to Expect in FY17 - Joselyne**
- **Q&A – 9500 Executive Leadership**

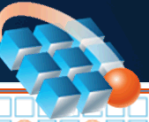
# Context for the All Hands Meeting

- Our strategic vision:
  - We anticipate and deliver differentiating software solutions and information environments **that transform the work experience providing Sandia a strategic advantage.**
- Our strategic plan manages Center activities that advance us toward our Vision.
- Today we will discuss a few of our strategic activities which we want you to be aware of and understand our expectations





# Elements of our Strategic Plan



## ■ People and Culture of Innovation – Jerriann Garcia

- Create a culture of innovation
- Minimize barriers to innovation
- Establish Onboarding, Resource, and Talent Management

## ■ Enabling Software Architectures – Ed Saucier

- Establish a future corporate application architecture with supporting governance and standards

## ■ Partnerships and Portfolio Management – Barry Hess

- Enhance 9500's position as a leader in Solutions
- Identify and Evaluate Partnerships
- Establish a Portfolio Management System
- Integrate the ITSM structure within 9500

## ■ Transformative Solutions – In McCann

- Create an integrated information and application experience through an exceptional UX, intelligent search, new interaction paradigms, and effective governance, resulting in workforce performance improvements and decreased risk.
- In this environment, deliver advanced solutions that give SNL a strategic advantage in Mission work.





# Department visits to discuss the Strategic Plan



## Strategy

### Documents

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	Completed Center Milestones (Deliverables)	...
	9500 Strategic Plan December 2015	...
✓	Center Milestones_7_22_16	...

### Resources

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	Corporate Strategic Planning	...
	9500 Solutions Delivery Lifecycle (SDL)	...
	Release Control Authority, part of SDL: wg-9500-release-mgt-board@sandia.gov	...
	Working Architecture Group: WAG@sandia.gov	...
	Center User Experience Standards	...

Please contact Cassandra Reckaway with any questions: 844-8046, [creckaw@sandia.gov](mailto:creckaw@sandia.gov)

# Updates and Expectations

- For each topic today, we will have a discussion of
  - What is it and why is it important?
  - Where we are now?
  - Where we are going?
  - What are the expectations of you today and in the future?
- Expectations presented are Center requirements for how we do our work.
  - Requests for exceptions must be approved by your Sr. Manager.



# People & Culture of Innovation Activities

*Jerriann Garcia*

# People & Culture of Innovation - What is it and why is it important?



## Industry practices to enable innovation:

- Allow opportunities for employees to make mistakes

*"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." ~Thomas Edison.*

- Don't raise chickens

- The 70/20/10 Model (Google's)

- 70% of projects are dedicated to core business
- 20% of projects are related to core business
- 10% of projects are unrelated to core business

- Make it fun and competitive

- Step away from the gavel - remove barriers

- Invest in the talent







# People & Culture of Innovation – Where are we now?



## INNOVATION PROGRAMS



Bug Hunting Party



Hawaiian Day Party



Ice Cream and Pi ( $\pi$ )

# Celebrate



## MARCH MADNESS

32 hours of technical fun in March!

## REMOVE BARRIERS

inertia space fractured attention  
funding culture cyber/security  
admin/compliance/policy  
time resource limitations  
failure/risk management  
skills/training# people



Bowling



# People & Culture of Innovation - What's coming up next?



- Summertime Ice Cream Socials
- First Ever 9500 Hackathon – August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- 9500 Hawaiian Day Celebration – September 2016
- Next Tech Talk – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Bug Hunting Party – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Fall Costume Festival - October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Attacking Innovation Barriers
- March Madness – All of March 2017
- RISE Student Intern Program - Summer 2017





# People & Culture of Innovation - What's coming up next?

**What:** Two problem sets will be available, participants will have 8 hours to complete the challenge with team members.

**Where:** MO303

**When:** Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>,  
8:00am - 4:30pm

**Who:** Everyone in 9500 is welcome to participate!

**Prize:** Winning team will be able to attend an FY17 Hackathon or Conference





# Solutions Delivery Lifecycle (SDL)

*Ed Saucier and Sandy Ryan*





# Do 9500 Quality Processes Apply to Your Work?



## Objective:

- Optimal customer & user experience
- Extensible, flexible, maintainable solutions
- Enable more time for differentiating innovation
- Meet expectations of stakeholders
- Meet SNL Policies & DOE orders

## 9500 Quality Processes

### LDRD

(Corporate LDRD Process)

### Projects

**SDL**  
(Solutions Delivery Lifecycle)

### Services

**ITSM/ITIL**  
(IT Service Management)

**Do these apply to you & your work?**

**YES**

# Solutions Delivery Lifecycle (SDL) Overview

*Sandy Ryan*



# Solutions Delivery Lifecycle (SDL) 2.0

## ■ What is SDL and why is it important?

- A framework for you to develop all solutions
- Ensures quality and consistency of our products while enabling innovation

