The Department of Defense (DoD) continues to mature the DoD Enterprise Service Management Framework (DESMF) to improve Information Technology (IT) Service Management (ITSM) capabilities across the Department. Through the DESMF, the Department can identify and eliminate redundancy, inefficiency, and service quality deficiencies.

DESMF Edition III has been updated to add models for defense service quality measurement and defense service process assessment as requested by the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Enterprise. In addition, Edition III places more emphasis and provides guidance on risk management, IT performance management, and establishing an IT Service Management Office.

DoD Components should ensure their ITSM activities are consistent with DESMF guidance in accordance with DoD Instruction 8440.01, Information Technology Service Management, dated December 24, 2015.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Driving toward service excellence is a virtuous goal for organizations today; this is due in part because it is proven that a proactive service environment is less expensive to run than a reactive service environment. This document provides guidance to standardize the management of Information Technology (IT) services across the Department of Defense (DoD) organizations and is the embodiment of the integration of various best practices, frameworks and standards that define a Department-wide service management approach. It is a ‘service oriented’ framework that focuses on creating and managing services throughout the service lifecycle. It aligns and integrates processes for service management and defines processes at a high level, describing the what, not the how. This approach enables cross-functional teams the ability to create and improve processes in the common pursuit of service excellence. More in-depth process specific guidance will be provided in supplemental companion documents located on the DoD CIO Information Technology Service Management (ITSM) Community of Practice (CoP) portal.

How to use the Department of Defense Enterprise Service Management Framework (DESMF)

There is no DoD standard terminology for much of the content within the DESMF. Therefore, it is necessary to know the definitions of a few key terms used in the document.

- **Service** is a means of delivering value comprised of people, processes and technology perceived by Customers and Users as a self-contained, single, coherent entity that enables them to achieve mission objectives and functions (Source: ISO 20000, COBIT 5, ITIL V2, V3, & 2011)
- **Policies** help with governance and are formally documented management expectations and intentions. Policies are used to direct decisions and to ensure consistent and appropriate development and implementation of processes, standards, roles, activities, IT infrastructure, etc.
- **Process** is a structured set of activities designed to accomplish a specific objective. A process is made up of discreet interconnected activities that draw upon inputs, controls, and enablers (normally tools) to produce a defined output(s). A process may draw from any of the roles, responsibilities, tools and management controls required to reliably deliver the outputs and is comprised of specific procedures to accomplish this activity
- **Procedure** is a document containing steps that specify how to perform process steps. Procedures are defined as a part of processes. As such, a change to a procedure does not necessarily change a process, just as a change to a process does not necessitate a policy change.

The DESMF is the authoritative framework used to address services and processes that are owned and managed by the DoD. The DESMF includes:

- Guidance on IT Service alignment with the DoD mission
- Processes – Department-wide processes defined at a high level and guidance to establish authoritative Service Owners, Process Owners and Process Managers, etc.
- Purpose and Scope – The purpose and scope of each process in the lifecycle
- Metrics – Recommendations on the use of metrics as actionable items
- Process Workflow Guidance - Mapped activities and supporting explanation
- Roles and Responsibilities – Defined responsibilities of related ITSM roles
- Service Quality Management Approach – Describes the approach to establish, implement, and maintain service quality
- IT Performance Management Guidance – Describes an approach which consists of activities that focus on up-front planning and aligning IT with defined goals
- Process Capability Assessment Information – Defines an approach to evaluate and measure the competency of a process to meet its intended purpose and outcomes

The DESMF is not:

- A Concept of Operations (CONOPS)—CONOPS for processes are developed separately from this document, but uses this framework to align the efforts
- An Implementation Plan – While this document contains steps for process design work at a high level, it is not meant as a detailed project plan or as an overall ITSM implementation plan.

Do not let the number of pages within the DESMF overwhelm you. This document is specifically designed to provide as much content as possible, divided into usable and manageable sections.
**Section 1** provides the background for DESMF.

**Section 2** provides guidance to organizations considering standing up their own ITSM Office.

**Section 3** introduces organizational considerations for ITSM.

**Section 4** introduces the important topic of Risk Management.

We recommend that anyone responsible for leading an ITSM effort or participating in ITSM activities read all of **sections 5 – 8**, which provide guidance on Quality, Performance and Assessments, Common Process Controls, Roles and Responsibilities and General Steps for DESMF Process Design, respectively.

**Sections 9 – 10** contain domain, process and supporting functions content. A reader may want to focus on his or her specific area of responsibility, knowing that additional content is always available for review in electronic format.

**Sections 11 – 13** contain References, Acronyms and a Glossary. Hyperlinks are in the reference section for easy access for those who view the DESMF electronically.

The **appendices** provide more detail on specific topics.

With each new edition of the DESMF, content will be added, removed, or modified based on DESMF reviews and feedback. As with any framework referenced within the DESMF, take the information that is required and aligned with your specific environment, along with anything that may prove helpful, and be aware that additional information is available to you should you require more in depth information.
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I BACKGROUND

There are many IT management frameworks available for guidance throughout DoD and private industry. However, the Department lacked an integrated framework that encompasses best practices from multiple frameworks, provides guidance to establish the structure, documentation, and roles and responsibilities to plan, implement, monitor and improve ITSM.

The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) commissioned a study from the Open Geospatial Information Services (GIS) Consortium, Inc. to define the role of Enterprise Service Management for DISA. The study recommended the adoption of a recognized framework for guiding principles in Information Technology Service Management (ITSM) initiatives. Based on that recommendation, DISA established the ITSM Office (ITSMO) as an organizational change agent to lead the Agency in process improvement for governance, processes, and technologies to improve the delivery of IT services.

The DISA ITSMO utilized internal DISA expertise, conducted Domain specific workshops and topic related focus groups to create the DISA Enterprise Service Management Framework, Edition I. In May 2013, based on DoD CIO guidance, DISA and a cross-component working group drafted the Department of Defense Service Management Framework (DESMF) Edition II which was subsequently published and signed by the DoD CIO on April 8, 2015.

1.1 PURPOSE AND GOAL

The purpose of the DESMF is to provide guidance on the application of best practices to plan, implement, monitor, and improve service management initiatives and improve the holistic management of all IT services across the DoD. Process initiatives and service implementation efforts should align with the framework. Supporting this purpose, the document will:

- Define the best practices that drive the implementation of the framework
- Define the overall structure of the DESMF, to include Domains and processes covering the entire lifecycle of IT Service Management
- Provide a general overview of processes in terms of purpose, scope, benefits, lexicon, and roles and responsibilities
- Define the controls framework required to meet compliance with the agreed standards
- Define the recommended interfaces between the Domains and the processes
- Recommend a set of milestones for process implementation and service improvements

The goal of the DESMF is to provide a framework to successfully align the delivery of IT services with the mission of the Department. Successful ITSM integrates the contributions of people, processes, and technology that result in a combined effort to promote new ideas, effectiveness, and efficiencies by standard methods and practices that deliver value to mission partners. The DESMF will assist with efficient and effective industrialization of IT and the consumerization of IT services for value. The use of and compliance within this framework provides a strong foundational structure and approach that can be used by Combatant Commands/Services/Agencies (CC/S/A’s) to deliver quality services to DoD.

To better understand the purpose of the DESMF, it is necessary to understand the difference between a standard and a framework.

For example, ISO/IEC 20000 is a standard and consists of a set of minimum requirements to audit an organization against effective ITSM. The standard promotes the adoption of an integrated process approach to effectively manage numerous linked activities. The core components of the standard contained within two documents are Part 1, which includes requirements specified in “shall” statements that must be adhered to when seeking certification and Part 2, which includes “should” statements that a service provider should consider. More information about ISO/IEC 20000 can be found in the appendix.

A framework is used by an organization as a structure in which to align efforts and establish a minimum level of competency, as well as continually mature and improve. It provides a structure from which an organization can plan, implement, and measure.

The DESMF is based on several frameworks, methodologies, and standards. The flexibility of the DESMF is the ability to adopt and use existing best practices for specific processes and functions within the DoD. Best practices
and norms may come from bodies of knowledge such as the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL), COBIT, the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI), Six Sigma, the enhanced Telecom Operations Map (eTOM – Business Process Framework), ISO/IEC 20000, ISO/IEC 27001, Total Quality Management (TQM) etc. Each has a particular area of emphasis but also brings consistency and the ability to measure and improve performance. A common mistake is to assume that the frameworks and standards are exclusive of each other and that all the parts of each must be implemented. The DESMF combines aspects of multiple frameworks and standards, provides a uniform and common language, and outlines guidance to improve effectiveness and efficiency.

1.2 SCOPE OF DESMF

The scope of the DESMF applies to all IT products and services provided by the DoD, and the ITSM processes that support those services. Service implementations and process efforts should align to the DESMF as the authoritative reference framework.

As the DESMF matures and incorporates additional best practices executed throughout the DoD and industry, the aim is to research, develop, incorporate, publish, and promote an authoritative and up-to-date DoD accepted process architecture and service management practices for strategic, tactical, and day-to-day use by the DoD to enable better decision support and quality service delivery.

1.3 ALIGNMENT WITH DoD STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

As a means to ensure the DESMF contains the strategic elements necessary to provide a focused and purposeful service management framework, key DoD strategic plans and initiatives have been considered and referenced. The following DoD level strategic baseline documents provide the required strategic alignment and baseline of key strategic concepts considered throughout this framework.

As depicted in the figure below, DoD Strategy Alignment originates from the Executive Branch’s National Security Strategy (NSS) from which the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff develops the National Military Strategy (NMS). Once received, the Secretary of Defense uses the NMS and the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) Report to develop the DoD Strategic Management Plan (SMP) which is then used to produce the more detailed DoD Information Enterprise (IE) Strategic Plan, the DoD CIO Campaign Plan, and the DoD IT Enterprise Strategy and Roadmap (ITESR). Short descriptions of the DoD IE Strategic Plan, the DoD ITESR, the DoD CIO Campaign Plan, and the CC/S/A Strategic Plans are provided in the paragraphs below.
1.3.1 DOD STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

The DoD Strategic Management Plan (SMP) establishes specific business goals that directly support the Strategic Goals of the National Military Strategy (NMS). It articulates the goals and objectives of the DoD business domain, while ensuring unity of effort across the enterprise. Key concepts of the DoD Strategic Management Plan are: (1) total force readiness, (2) financial management, (3) information security, (4) agility, (5) improved processes, and (6) increased performance across the Department.

1.3.2 DOD INFORMATION ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC PLAN & DOD IT ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC ROADMAP (ITESR)

The DoD IE Strategic Plan and the DoD ITESR together, form the basis for a broad approach to achieving the DoD Joint Information Environment (JIE). These plans articulate how the DoD will strengthen its IT enterprise through integrated and interoperable frameworks to sustain US military might and status as the preeminent war fighting organization in the world. Key concepts in these plans are: (1) information and knowledge as a strategic asset, (2) interoperable infrastructure, (3) synchronized and responsive operations, (4) identity and cybersecurity, (5) optimized investments, (6) agility and interoperability of the Management, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity workforce.

1.3.3 DoD CIO CAMPAIGN PLAN

The DoD CIO Campaign Plan supports the Department’s Strategic Management Plan (DoD SMP) and provides the requirements necessary for the DoD CIO, to “build agile and secure information technology capabilities to enhance combat power and decision making while optimizing value.” It provides guidance to operate and defend the JIE, which enables the DoD to employ warfighting and support capabilities. The JIE is a secure environment, comprised of shared IT infrastructure, enterprise services, and single integrated and secure process architecture to achieve full spectrum superiority, improve mission effectiveness, increase security, and realize IT efficiencies.
The key concept is to enable a unified IT infrastructure and supporting services which are fully integrated, interoperable, secure, and uses a centralized approach across all organizations within the Department.

1.3. 4 CC/S/A STRATEGIC PLANS

Alignment with the overall DoD strategy and direction is imperative for all CC/S/A across the Department. CC/S/A include each of the Military Services. As an example, the objectives of the DISA Strategic Plan target is to provide for a Joint Information Environment (JIE) that optimizes the use of the DoD IT assets by converging communications, computing, and enterprise services into a single joint platform that can be leveraged for all Department missions.

Attainment of the JIE will reduce total cost of ownership, reduce the attack surface of networks, and enable mission partners to more efficiently access the IT resources for their missions. A collaborative JIE enables information sharing and interdependent enterprise services that are seamless, interoperable, efficient, and responsive to warfighter requirements.

CC/S/A Strategic Plans should support and be aligned to the DoD SMP, the DoD IE Strategic Plan, the DoD ITESR, and the DoD CIO Campaign Plan.

The DESMF in turn, provides a framework and common structure to enable the delivery and support of services to accomplish the mission of the Department.

1.3.5 BENEFITS OF DESMF AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Provides a single, definable, repeatable, and scalable documented framework for recommended best practices
- Clearly identifies roles and responsibilities for ITSM
- Adopting characteristics of a standard service management framework enables organizations to provide higher service quality and availability levels, improve alignment between service provider and mission areas, and improve management of changes to ensure security and capability of the information enterprise
- Enables better decision making at all levels by identifying relationships and information items exchanged by all processes throughout the Service Management lifecycle
- Services supporting the war fighter and/or mission partner will be implemented faster, more efficiently, and with higher quality
- Services will be measured transparently and will be traceable through the component and Agency level strategies to those of the DoD
- The costs associated with the entire service lifecycle are understood
- Compliance and subsequent auditing will be stabilized through repeatable processes
- Better understanding of the importance of IT services and the value derived from each service both from the provider as well as the mission partner perspective
- Supports ability of IT to measure and thus improve internal performance in provisioning IT services
- Improved mission partner satisfaction through a more professional, efficient approach to service delivery and support
- Secure information and data exchange
- Enhanced ability to mature and increase performance based on information and knowledge feedback into processes and services
- Cost effectiveness and efficiency are realized by identifying duplications for upgrade or removal

1.3.6 CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS (CSFS) FOR FRAMEWORK ADOPTION

The successful adoption of the framework depends upon the following CSFs:

- **Form a guiding coalition** – Create a forum to provide guidance on enhancing and maintaining the DESMF
- **Create vision** – Clearly identify the gap that this initiative is trying to close between the use of current process frameworks and the future consolidated framework
- **Communicate the vision** – Create a directed training and communications plan for the adoption of the DESMF
- **Create short term wins** – Identify, mitigate, and report on issues related to how services are currently provided
• **Create Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** – KPIs are required to measure each CSF
• **Align KPIs** – KPIs are required to align with mission partner and DoD goals and plans

1.3.7 GUIDANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

The basic lexicon for the DESMF is taken from ITIL®.

**Rationale:** ITIL® is the most widely used framework in the world to support service management as related to ITSM. A single ITSM lexicon is necessary to ensure proper communications related to the DESMF.

**Implications:** The various branches of the DoD should maintain a cooperative approach to defining, accepting, and socializing this terminology.

Each process should have a single Process Owner, accountable for process quality and integrity.

**Rationale:** Divided ownership creates a less optimized process and increases the likelihood of overlapping responsibilities or gaps, and areas of the process being measured.

**Implications:** The various reporting structures within the CC/S/A should allow for a single owner of each process. One way to implement is to allow for a matrix authority environment.

Processes and services should be designed with sufficient flexibility to ensure that not only the current needs of the warfighter are addressed, but that future needs in technology and capacity are anticipated and accounted for as part of the service lifecycle.

**Rationale:** Warfighter requirements change rapidly in a cyber-environment and current processes must support agile service development and implementation.

**Implications:** Principles of agile development and understanding of concepts such as capacity on demand needs be applied to all areas of support and development.

With the understanding that particular procedures and work instructions differ between and even within CC/S/A, there should be consistent processes.

**Rationale:** In order to provide proper governance and measure the overall effect of implementing the DESMF, it is necessary to have consistent processes.

**Implications:** The various branches of the DoD should maintain a cooperative forum to continually improve the overall framework.

1.3.8 UTILIZING THE FRAMEWORK FOR PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

The steps below are a high level perspective (not intended to be all-inclusive) of how to implement an ITSM or process improvement effort in an organization where this is a new or ongoing initiative. These steps correlate to the DESMF in the recommendation of creating Domains in order to aggregate and integrate tightly coupled processes in order to more easily manage and communicate progress. The Domains are areas of decision support and should be used dynamically to support service agility and performance. The Domains are groupings of related processes that represent five stages of the service lifecycle; Service Strategy, Service Design, Service Transition, Service Operations, and Continual Service Improvement. The DESMF provides guidance; however it is up to the organizations discretion as to how to adopt best practices and adapt them to work in their specific environment.

- **DEFINE OUTCOMES FOR IMPLEMENTATION**
  - Define CSFs and KPIs for each process
  - Create the process implementation roadmap – this is the overall plan to identify the order of the process implementations and how the implementation should occur

- **CREATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ALIGN WITH DOMAINS**
  - Define the Area of Responsibility (AOR) for each Domain
  - Define the Governance workflow
  - Develop the Governance Communications Plan
  - Develop the process architectures for the Pilot, Initial Operating Capabilities (IOC), and Full Operational Capabilities (FOC) support organizations required and align with current and future-state organizations for ownership
• DEFINE ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS OWNERSHIP
  o Identify areas best suited for ownership of processes
  o Identify Process Owners
  o Create the implementation roadmap to ensure Process Owners are available to give guidance to other Process Owners at appropriate phases of implementation

• CREATE A TRAINING PLAN
  o Develop framework training requirements
  o Identify required training levels
    • Domain Owner
    • Process Owner
    • Process Manager
    • Service Owner
    • Service Manager
    • General Staff
    • Other Stakeholders as necessary

• DETERMINE RISK STRATEGY
  o Define criteria for decisions
  o Identify risk assessment processes
  o Define risk register
  o Identify risk mitigation activities

• DEFINE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS
  o ITSM Office
  o Project Management
  o Development Organization(s)
  o Operations Organization(s)
  o Other organizations as necessary

The Navy ITSMO has developed and published a guide that provides a comprehensive approach to planning, designing, developing, and deploying ITSM capabilities with recommended phases, activities, tasks, and work products. The audience for this development guide is the integrated process teams, partner organizations, programs, process design and implementation teams. The ITSM Implementation Roadmap consists of eight phases from defining the organization’s ITSM strategy, to initial inception of the project, through deployment and operation of the new or updated capability.

For more information on the ITSM Lifecycle and supporting work products, contact the Navy ITSMO at ITSMO@navy.mil or visit the Navy ITSMO portal at https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Process_Architecture
2 ESTABLISHING AN IT SERVICE MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Within large organizations, IT Service Management (ITSM) typically begins as a set of disparate efforts to help guide, manage, and improve IT service delivery and support. The Department of Defense (DoD) is no exception - it is a large and geographically dispersed organization with subordinate services and CC/S/As executing unique missions on a global scale under the National Command Authority. Many groups within the DoD are well underway in IT Service Management (ITSM) initiatives, and are realizing the value of formal and informal structures to align their approaches to the DESMF.

Some organizations position the ITSMO with authority and responsibility to execute and implement ITSM, others stipulate the ITSMO is an advisory and support office to support ITSM adoption and champion Continual Service Improvement (CSI). The perspective of this excerpt is that the ITSMO does not have direct operational authority within an organization. An organization should have a single office/authority/method from which to obtain their service management training, artifacts, templates etc.

Whether an informal committee or formal organization, the IT Service Management Office (ITSMO) serves as an enabler and catalyst – facilitating process, technology, and service ownership, informing and training the larger organization, and ultimately driving improvements. The end state of all ITSM initiatives should be effective, efficient, and secure IT services.