## ■ Where are we now?

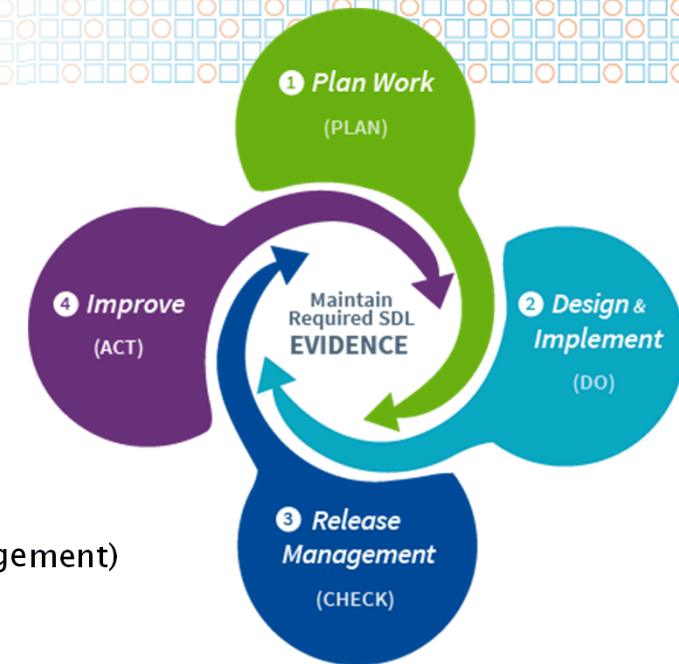
- SDL 2.0 released July 2016 -- <http://sdl.sandia.gov>
- SDL is organized to reflect the Plan, Do, Check, Act quality framework.
  - SDL incorporates corporate requirements
    - (Project Rigor Evaluation (PRE), Project Framework, Architecture Decision Process (ADP))
  - Incorporates 9500 standards and best practices
    - (Project Work Authorizations, UX, Application Security, Application Architecture, and Release Management)

## ■ Where are we going?

- SDL 2.0 is another step in our quality journey – expect updates in the future.
- SDL will always evolve, send questions/feedback to [wg-sdl-team@sandia.gov](mailto:wg-sdl-team@sandia.gov)!

## ■ What is Expected of You?

- **EVERY project in 9500 will use SDL.** Project proposals and cost/schedule estimates should include all SDL activities, this has been an expectation since the beginning of FY16
- The concepts of SDL are required, but the details of how you accomplish them are not meant to be prescriptive, but *thought provoking* & inspire teams to build quality & security in each solution.





# Center User Experience Standards

*Ann Lorenz*





# User Experience Standards for Transformative Solutions



## Why are UX Standards important?

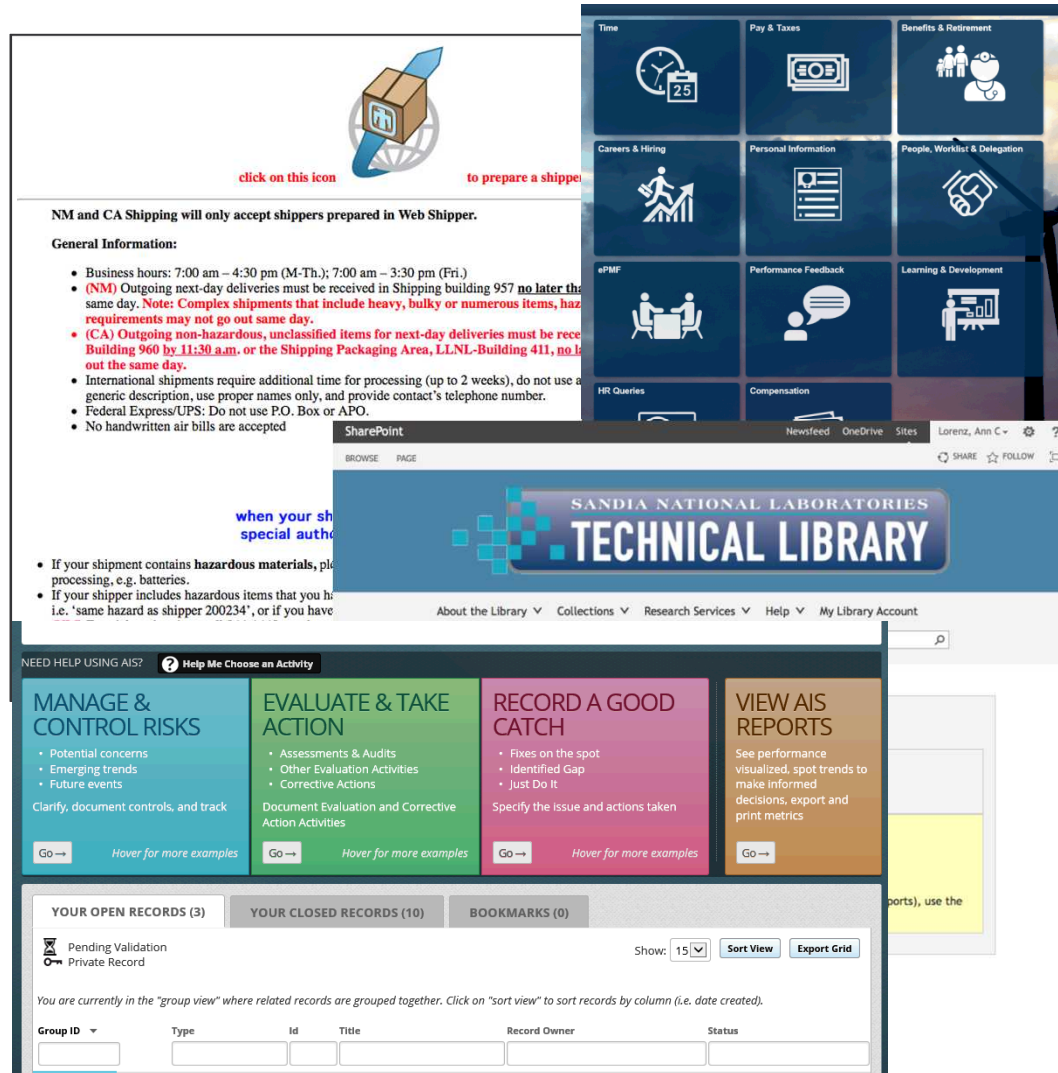
- Use of standards increases the visual and behavioral consistency of products, which leads to ease of use
- Executive Management mandate requires UX improvements for the Center