An ITSMO serves to:

- Champion end-to-end standards-based IT
- Collect, assemble, and distribute service management knowledge throughout the organization
- Monitor and improve processes and services using defined metrics and consistent approach
- Drive shared ITSM capabilities (e.g. ticketing tools, CMDB)

The ultimate goal of any ITSMO should be to ensure that delivered IT services are fit for purpose, fit for use, stable, secure, reliable and fully support the DoD mission and objectives in concert with the vision for a Joint Information Environment (JIE), where interoperability across programs and systems reduces operational inefficiencies and management costs.

An ITSMO at the highest Enterprise level in the DoD is chartered as an integral part of the JIE. Its role would be as stated in the Purpose paragraph of this document. To achieve benefits from improved ITSM practices, the Military Services and major commands are encouraged to establish ITSMOs at the appropriate level for their mission or leverage already established ITSMOs. When considering the establishment of an ITSMO, there is no single solution; rather, it must fit the needs of the organization in alignment with the organization’s mission objectives.

2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of an ITSMO is to coordinate and govern the development and execution of a customer-focused, organization-wide approach to IT Service Management - one that drives improved service quality and interoperability across DoD organization networks to support the JIE strategic goals and efficiency initiatives via standard ITSM processes. Specifically, ITSMOs are usually charged with some or all of the following responsibilities:

- Creating, maintaining and publicizing a Service Management System (SMS) as defined by ISO/IEC-20000 in support of organizational IT objectives
- Coordinating the development and maintenance of a mission-aligned IT service catalog and associated service level targets
- Coordinating and supporting the execution of IT processes
- Providing shared services, such as ITSM tools or service reporting
- Establishing an ITSM process architecture with appropriate implementation guidance
- Prioritizing and aligning ITSM development and improvement activities
- Managing change while implementing a service management culture
- Measuring and demonstrating ITSM value to mission stakeholders
- Championing Continual Service Improvement (CSI) and coordinating improvements
2.2 ITSMO MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The ITSMO is charged with overseeing and aligning organizational ITSM capabilities and initiatives across the organization in support of enterprise goals and objectives. In doing so, the ITSMO will establish a standardized approach to service management through the adoption and implementation of a SMS (see Notional SMS figure below). ITSMO focus areas should include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring alignment between IT services and DoD operational mission objectives: Realize direct linkage between the IT services delivered and the needs of end-users to ensure IT delivers defined and measurable value to the supported mission
- Drive efficiency and interoperability across DoD IT organizations and programs in support of JIE goals and objectives: Advocate defined, measurable IT services and standardized service management practices across the enterprise to improve interoperability of programs and systems
- Coordinate the development and improvement of required ITSM competencies: Establish consistent visibility into the mission/business perspective of IT performance, with the mechanisms in place to inform future IT investment decisions and management actions to improve overall service quality

To accomplish these goals, the ITSMO should create a SMS detailing specific practice areas that focus on discrete aspects of IT Service Management. A practice area is a discrete grouping of ITSM capability to foster focus, training, and consensus within the larger ITSM lifecycle. Each practice area should contain usable artifacts and deliverables in the form of templates, guides, primers and other tools that stakeholders can leverage. Each practice area should be under the leadership of SMEs for that area, who are available to assist the organizations with governance, assessment, process architecture, and organizational change management disciplines.

FIGURE 2.2: NOTIONAL SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SMS)
2.2.1 ITSM OFFICE PRACTICE AREAS

Appointment is typically made from the sponsoring authority for the Director of the ITSMO. The Director functions within the scope of delegated authority to ensure resources are available for each ITSMO practice area. The number of resources will vary within each organization, and in some cases individuals may perform in more than one practice area; however, ideally each practice area is led by one or more government personnel who provide oversight for SMEs assigned to the practice area. The practice areas and their nominal descriptions are listed in the table below:

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<th>Practice Area</th>
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<td>ITSMO Management</td>
<td>• Serves as the facilitator for organizational ITSM implementation and governance</td>
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<td>• Operates the ITSM governing board which, in turn, can sanction the creation and chartering of subordinate boards, working groups and committees as required either on a permanent basis or as temporary entities depending on need.</td>
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<td>• MANages stakeholder communications (plans, strategies and channels) to include governance bodies.</td>
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<td>• Develops training and awareness programs.</td>
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<td>• Facilitates mentoring and training of ITSM teams.</td>
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<td>• Directs and coordinates ITSMO practice area activities in support of stakeholder requirements.</td>
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<td>• Execute organizational change management activities and champion the ITSM value proposition across the enterprise.</td>
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<td>IT Governance</td>
<td>• Applies international frameworks, standards, and best practices (e.g., ISO/IEC 38500) that ensure senior leadership intent, direction and policy expectations for IT are met, performance is measured, and that resources and risks are identified and managed.</td>
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<td>IT Process Architecture</td>
<td>• Develops, sustains, and improves enterprise ITSM process architecture.</td>
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<td>• Defines minimum standards and conventions for the process architecture.</td>
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<td>• Conducts process architecture reviews with ITSM design and implementation teams.</td>
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<td>• Facilitates integration and prioritization of ITSM initiatives via an Implementation Roadmap, and supports integration of processes throughout the ITSM lifecycle.</td>
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<td>• Supports the provisioning of ITSM tools (i.e., a ticketing system, CMDB and monitoring capabilities) and a shared reporting service.</td>
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<td>Continual Service Improvement</td>
<td>• Provides guidance related to quality and capability improvement methods, process capability assessments, and other disciplines related to service management in segmented environments.</td>
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<td>Assessment</td>
<td>• Develops, sustains, and improves an international standards-based (e.g., ISO/IEC 20000) process capability assessment model and supporting toolset.</td>
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<td>• Develops and provides assessor guidance and training.</td>
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<td>• Provides IT Risk Management guidance, tools and templates.</td>
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<td>ITSM Strategic Communications</td>
<td>• Develops stakeholder engagement strategies to identify key communication themes and messages.</td>
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<td>• Develops outreach tactics, techniques and procedures to establish a baseline awareness and understanding of the ITSMO among stakeholders and end-users.</td>
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<td>• Develops, sustains, and improves a strategic communications plan</td>
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|                               | • Facilitate the creation of repositories (i.e. SharePoint) for the collection of process and service documentation. The overarching goal is to get the right information to the right people at the right time in the right format using the
right medium. This practice area utilizes any existing Knowledge Management database structure to warehouse and disseminate stakeholder communication products and services. However, if a functional Knowledge Management process area does not exist, this practice area attempts to handle it on a sufficient scale to accommodate all users.

### TABLE 2.2.1: ITSM OFFICE PRACTICE AREAS

It is critical to develop clarity regarding roles within the ITSMO. Well-defined leadership structures and reporting relationships are essential in seamlessly integrating the ITSMO into the hierarchy of the organization. Cross-functional and supporting roles should also be defined in concert with the organizational structure.

#### 2.2.2 AUTHORITY

The ITSMO functions under the authority contained in a charter that is signed by the highest level possible within the chain-of-command. In so doing, the ITSMO acts on behalf of the charting authority to execute all ITSM activities defined within the scope of the charter.

#### 2.2.3 ITSM OFFICE SCOPE

The scope of activities for the ITSMO usually includes the development and management of an integrated service management ITSM process reference architecture and establishment of a quality management system. It includes the oversight and alignment of ITSM development and improvement activities in support of that process architecture. The ITSMO champions the identification and designation of ITSM Process and Service Owners and provides guidance, direction, and oversight to ensure consistency and alignment with the policies, standards, and guidance established by the office.

#### 2.2.4 ITSM OFFICE FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Key functions and associated responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- **ITSM Strategy**
  - Establish an organizational ITSM strategy and roadmap
  - Facilitate the identification and assignment of roles and responsibilities in support of the strategy

- **Governance**
  - Establish, execute, and refine governance over ITSM resources and efforts
  - Conduct regularly scheduled ITSMO Governance Board meetings with assigned board members to provide direction, facilitate decision making, receive exceptions and proposals, and communicate status
  - Identify, assign, and delegate authority to subordinate ITSM governance boards, working groups and committees

- **Strategic Communications**
  - Manage organizational change management through communications with members, stakeholders, and governance bodies
  - ITSM advocacy support through the development of training and awareness program and facilitate mentoring and training of ITSM teams
  - Champion the ITSM value proposition across the organization

- **Service Quality**
  - Establish a quality management approach that defines the plan and methodology for achieving quality in all provisions of services and processes
  - Develop and execute quality and performance standards to monitor and report the health of the IT services
  - Coordinate or conduct assessments of processes and services
  - Oversee and support execution of CSI efforts in compliance with process architecture, quality, and performance management

- **Process Architecture**
  - Develop enterprise ITSM process reference architecture, define minimum standards, and conventions for that process architecture
  - Conduct process architecture reviews with ITSM design and implementation teams
Facilitate integration and prioritization of ITSM initiatives via an Implementation Roadmap, and ensure interoperability
Support the selection and maintenance of ITSM tools, such as ticket tracking systems, infrastructure and application management and monitoring tools
Provide reporting on the health of IT processes and services which may include issue resolution if the issue brought forth is a process issue
Provide templates to promote standardization and consistency in support of ITSM efforts (requirements doc, CONOPS, design docs, SOPs, charter, project plan, etc.)

2.3 ITSMO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

To effectively communicate and manage organizational change, the ITSMO should develop a comprehensive communications plan that addresses baseline messaging for internal and external stakeholders. All ITSM communications should be predefined and crafted to ensure consistency and standardization of informational products. The messaging should be divided into two distinct groups:

- Core messages consist of general information that establishes a foundation of understanding to include ITSM objectives, and how they will impact stakeholders, for example:
  - ITSMO strategic vision and mission statement
  - ITSMO approach to IT Service Management initiatives and training
  - ITSMO portfolio of products and services
- Key themes are critical advisory messages communicated to stakeholders, or targeted segments, to provide additional detail about ongoing initiatives and how they affect the stakeholder community, for example:
  - ITSM strategy development capabilities
  - ITSMO Governance of enterprise IT artifacts
  - Training for Service Owners, Service Managers, Process Owners and Process Managers
  - Strategic Communication of the ITSM value proposition
  - IT Service Quality capabilities
  - ITSM process reference architecture establishment, updates, policies and standards

2.4 STAKEHOLDER REGISTRY

A thorough review of existing and potential ITSMO stakeholders should be undertaken to identify key stakeholders with vested and continuous engagement in ITSMO activities from other stakeholder communities who have expressed an interest but are less engaged with ITSMO activities, products, or services. The resulting segregation of an ITSMO stakeholder registry enables efficient and effective targeting of stakeholder segments based on strategic engagement and interest.

2.5 COMMUNICATION CHANNEL ANALYSIS

Once stakeholders have been identified and appropriately segregated, a detailed channel analysis should be performed and aligned with the overall communications strategy. A thorough channel analysis will chronicle available outlets for strategic communications products as suggested in the table below.
2.6 REQUEST PROCEDURES

Request Procedures should describe the steps required to submit, process, and manage various requests to the ITSMO. Any ITSMO stakeholder should be able to submit a request for information or services which are, ideally, available through a published catalog and tracked from submission to completion.

2.7 IT GOVERNANCE PRACTICE

A key practice area within the ITSMO is IT Governance. The ITSMO must be able to offer guidance and assistance to organizations seeking to design and implement a governance structure that meets their organizational needs for positive control and oversight of the enterprise.

IT Governance is a compilation of all governance activities, people, governance bodies, policies, documentation, templates, strategy, charters, and models in a holistic framework that provides visibility and positive command and control of the organization. Many of the components are built during creation of the strategy, operating guide development, and project execution activities. The figure below illustrates an example of components.

It is important for project team leaders to understand that establishing governance is more than creating a charter; there are multiple moving parts, initiatives, and artifacts that have to be created and managed to fully achieve IT governance within an organization.

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<td>Scheduled Meetings</td>
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**TABLE 2.5: STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL ANALYSIS**
2.8 IT PROCESS ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE

The IT Process Architecture practice develops, sustains, and improves the organization’s ITSM process reference architecture to enable and maintain the alignment of the IT processes and services in support of the organization’s mission. The practice defines minimum standards and conventions for that process architecture and conducts process architecture reviews with ITSM design and implementation teams. It also facilitates integration and prioritization of ITSM initiatives via an Implementation Roadmap, and supports integration of the processes throughout the ITSM Lifecycle. The Process Architecture team of ITSMO SMEs assists the organization with selection, adoption, training, and employment of IT Process Architecture principles and artifacts.

2.8.1 ITSM PROCESS REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE

The ITSM process reference architecture should be developed and used to describe how the organization’s functions and service providers work together to manage IT services in support of the mission. The key activities usually associated with this architecture practice are:

- Developing and maintaining an ITSM Process Reference Architecture to enable centralized planning and decentralized development and execution of processes. The model should contain the following components:
  - Complete list of ITSM processes defined for the organization
  - Process purpose, scope, and outcomes for each
  - Activity level details, workflows and diagrams
  - Information work products (inputs and outputs)
  - Process roles and skills
  - Roles/Responsibility RACI
  - Metrics (CSFs supported by KPIs)
  - Functional tool requirements
• Developing and maintaining an ITSM Glossary
• Developing and maintaining an ITSM Implementation Roadmap for the ITSM Lifecycle
• Developing standardized process development artifacts, templates, and training materials that support the lifecycle and planned roadmap
• Provide training and guidance to ITSM design and implementation teams and stakeholders
• Establishing process architecture review criteria and conducting Process Architecture Reviews to assess development efforts and provide recommendations for alignment

2.9 CONTINUAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT (CSI) PRACTICE

The CSI Practice area in an ITSMO contains a Service Quality Management approach as well as IT Service Performance Management guidance. This guidance supports the organization in seeking to baseline services and implement service quality improvement. The service quality maxim “if you can’t measure it, you can’t manage it” rings true for the delivery of quality services to the customer, and this practice area helps stakeholders define, gather and analyze appropriate metrics that enable continual process and service improvement for their process or service area.

Service Quality is defined as a measure of how well the service delivered matches customer expectations. Service Quality and Performance Management foster an enterprise approach to govern service quality measurement. This includes evaluating, directing, and monitoring service quality measurement methods, approaches, techniques and results along with recommending corrective actions. Evaluation activities ensure there is an effective quality management approach and that measurements support customer and stakeholder requirements to include the identification of measurement gaps and a plan of action for closing those gaps to support decision making.

Service Quality Management is a valuable tool for the Continual Service Improvement (CSI) practice area. It includes the adoption of a process approach which identifies and manages numerous interrelated and interacting processes for the management of product and service quality. Often, the output from one process provides inputs to other processes. The systematic identification and management of the processes employed within an organization and particularly the interactions between such processes is referred to as the process approach. A process approach emphasizes the importance of:

• Monitoring, understanding and meeting customer requirements
• Leadership to establish unity of purpose and direction
• Involvement of acquisition, engineering and operational stakeholders
• Addressing process integration, performance and effectiveness in support of IT services
• Continual improvement of processes and services based on objective measurement
• Factual approach to decision making based on analysis of data and information
• Mutually beneficial supplier relationships due to interdependence and the shared need to create value

The Service Quality Management Approach and Performance Management are further defined in this document.

2.10 ASSESSMENT PRACTICE

The ITSMO usually has the responsibility to assess the capability of the organization’s processes and services. The Assessment practice area of the ITSMO should contain international standards-based assessment information, guidance and training based on the same approach adopted in COBIT 5.0, CMMI-SVC 2.0, and ISO/IEC 20000-8 and 33000, etc. This practice area is concerned with assessing, planning, measuring and improving service and process management capabilities to:

• Meet requirements
• Meet alignment with business or mission goals and objectives
• Improve process effectiveness and efficiency leading to process optimization

As part of continual process improvement and efficiency, it is recommended to perform a process capability assessment annually. Process Capability Assessment is further defined within this document.
3 ORGANIZATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT (OCM)

Implementing new policies, processes, and procedures within any DoD organization affects the entire Department: employees, customers, and stakeholders. To ignore the human side of change increases risks of failure through fear and resistance. Those responsible for ITSM must be aware of the potential impact on the people within an organization when implementing changes to policies, procedures, and processes. In essence, those responsible for ITSM are organizational change agents who must build a bridge between people, processes, and technology.

Organizational Change Management (OCM) provides a framework to address the human side of change. There are many frameworks to choose from and the best frameworks are those that are flexible enough to address general, specific, similar, and unique qualities of an organization’s culture. Once an organization chooses to adopt ITSM practices, changes to the ethos, values, and guiding principles may be required. Those changes, along with leadership vision and purpose for the ITSM effort, support the people who are impacted. Through well planned OCM, people develop trust and learn new behaviors that enable a smooth and efficient transition from the old state of doing business to the desired state of doing business.

As the DESMF provides guidance and advisement on applying the best practices to implement ITSM, these best practices will be more successful and facilitated more effectively, with focused attention in the following areas:

- Obtaining executive and other organizational leadership/stakeholder’s sponsorship
- Understanding the organization’s current culture
- Leveraging existing procedures, policies, etc.; don’t try to fix what isn’t broken
- Communicating the need for the change, the desired results of the change, as well as highlight achievements towards the change
- Creating a strong Change Champion network with representation from all levels of the organization, customer and other stakeholders
- Ensuring new changes/requirements are aligned to the organization’s strategic vision and objectives
- Institutionalizing the change – through training and consistent implementation of performance criterion (recognition/awards, promotions, and/or consequences)
- Identifying and executing quick wins to show early measures of success
- Identifying and documenting overall risks while specifying mitigation plans to address those risks

A new understanding of IT as a weapon is required to achieve a Joint Information Environment (JIE) and improve a secure net-centric information enterprise. The most important asset of any defense system is the people who are responsible for managing and operating the system. As the DESMF matures, each OCM area mentioned above will be developed as a framework for managing the effects of implementing new ITSM processes within the DoD.

3.2 ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE

Organizational governance is the system—people, processes, and technologies—by which CC/SA direct and control their equities. It involves regulatory rules and guidance, and defines roles and relationships between the organizational directors, high-level decision-making boards, and other stakeholders (e.g., suppliers, mission partners, or communities) affected by the organization’s activities. With this system in place, organizational governance provides greater accountability for decision-making around the use of IT in the best interest of all stakeholders.

Internal stakeholders are the directors, executives, and other employees of the organization. Much of the focus in organizational governance is concerned with mitigation of conflicts of interests between stakeholders. Ways of mitigating or preventing these conflicts of interests include the processes, policies, laws, and decision-making bodies which have impact on the way the organization is controlled. An important theme of organizational governance is the nature and extent of accountability and responsibility of different decision-making groups within the organization.

There is renewed interest in corporate governance practices, particularly in relation to accountability, since the high-profile collapses of a number of large corporations during 2001-2002. Their demise is associated with the
passing of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in 2002, intending to restore public confidence in corporate governance. Sarbanes-Oxley has greatly increased regulatory interest and is one of the reasons why the DESMF is needed. DoD CC/S/A have regulatory requirements, e.g., DoD 5000 Series Regulations, the Business Capability Lifecycle (BCL), and Clinger Cohen Act, that industry and ITIL do not address. The DESMF provides guidance for alignment on how to adapt industry best practices without violating regulatory requirements.

Organizational governance differs from IT governance. IT governance is a subset discipline of organizational governance, through performance and risk management. Organizational governance systematically involves everyone: board members, executive management, staff and mission partners. It establishes the structure used by the organization to codify transparent accountability of individual decisions, and ensures the traceability of decisions to assigned responsibilities.