## What are the UX Standards?

- Standards developed for Center 9500, which consist of UX behaviors, UX design patterns, and supporting code examples
- Developed through review of internal custom web applications, industry standards, guidelines and best practices in UX and design



# User Experience Standards for Transformative Solutions



## Where are we now?

- 9500 applications may each be valuable as a stand-alone asset, but UX inconsistencies across products create an environment with less ease of use as a whole
- Version 1.0 of the UX Standards approved and released
- Standards accessible through [usability.sandia.gov](http://usability.sandia.gov) and the SDL
- Standards will evolve as we receive feedback



# User Experience Standards for Transformative Solutions



## What's expected of staff going forward

- These standards are required for all information solution application interfaces, regardless of the number of users or funding sources
  - You are expected to use them when you are following the SDL for a project
  - Required for new projects or major upgrades
  - For projects already in the middle of development or an existing project, talk to your manager or senior manager about applicability
- Exceptions to the standards must be approved by your Senior Manager
- If you have any questions about how these standards apply to your work, please contact your manager or senior manager for guidance

# Stretch Break

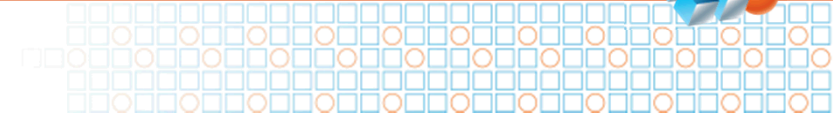
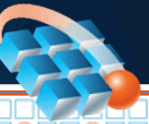