3.3 IT GOVERNANCE

DESMF IT governance is aligned with the international standard for IT governance; ISO/IEC 38500, governance frameworks such as COBIT and guidance from renowned sources such as the IT Governance Institute. The realization of a need for Enterprise IT governance has expanded within industry and government in the past ten years. Industry realized during the 1990s that the organization chart (chain of command) was sufficient to execute business processes. However, it soon realized that IT needed to be controlled to reduce risks and costs associated with developing IT capability and align IT initiatives that drive business strategic objectives. The establishment of an IT governance structure, subordinate and integrated to the business organization chart addresses those purely IT problems and decisions that directly impact the strategic focus of the business.

DoD has adopted several different IT governance structures to better direct and control IT initiatives. This was a direct result of the need to control risks, suppliers, costs, and alignment of IT initiatives to strategic and tactical mission objectives in support of the warfighter. IT governance exists to resolve IT problems by communicating succinct decisions, allocating authority to make decisions, and controlling IT initiatives. Operating in the DoD IT environment poses special problems that can be addressed with a top down, integrated IT governance model. IT governance must be established at many levels to address the IT problems at those levels. IT governance enhances the Situational Awareness and Command & Control of the chain of command by setting up policies and compliance measures that direct and control ITSM.

Most high performing organizations have an established IT governance. Large and small businesses, nonprofits, universities, health care, and many DoD and government civilian organizations have established IT governance. In most cases, organizations that are not high performing can trace one of the major inhibitors to attainment of goals to a lack of IT governance. ITSM processes and services drive business processes and services delivered to the customer and other consumers. IT governance bodies direct, control, and evaluates the operational IT community, provides conflict resolution, and sets policies to ensure all ITSM processes are effective and services are properly controlled.

An important focus of IT governance should be on the success of service delivery. The organization must determine any governance or control problems that introduce risks to deliver services and then implement a governance structure to address and govern the problem areas. This could be a combination of a decision authority body and supporting councils. The goal is to not have an overly bureaucratic structure as this can obstruct progress, but instead enable agile decision making in order to provide effective and resilient services. Successful delivery of services drives mission alignment and customer satisfaction. The governance structure must allocate decision rights and accountability without becoming overly burdensome and counter-productive.

3.3.1 COMPLIANCE

All IT governance bodies must ensure compliance with all Federal Government and DoD policies and regulations. There are also directives and decisions from higher level governance bodies to which each governance body must ensure compliance, including standardization. Governance bodies must clearly communicate and enforce compliance measures. Non-compliance can be reported to the next level structure as an exception.

3.3.2 RISK MANAGEMENT

It is a core responsibility of IT governance bodies to address risks to the enterprise related to IT initiatives. Risk always exists whether or not it is detected or recognized. Risks include risk to the mission, operations,
compliance, strategic direction, investments, service delivery, cybersecurity, manpower, and others. In other words, risks include anything that could impact the strategic objectives and operational readiness of the organization the governance body directs and controls. Risk surveillance, detection, evaluation and response should be imbedded into the IT governance system. A risk register should be maintained and appropriate personnel assigned by the governance body to manage IT risk issues within the organization.

3.3.3 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

In any DoD IT organization, the use of measures is necessary to determine if the effort is on course, or if a course correction is needed. Key to any governance framework is measurement reporting because measurements determine whether IT is meeting the mission objectives through established performance levels and desired results. The actual metrics for performance measurements should be determined by stakeholders and customers of the services, based on their specific requirements. Governance ensures those measurements are transparent, timely and receive the management oversight necessary for successful evaluation of the promised value of ITSM. Performance measures help align the enterprise to a set of common ITSM goals and produce positive results. The measures and service levels should be in common understandable language and not tech-speak. Performance measurement reporting is the only method that allows the enterprise to control IT initiatives and set course corrections when necessary.

3.3.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A focus of IT governance is concerned with the effective and efficient management of resources to achieve strategic goals and objectives – another risk management vector. Areas in scope include ensuring manpower availability, utilization and skill sets meet the requirements of the mission. Education and proficiency training of human resources are addressed and progress tracked. In commercial organizations, IT governance is responsible for IT budgets, software and equipment, making proposals to higher level governance bodies and tracking and reporting variance. IT budgets are solely the responsibility of the IT governance system and aligned with the mission, strategy and objectives of the organization. This may or may not be the case in DoD organizations.
4 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk includes all facets of the DoD world, suppliers, mission partners and our daily lives. Risk Management should be a consideration that includes people, process, technology, information, data, assets, infrastructure, governance, finances etc.. In addition to the Appendix that has content about the Risk Management Framework (RMF) as it pertains to Information Security Management, Edition III has additional references which focus on various aspects of Risks.

SMEs from both DoD Components and industry have suggested that risk should be incorporated in each Service Domain and certainly should be a consideration as individual processes are defined and improved.

Risk management should be embedded in the general management of an organization and fully integrated with other business functions such as governance, finance, strategy, internal control, procurement, continuity planning, Human Resources, compliance, technology etc.

The DoD has identified risk as a key concern and developed its own framework (DoD 8510.01 Risk Management Framework for DoD IT) for DoD cybersecurity.

Other methodologies such as the Project Management Institute (PMI) standard, consider risk so important when planning a project that they have espoused a Risk Management Domain that identifies addressing risks in several steps of the project planning stage and also in the control and monitoring stage.

One assertion that all experts agree on is that Risk Management should not focus on dealing with problems; it should focus on preventing them. Looking at Risks from every domain and process in the service lifecycle, capturing them and planning for them, will help the organization manage risk effectively, reducing negative impact, uncertainty and costs, and conversely exploiting positive impact.

There are two sections in the Appendix about Risk regarding the (1) Risk Management Framework (RMF) and (2) Risk Management as a process.
5 QUALITY, PERFORMANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

5.1 SERVICE QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Service quality management is based on a four phase approach that enables consistent visibility into the missions/business perspective of IT performance, with the mechanisms in place to inform service management and support future IT investment decisions. This approach is an adaptation of the Deming cycle to specifically address IT service quality, customized by the Navy ITSMO.

The four phases are:

- **Plan**: The quality approach
- **Do**: Establish and execute the quality approach
- **Check**: Monitor and report quality management
- **Act**: Correct and continuously improve quality management

Activities and outcomes for each phase are represented in the figure below.

![Figure 5.1: Service Quality Management Approach](image)

**5.1.1 PHASE 1: “PLAN” - QUALITY APPROACH**

The purpose of the Plan phase is to establish the objectives and processes necessary to deliver results in accordance with customer requirements and organizational policy and objectives. The planning phase will consist of the following activity:

- **Develop Service Quality Plan.** The plan will establish the approach and framework for managing service quality, and will identify the quality scope, objectives and roles. Service/Process Owners and Managers will plan service quality specific activities to monitor and address service performance. Service Level Management, Service Owners and Service Managers are responsible to perform service quality metrics activities related to specific services. The Service Managers and Process Managers will establish a Performance Management Plan to measure effectiveness of service performance.

**5.1.2 PHASE 2: “DO” - ESTABLISH AND EXECUTE THE QUALITY APPROACH**

The purpose of the Establish and Execute Phase is to implement the quality management processes and capabilities related to:

- Service quality performance metrics
- Service management process capability improvement
5.1.2.1 SERVICE QUALITY PERFORMANCE METRICS

To monitor service quality and performance, metrics need to be established by: 1) defining the service metrics, 2) defining the measures and data to be collected, and 3) defining accountability and responsibility to report service metrics. (Refer to the IT Performance Management section in this document for guidance.) The following actions are required:

- Ensure “user services” and service objectives are defined with enough details to enable service measurement
- Service owners and managers measure service performance based on service descriptions and requirements. Service Owners map service performance metrics to user service descriptions and service objectives
- Process owners assess service management capabilities to manage services
- Evaluate and improve the service quality performance metrics

The Navy ITSMO developed a comprehensive Performance Management Guide and Performance Metrics Library to help organizations develop performance metrics that enable them to be more successful in managing service performance, and ensure continuous evaluation. Contact ITSMO@navy.mil for additional information or visit the Navy ITSMO portal at https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Navy_IT_Service_Management_Office

5.1.2.2 SERVICE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT

A process capability improvement model and approach should be defined to support continuous service improvements. The approach will guide Process Owners and Managers in their individual continual improvement activities and enables cross process and cross organizational learning. This approach takes a practical, phased approach to capability improvement rather than trying to adopt all service management best practices in a single step. A process capability assessment model and related materials support incremental achievement for increasing levels of process capability. (Refer to the Process Capability Assessments section in this document.)

Service Management Capability Improvement must include plans for defining the government role within each process as well as the interfaces required to achieve quality results including: situational awareness (SA) and command and control (C2) interfaces, service coordination considerations like cross supplier procedures for multiple government contractors and non-subordinate commands with service or process responsibilities.

5.1.3 PHASE 3: “CHECK” - MONITOR AND REPORT SERVICE QUALITY

This phase executes the monitoring and reporting activities established in the Plan phase. The purpose of this phase is to monitor and measure the processes and services against policies, objectives and requirements and report the results to stakeholders.

5.1.3.1 COLLECT AND RECORD DATA

This activity will focus on collecting service quality and process capability data, evaluate data quality and recommend improvement opportunities. The order of activities is:

- Review outcomes, recommend appropriate updates to process and service documentation (e.g. service performance metrics, etc.)
- Collect information regarding decision making capabilities, limitations and measurement
- Review desired data, data collection practices and data sources

5.1.3.2 EVALUATE COLLECTED DATA

Evaluation activities include the following:

- Evaluate service and process quality against requirements and develop recommendations
- Evaluate process capability assessment results and develop capability improvement recommendations including SA/C2 interfaces, service coordination capabilities like cross supplier procedures for multiple government contractors and non-subordinate commands with service or process responsibilities
- Evaluate ITSM quality capabilities and develop recommendations
- Report service quality and management capability
5.1.3.3 CONDUCT PROCESS CAPABILITY ASSESSMENTS

A typical order of events in conducting a process capability assessment is as follows:

- Allocate resources for performing the assessment
- Establish or update the process reference model to support the assessment if needed
- Map local processes to the reference model as needed
- Document the scope of the management system to be assessed
- Define assessment purpose, constraints, stakeholders and participants
- Plan the assessment, schedule, resources, project plan and deliverables
- Identify required data and evidence
- Identify data sources
- Conduct documentation review
- Conduct workshops and interviews
- Develop ratings and analyze results
- Develop recommendations

*(Refer to the Process Capability Assessments section in this document.)*

5.1.3.4 PRODUCE ASSESSMENT DELIVERABLES

- **Assessment Plan**: Scope of required information to be collected, assessment activities, resources, schedule, participants, deliverable description
- **Data Collection**: Data collection strategy, correspondence, gathered evidence
- **Data Validation**: Identification of any data deemed unreliable or that does not meet the criteria of objective evidence
- **Process Capability Evaluation**: Evaluation includes the rating, analysis and recommendations

5.1.3.5 PRIORITIZE AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS

Service Owners and Managers evaluate service quality and develop improvement plans. Improvement plans that require funding are submitted to portfolio management for funding prioritization, capital planning and investment control. Typically, the set of improvement recommendations are collated and analyzed collectively. The analysis of alternatives considers schedule, costs, risks, performance, value and potential for disruption.

5.1.4 PHASE 4: “ACT” CORRECT AND CONTINUALLY IMPROVE

The purpose of this phase is to take action to continually improve the service quality approach, and process capability improvement methods. This includes activities related to expanding and improving service management and process measurement capabilities as follows:

- Establishing targets for improvements
- Ensuring approved improvements are implemented
- Measuring implemented improvements against the established targets; taking action where targets were not met
- Revising the service quality plans and procedures as necessary
- Conducting service quality reviews annually
- Service quality reviews are recommended to be performed at least annually and include at least the following:
  - Follow up from previous reviews
  - Process capability assessments, improvements and performance reviews
  - Service conformity and evaluation results
  - Corrective and preventive actions
  - Customer feedback and complaints
  - Service quality metrics and reporting results
  - Approved quality objectives and quality objective plans

The Navy ITSMO has a Service Quality Management Guide and templates that can be leveraged to formulate a service quality management approach. For more information, contact the Navy ITSMO at ITSMO@navy.mil or visit the portal at [https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Navy_IT_Service_Management_Office](https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Navy_IT_Service_Management_Office).
5.2 IT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

IT Performance Management is the use of performance information through monitoring and measuring relevant IT performance metrics. The information obtained from metrics enhances the organization’s ability to gauge performance results. Actual performance can be compared with expected outcomes defined in organization goals and objectives in quantitative and qualitative terms.

The organization develops action plans and projects that are designed to achieve the goals and objectives of the organization hence the majority of IT performance management activities are monitoring actual IT performance against the organization’s strategic plans. The results of performance management analysis enable leadership to direct the formulation and implementation of corrective plans to make adjustments and ensure the organization achieves pre-determined levels of performance. The linkage between organizational goals and objectives and its IT strategy are achieved if performance management is successful.

Measures of performance must be designed to accurately capture the execution of relevant, measurable objectives. Establishing a baseline to assess against is crucial to performance management. Without an effective performance management program, key leaders are faced with taking corrective actions after performance issues impact the organization. Performance management as a management tool is the alternative to damage control and crisis management which impacts organizational plans, goals and objectives, customer satisfaction, productivity, expenditures, and confidence in the IT service provider.

5.2.1 APPROACH TO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Every organization’s approach to implementing performance management is based on their IT alignment with the goals and mission of the agency or Military Service. The following are general principles every organization should consider when developing an approach to performance management.

- **Improvements achieved through performance management should align with other management improvements within the organization:** Organizations that generally change their focus from cost versus staff to overall outcomes appreciate the need for performance based results of the organization and apply the same principles into IT performance metrics. The organizational management approach includes developing:
  - Strategic plans and mission statement
  - Identification of strategic goals linked to the functional group responsible for achievement of the goals
  - Specific planned actions to achieve goals
  - Performance plans that outline IT initiatives linked to the organization goals
  - Performance reports that inform management of the health of IT initiatives and links to future improvements decisions

- **Implementing a performance management program takes time:** There should be a realization that performance management programs are long term initiatives and must be approached as a radical management shift in the focus of the organization and a change to IT practices.

- **Performance Management requires sustained management commitment and collaboration at all levels within the organization:** A Performance Management initiative can only be successful when all levels of the organization’s management provide unwavering support to the initiative and communicate support throughout the organization.

- **The organization needs to ensure available resources:**
  - Sufficient management and technical analysts should be dedicated to performance management with appropriate training and skills
  - Acquisition and implementation of performance management technology tools to capture data for analysis and store the information for historical purposes

5.2.2 TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL IT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

IT Performance Management is divided into two basic areas, Technical and Non-Technical aspects which support the overall service. As shown in the Figure below, both performance management areas are derived from the overall organizational strategy and plans which directly determines the IT strategy and plans. Based on the IT strategy and plans, the appropriate Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and performance metrics are developed to measure IT performance.
5.2.3 PROCESS PERFORMANCE METRICS

IT Performance Management metrics, once established through analysis of the organization’s requirements for IT, should be implemented with leadership as champions. The construction of performance metrics must be based on the strategy and goals of the organization and be seen as the technical interpretation of the necessary outcomes to achieve the organization strategy and goals. The involvement of technical personnel is necessary in most ITSM metrics definitions to pin point sources of data and applicability to desired measurements and methods. Performance metrics encourage effectiveness, efficiency, and internal control of ITSM processes. Through periodic evaluation, metrics should be reviewed, updated or deleted as the organizational ITSM ability increases.

**Metrics**

Metrics consist of one or more measures combined with a mathematical calculation and a standard presentation (format) for the output:

- Metrics are associated with two dimensions, a time dimension and a functional categorization dimension
- Metrics are used in the quantitative and periodic assessment of a process that is to be measured
- Metrics should be associated with targets that are based on specific business objectives
- Metrics are associated with procedures to determine the measures required and procedures for the interpretation of metrics results

This figure is an example of a metric measures and dimensions.

**FIGURE 5.2.2: TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT EXAMPLES**

- **IT Technical Performance Management**
  - % utilization alerts
  - Hits on a web page
  - Packet sizes
  - Environmental alerts
  - Infrastructure thresholds
  - Network intrusion alerts
  - Network monitoring data
  - Access rights monitoring

- **IT Non-technical Performance Management**
  - Organizational strategic plans
  - Service level agreements
  - Operating level agreements
  - Underpinning agreements
  - Service desk metrics
  - IT projects completed
  - Improvement plan achievement
  - Customer satisfaction

**FIGURE 5.2.3: MEASURES AND DIMENSIONS OF A METRIC**

- **Measures**
  - Volume of Incidents Resolved within Target Resolution Time
  - Volume of Incidents

- **Metric**
  - % Critical Incidents Resolved within Target

- **Dimensions**
  - Time
    - Daily
  - Categorization
    - Priority = ‘Critical’
5.2.4 METRIC AND MEASURES ATTRIBUTES

A structured set of attributes must exist to define an IT Performance Metric. Attributes represent the specific characteristics and associated values that make up an entity. Below is an example of attributes of IT service metrics and IT service measures.

FIGURE 5.2.4 (A): IT SERVICE METRICS AND MEASURES ATTRIBUTES EXAMPLE

The Navy ITSMO developed a 4 step approach for the IT Performance Management process which consists of a logical sequence of activities that focus on up-front planning. IT performance metrics will be effective if organizations adequately plan and link their IT initiatives to their strategies. Since performance management is an iterative process, organizations should expect to apply the 4 steps repeatedly to obtain effective performance metrics and improve performance.

FIGURE 5.2.4 (B): PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS ACTIVITIES (ITERATIVE)

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5.3 PROCESS CAPABILITY ASSESSMENTS

Within a process improvement context, process assessment provides a means of characterizing in terms of the capability of selected processes. Process assessments are also used to identify strengths, weaknesses, and measure the extent that current practices are achieving the outcomes and purpose of the process. The advantage of conducting process assessments is the analysis of current practices and the output of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) that provides recommendations for improvement that roll into a process improvement plan. As described in International Organization for Standardization/International Electro-technical Commission ISO/IEC 33020, process assessment is an activity that can be performed either as part of a process improvement initiative or as part of a capability determination approach.

PROCESS CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

The DESMF recommends the Navy ITSMO Process Capability Assessment Process methodology and Process Capability Assessment Tool (PCAT) based on ISO 33000. This Assessment Process includes roles, activities and step by step tasks necessary to conduct process assessments utilizing the PCAT. The assessment lifecycle is divided into 5 activities as shown below and each activity has corresponding tasks to be performed by the process assessment team.

![Assessment Process Activities Diagram]

FIGURE 5.3: ASSESSMENT PROCESS ACTIVITIES

5.3.1 PROCESS CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL (PCAT)

The PCAT is designed to support process capability assessments, and to provide an easy reusable tool for recording comments, evidence, ratings and determining if a capability level is achieved. The tool is used during independent Assessor activities and post-consensus for the final synthesized comments, evidence and ratings. Guidance for determining ratings and capability levels is provided in the guide. The tool can be adapted to any process reference model. The purpose of a process reference model is to define a set of processes that collectively can support the primary aims of a community of interest. A process reference model provides the basis for one or more process assessment models.
5.3.2 CAPABILITY LEVELS

Capability levels enable the assessment to have a measurement framework to assess processes with a scale consisting of 5 levels from Performed to Innovating. All process capability assessments should start with Level 1-Performed to determine if the purpose of the process is being achieved.

To achieve a capability level, you must achieve all the attributes of that level and attributes of previous levels.