# Application Architecture

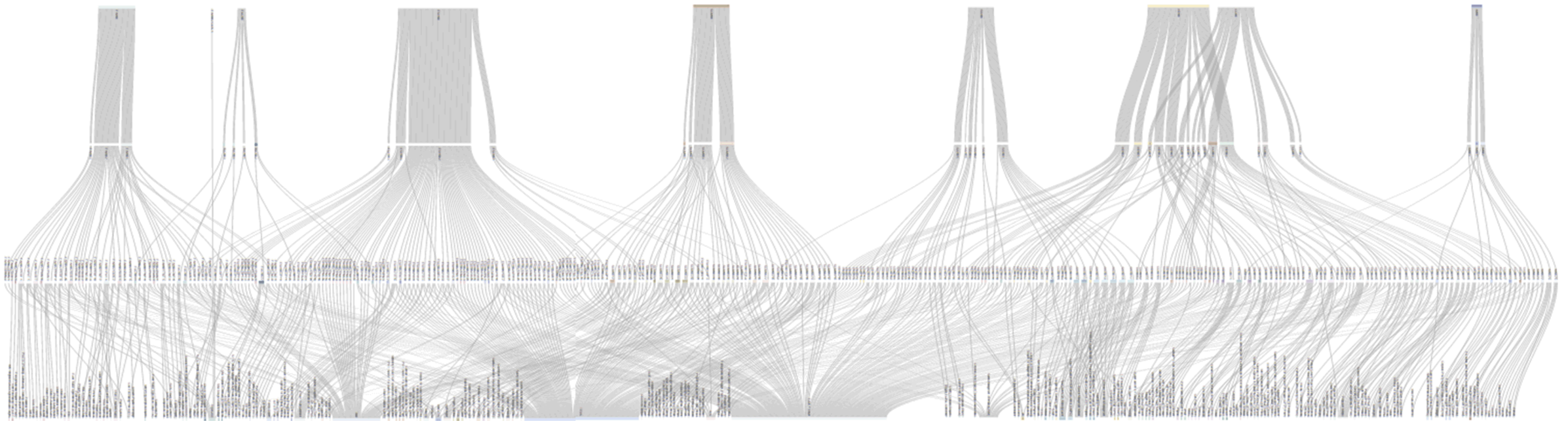
*Jayson Lane*



# Who believes our Architecture is Simple, Usable and Sustainable?



## Policies



## Applications



# Major Architecture Challenges & Opportunities



*“Architectures” serendipitously cobbled together over decades*

## ■ Challenges

- **Unreliable** – Inconsistent “custom” environments & tech stacks, many single points of failure: fragile & loss of service
- **Duplicate Logic/Data** – Apps are not agile, inconsistent & costly due to hard linkages with duplicate logic & data
- **Unmanageable ADP** – Many tech stack architectures driven by various COTS vendors, projects and agendas over time
- **DOE/NNSA Cloud Barriers** – Cloud vs. COTS behind SRN firewall with >60M Oracle LOC from where? & by who?

## ■ Opportunities

- **Redundancy** – “Cloud” – Quickly provisioned commodity-based redundant environments for reliability, availability & recovery. Easily replicated via scripts for consistency, containerized for portability & agility
- **Secure & Reliable Cloud** – Secure Cloud with transparent logging and compartmentalization
- **Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA)** – High availability SOA to eliminate failure-prone duplicate logic & data
- **Reference Architectures** – A few managed reference architectures enabling a manageable ADP

# Architecture

## ■ Where are we now?

- Application Architecture is a part of SDL
- Working Architecture Group (WAG) – Cross-Center Group
  - Help with Effective Application Architectures
- Reference Architectures - formally approved & preferred
  - Rostra – at WAG for approval as the first reference architecture
- Virtual Architecture Repository (VAR) – Auto compiled via Tags
  - Publically accessible SharePoint for artifacts & feedback

## ■ Where are we going?

- Additional Reference Architectures are coming
- Automation and Integration with ADP

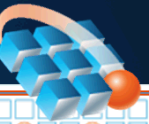
## ■ What is expected of you?

- Use Reference Architectures for new projects or major revisions
- Tag New Project Architectures - filename or properties with “ITArch”
- Request Architecture Reviews by the WAG - Email [WAG@sandia.gov](mailto:WAG@sandia.gov)





# ROSTRA - Web Application Platform as a Service



## ■ Where are we now?

- Why use Rostra? -- Imagine a working environment created within minutes, to show your great, proof of concept.
- What ROSTRA (PaaS)
  - Self Service – infrastructure you need, when you need it, without waiting that provides authentication, backups, security, logging and frameworks, such as Java, PHP, Python.
  - It is a pre-approved and preferred reference architecture.
- Who should use
  - Developers - Search for “Rostra” in WebCARS, SDL or contact -- [rostra-help@sandia.gov](mailto:rostra-help@sandia.gov)

## ■ Where are we going?

- Added frameworks (i.e., WebLogic, .NET, Database Support, etc.)
- Containers as a Service (Docker) and Cloud & capacity on demand

## ■ What is expected of you?

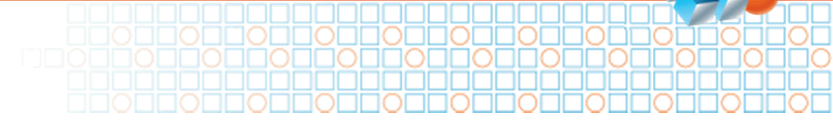
- Use it Today - for these frameworks Java, PHP, python & others as they are added.
- Later FY17 – Rostra as **THE** Platform for developers as capacity allows – Capacity being monitored

# What to expect in FY17

*Joselyne*



# What to Expect in FY17



## FY17 hot topics:

- Increase rigor around project planning
  - Every project in Division 9000 will have a project plan and will be viewable through Portfolio Management Tool (PMT)
  - Every exempt P-level staff or above must be able to develop a project plan using a formal project management tool
- Develop meaningful metrics and measures
- Increase maturity of ITIL, Project Management, and Agile processes
- Communicate the capabilities we deliver and impacts to the stakeholders
  - How are we making their work lives easier?



# Q&A with 9500 Leadership