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<th>Capability Level</th>
<th>Attributes cover</th>
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<td><em>Level 5 Innovating</em></td>
<td>• Process Innovation&lt;br&gt;• Process Innovation Implementation</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Level 4 Predictable</em></td>
<td>• Quantitative Analysis&lt;br&gt;• Quantitative Control</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Level 3 Established</em></td>
<td>• Process Definition&lt;br&gt;• Process Deployment</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Level 2 Managed</em></td>
<td>• Performance Management&lt;br&gt;• Work Product Management</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Level 1 Performed</em></td>
<td>• Process Performance</td>
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FIGURE 5.3.2: PROCESS CAPABILITY LEVELS BASED ON ISO/IEC 33000 SERIES

There are a set of attributes within the PCAT that sets forth the indicators necessary for achieving a level within the scope of the assessment. The Navy ITSMO Process Capability Process Assessor’s Guide provides a full explanation of each capability level and a summary of the PCAT attributes to achieve that level.

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6 COMMON PROCESS CONTROL

6.1 COMMON PROCESS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

To enhance effectiveness and control of process policies, standards, process activities, performance measures and overall process improvement, every process in the DESMF includes three common control activities. These common control activities provide a standard approach to process monitoring, reporting and evaluating process performance and effectiveness. These common control activities provide the process owner with built-in process governance and continual service improvement for every process. There are three common control activities in each process:

- Establish Process Framework
- Monitor, Manage and Report
- Evaluate Process Performance

The Establish Process Framework activity is always the first activity. The Monitor, Manage and Report activity is always the next-to-last activity. The Evaluate Process Performance activity is always the last activity. These control activities ensure a continual service improvement loop in every DESMF process.

6.2 ESTABLISH PROCESS FRAMEWORK

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how to perform the process. All of this is collectively referred to as the "<process name>" process framework and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the process framework. The process framework is a collection of information, not necessarily a single document, which includes:

- Process purpose, scope, goals, capabilities and outcomes
- Process policies, standards, and conceptual models
- Process data requirements
- Roles and responsibilities
- Organizational responsibilities
- Detailed procedures and best practices, including, but not limited to:
  - Interfaces with other processes and programs
  - Measurements and controls
  - Tool requirements
- The following tasks are performed in this activity:
  - Review Process Evaluation Recommendations
  - Specify Process Purpose, Scope, Goals, and Capabilities
  - Define Process Policies, Standards, and Conceptual Models
  - Determine Process Data Requirements
  - Identify Process Roles and Responsibilities
  - Assign Process Responsibilities to Organizations
  - Determine Process Procedures
  - Determine Process Relationships to Other Processes
  - Define Measurements and Controls
  - Determine Technology Needs
  - Create Project Proposals
  - Communicate and Deploy Framework

6.3 MONITOR, MANAGE AND REPORT

Activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported which point to any need for management intervention. The Process Manager is continually monitoring the normal work of the process. This is a government retained activity. The following tasks are performed in this activity:

- Review Progress of Process
- Identify Items of Interest
- Record and Report Findings
- Perform/Assign Corrective Action(s)
6.4 EVALUATE PROCESS PERFORMANCE

This activity describes tasks required to assess how well the process is executed and recommends improvements to the “<process name> process framework”. It includes the capture of information on the relationship with other domains and/or process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training necessary to ensure continued success. This is a government retained activity and provides for a continuous improvement loop ensuring that the process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required. Evaluating process performance is a facet of Continual Service Improvement. The following tasks are performed in this activity:

- Collect Feedback from Stakeholders
- Produce Process Measurements
- Research Trends and Best Practices
- Conduct Process Capability Assessment (PCAT)
- Collect Evaluation Results
- Produce Gap Analysis
- Recommend Initiatives
- Complete Evaluation
- Communicate to Stakeholders
7 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Roles are a set of responsibilities, behaviors, activities and authority granted to a person or team. One person or team may have multiple roles. In this section, some potential key roles are defined.

7.1 EXECUTIVE SPONSOR

The Executive Sponsor is accountable for the framework implementation and responsible for securing spending authority and resources. The Executive Sponsor is a vocal and visible champion who legitimizes goals and an objective, keeps apprised of major activities, is the ultimate decision-maker, and has final approval of all scope changes, and signs off on approvals to proceed to each succeeding phase.

7.2 DOMAIN OWNER

The primary responsibility of the Domain Owner is to ensure the processes within the Domain provide support to the Service Owners, who have accountability for the services that are provided. The Domain Owner is accountable for all of the processes in the Domain, the interfaces and process interdependencies and for process maturity levels. The Domain Owner ensures proper resourcing, the appointment of Process Owners, and the strategy for each Domain. The Domain Owners work reciprocally to ensure proper handoffs between the Domains. The Domain Owners represent their Domain on the upper governance boards, while establishing governance boards to handle Domain specific matters related to policy, standards, and overall command and control for the Domain.

7.3 SERVICE OWNER

The Service Owner is accountable for one or more services throughout the entire service lifecycle, regardless of where the technology components, processes or professional capabilities reside. This includes the synchronization of resources that support the service including resources that are located out of the Service Owner’s organizational control. The Service Owner is responsible for continual improvement and the management of change affecting the services under their care and is a primary stakeholder in all of the underlying IT processes which enable or support the service they represent. This role has the authority and responsibilities to ensure that activities are performed to identify, document and fulfill service requirements. The Service Owner is also responsible for ensuring the following controls are built into the service during Service Design:

- Mission partner requirements
- Operational requirements related to Event Management, Continuity of Operations (COOP), and training
- Command and control requirements for both normal operations and when on heightened alert
- Situational Awareness requirements for required stakeholders
- Auditing requirements, both financial and for Service Level Agreement (SLA) compliance
- Any required information sharing interface points

7.4 SERVICE MANAGER

This role is responsible for managing the end-to-end lifecycle of one or more IT services. The Service Manager provides leadership on the development of the business case and process architecture, service deployment and lifecycle management schedules, performs service cost management activities in close partnership with other organizations such as operations, engineering and finance. The Service Manager is also responsible for the controls built into the service.

7.5 PROCESS OWNER

The person fulfilling this role is accountable for ensuring the process is fit for purpose and being performed as agreed and documented and is meeting the objectives of the process definition. The Process Owner’s responsibilities include sponsorship, design, change management and continual improvement of the process and its metrics. There is one Process Owner per process. This role can be assigned to the same person who carries out the process manager role, but the two roles may be separate in larger organizations. The Process Owner has the following responsibilities:

- Accountable for the process design
- Establish a team to design and define the enterprise process
- Ensure that the process is “Fit for Purpose”
• Document and publicize the process
• Define appropriate standards to be employed throughout the process
• Review integration issues between the various processes
• Ensure appropriate resourcing to implement the process
• Ensure that all relevant staff has the required technical and business understanding, knowledge and training in the process and understand their role in the process
• Define KPIs to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the process and design reporting specifications
• Periodically audit the process to ensure compliance to policy and standards
• Review opportunities for process enhancements and for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the process
• Attend top-level management meetings to assess and represent the process requirements and provide management information

7.6 PROCESS MANAGER

In matters that pertain to the process, the Process Manager is answerable to the Process Owner and performs the day-to-day operational and managerial tasks demanded by the process activities. While there should be one Process Owner for each process, there may be multiple Process Managers for that same process. The Process Manager does not necessarily fall within the Process Owner’s chain of command. In addition, the Process Manager has the following responsibilities:
• Ensure the process is used correctly
• Manage resources assigned to the process team
• Provide management and other processes with strategic decision making information related to the process
• Monitor the process, using qualitative and quantitative Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and make recommendations for improvement
• Play a key role in developing requirements for the process tools
• Function as a point of escalation for questions related to the process
• Identify training requirements of support staff and ensure that proper training is provided to meet the requirements
• Provide metrics and reports to management and mission partners in accordance with outlined procedures and agreements

7.7 PRODUCT OWNER

This role is responsible for overseeing the end-to-end lifecycle of one or more IT products. The Product Owner ensures the product(s) are fit for purpose and meet requirements of all associated services

7.8 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT (SME)

SMEs support various aspects of ITSM including the development, implementation, management and improvement of ITSM processes to facilitate the delivery of IT services. The SME further provides direction and support to integrate the process with other service supporting processes.

7.9 OTHER ROLES AS REQUIRED

An organization may create any role that is necessary to support its ITSM efforts. Other key participants/roles in the process implementation effort are:

• **Senior Leaders/Directors** – Depending on how an organization is structured, there may be senior leaders who are not Domain Owners but have demonstrable interest in the outcome of process implementation and are ultimately responsible for securing spending authority and/or providing resources.

• **Process Design Team or Core Team** – Process definition and development will require a cohesive team of process experts and SMEs that come together until the process is implemented or objectives are met and then the team is disbanded. This team may include roles such as Process Developer, Process Analyst, Process Architect etc.
• **Dedicated Members** – Points of contact from the various stakeholder organizations and field offices who participate in the implementation. They act as the contact point for the implementation team from the affected groups and provide status information to the management of their respective organizations.

• **Stakeholders** – Individuals from the Agency who have a stake in the process implementation and mission partners whose support is needed during the implementation.

• **Financial Support** – Someone who understands the funding required for resourcing the implementation project, and understands Return on Investment (ROI) and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) concepts, both in general and in context to the Agency.

• **Education Coordination** – As training programs are developed, it will be necessary to have a training expert to assist in ensuring that employees who take the training can be credited for their time and that management has a method for tracking.

• **Service Risk Management Owner** – This role is specifically recognized to identify and manage risk from a global or enterprise level. This role would be accountable for risk activities for all the service lifecycle domains and work with each of the Service Domains to prepare and plan for risks.

• **Service Strategy (or other Service Domain) Risk Management Analyst** – This role will support a single assigned Service Domain and be accountable to either the assigned Domain Owner or if Service Risk Management has its own domain to the Service Risk Management Domain Owner. This role looks at risks in every process in which he/she is assigned and assists with proactively planning and mitigating risks.

### 7.10 GUIDANCE ON RACI DEVELOPMENT

Below is guidance for RACI development which is referenced in ‘Define Roles and Responsibilities’ in the section ‘General Steps for DESMF Process Design’. The RACI example correlates to a generic process and depicts roles for process activity. The [Process] Management Process Developer role is important in process design and definition, however not required full time for execution of the process.

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<td>Responsible</td>
<td>Roles that execute one or more process activities. There may be multiple “R” roles for a process activity; however there must be at least one.</td>
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<td>Accountable</td>
<td>Role ultimately accountable for the work. Individual with final decision authority. There is only one “A” per process activity.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consulted</td>
<td>Roles that need to be consulted before a final decision can be rendered. Two-way communication is assumed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Informed</td>
<td>Roles who must be informed when decision is made or action taken. One-way communication is assumed.</td>
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**TABLE 7.10 (A): RACI DEFINITIONS**
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<td>Evaluate Process Management</td>
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**TABLE 7.10 (B): GENERIC RACI TABLE EXAMPLE**

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<td>[Process] Management Process Owner</td>
<td>The strategic role accountable for the Process. This role:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Is accountable to senior management for the proper design, execution, and improvement of the process</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Ensures the process is being carried out, but does not run the day-to-day operation of the process</td>
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<td>• Receives regular updates concerning the performance of the process and represents this process concerning all decisions being made by senior management</td>
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<td>[Process] Management Process Manager</td>
<td>This is a tactical role and:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Runs the day-to-day operation of the process</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Takes overall direction from the [Process] Management Process Owner</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Oversees the direction and operation of the process</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Provides appropriate reporting to interested parties</td>
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<td>[Process] Management Process Developer</td>
<td>This role is responsible for coordinated process development:</td>
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<td>• Create Charter</td>
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<td>• Form Process Development Team</td>
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<td>• Develop Communication Plan</td>
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<td>• Develop High-level Design</td>
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<td>• Develop Detailed Design</td>
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<td>• Develop Transition Plan for Implementation</td>
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<td>[Process] Management Process Analyst</td>
<td>This role is responsible for:</td>
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<td>• Process Execution</td>
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<td>• Supporting Process development, design and implementation</td>
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<td>• Providing continuous process improvement support</td>
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**TABLE 7.10 (C): GENERIC RACI ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES EXAMPLE**
8 General Steps for DESMF Process Design

The following steps apply to all processes.

8.1 Define Scope and Objectives
- Determine and document business objectives, problem(s) to solve and boundaries of project
- Gain necessary concurrence or authority to proceed
- Determine relevance, impact and priority of DoD, Agency and IT Strategic Plans and related policies
- Consider aligning the project schedule to Defense Acquisition Management System (DAMS) and/or Joint Capabilities Integration Development System (JCIDS) model
- Create implementation Road Map

8.2 Validate the Current Environment
- Collect existing process documentation
- Identify existing roles & responsibilities
- Document "As-Is" process environment
- Identify issues for quick wins (see Identify & Implement Quick Wins later in this section)
- Identify supporting tools
- Document tool gaps
- Consider using industry tools that show the mapping between ITIL, COBIT and ISO 20000 to help with gap analysis

8.3 Develop High-Level Process Definition
- Identify CSFs and high level KPIs
- Document high level process definitions
- Define high level process inputs and outputs
- Consider aligning process definitions and metrics with ISO 20000. Parts 4 and 5 are useful.

8.4 Define Roles and Responsibilities
- Identify skills and knowledge level
- Create RACI matrix mapping activities to process roles
- Develop cross-functional relationships

8.5 Document Detailed Work Flow for Each High Level Activity
- Document detailed procedures for each high level activity
- Create communications plan

8.6 Build the Process
- Document “To-Be” process environment
- Create workflow
- Incorporate Common Process Control activities
- Define inputs and outputs at a detailed level
- Incorporate control information
- Determine appropriate metrics
- Document tool requirements, including interfaces to other processes

8.7 Develop Appropriate Metrics and Supporting Measures
There is a difference between metrics and measurements. A measurement is an indication of the size, quantity, amount or dimension of a particular attribute of a product, service or process while a metric is a measurement of the degree that any attribute belongs to a system, service, product or process. For example, the number of errors in a system would be a measure, while the number of errors per person hours would be a metric. The fact that a
measurement is not used as a metric does not mean resources should be expended to curtail its collection, only that the data should no longer be manipulated and reported upon.

Other guidelines for metrics:

- Review which metrics to collect on a regular schedule. There needs to be a reason and a decision for each metric collected. If there are no longer decisions being made, do not expend resources in collecting and analyzing the metric.
- Metrics should show a change in percentages, not simply a change in number. i.e., percent of incidents categorized incorrectly is more effective than number of incidents categorized incorrectly.
- The DESMF integrates monitoring and reporting activities and tasks into each defined process. Guidance for metrics can be found in many of the major frameworks (ITIL®, COBIT®, eTOM®, etc.). For instance:
- ISO 20000-4: Process Reference Model, Section 5.14 (Measurement) provides a very brief process definition that identifies context, purpose, outcomes, and traceability within ISO 20000.

8.8 DEFINE AND DOCUMENT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Develop Communications Plan
- Develop Training Program
- Deliver Process and Tool Training

8.9 IDENTIFY & IMPLEMENT QUICK WINS

During a process improvement initiative, one must balance the need for a stronger process foundation with the need to demonstrate more immediate value from the process. The result of this analysis is known as Quick Wins. Quick wins have common characteristics:

- Lower level of effort than other initiatives while still adding value in a relatively short period of time
- Important to the overall process improvement effort
- Eases organizational issues

An immediate focus on quick wins helps engage key members of the organization to improve the process. Their involvement is recognized by others and establishes momentum for additional improvements that may require more time and commitment. The key is to begin building sponsorship at all levels of the organization by demonstrating real benefits that add real value.

8.10 FINALIZE PROCESS GUIDE

- Use appropriate Process Guide template to produce and publish guide
- Content will have been created throughout the process design
- Post the Process Guide and communicate its existence and location
- Incorporate version control per organization rules
9 DESMF DOMAIN STRUCTURES

The Domain sections that follow are divided along the five areas identified within the ITIL® v3 framework. These are Service Strategy, Service Design, Service Transition, Service Operations, and Continual Service Improvement. Processes are positioned within the Domain sections. This was a logical way to organize this information; however, individual ITSM efforts may locate process efforts in different domains than what is depicted in this document. The interfaces between the processes within each Domain are identified and there is a section focused on Functions.

9.1 SERVICE STRATEGY (SS) DOMAIN

The achievement of DoD’s mission is dependent upon the alignment of the Department strategies to the overall strategic vision. This includes the strategy to achieve overall Agency/Organization service capability and strategies for each service offered.

At the center of the service lifecycle is Service Strategy. This is where organizational objectives and mission partner needs are aligned. Service Strategy ensures the organization is in a position to understand and handle costs and risks associated with the service portfolio, and has the foundation for operational effectiveness and quality performance.

The processes in Service Strategy provide guidance and direction to support mission partners and identify, select, and prioritize service opportunities. A prime goal of Service Strategy is to understand why a service is provided before deciding how to provide the service.

**Domain Metrics**

The metrics for the Service Strategy Domain are actionable measures for decisions related to improving the performance of the process and guiding resource allocation. Metrics must be viewed in an overall context of the DESMF. As an example, a common metric for Financial Management is “Return on Investment (ROI)”. This calculation usually stems from a comparison of reduced costs against a monetary investment. For much of the service improvement work, there may be no measurable cost reduction, but rather cost avoidance or Value of Investment (VOI) and a decrease in the amount spent on unplanned work. For this, ROI may not be suitable or actionable. Instead, actionable metrics must be applied to quantify and evaluate that which is critical to the DoD and to support the mission.
9.1.1 STRATEGY GENERATION MANAGEMENT (SGM)

9.1.1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Strategy Generation Management process is to set direction for the use of information technology (IT); develop and communicate strategic plans for services that support mission and business enterprise plans and requirements, and ensure those plans support the organization’s strategy. This process exists to set goals and decide on areas of change for IT and Service Management capabilities in support of the organization’s overall strategic vision. It defines and maintains an organization’s perspective and plans with regards to its services and the management of those services, balancing the needs of the customer and considering technological innovation. It establishes the mechanisms to determine which services are best suited to meet mission outcomes and the criteria to effectively manage and measure those services. This process ensures the strategy is defined, maintained, and meets mission objectives.

IT Strategy – The IT Strategy is the overarching IT architecture executed in support of Department or Agency strategy and mission. It includes the strategy around application management, infrastructure management, and technological direction etc.; all IT elements needed to support the mission.

IT Service Strategy – The strategy to define and deliver ‘services’ that meet the objectives of the mission partners. It supports and is a subset of the IT Strategy.

IT Service Management (ITSM) Strategy – The plan for implementing and executing the ‘processes’ used to implement, deliver and manage services.

Service Strategy – The strategy that a service provider will follow to define and execute services that meet a customer’s business objectives.

9.1.1.2 SCOPE

The overall strategy of an organization is determined by its mission, vision, goals, and short and long-term objectives. This includes the strategy of IT, portfolio management (other than services), application management, infrastructure management, project management and technological direction. This includes a specification of the ‘type’ of services to be delivered and the mission partner(s) who will receive the services, as well as the services that meet the objectives of the IT Strategy. The strategy of an individual service is defined and realized in the Service Portfolio Management process and documented in the service portfolio.

9.1.1.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- A strategy that ensures priorities and resources are aligned in development of appropriate services
- A documented understanding of the constraints, and mitigation of these constraints, with regards to meeting mission partner requirements
- Proactive instead of reactive response for demands placed by various stakeholders
- IT resources are used effectively and efficiently

9.1.1.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Clear and concrete short term goals are derived from and are traceable back to specific long term plans
- The Strategy is clearly communicated throughout the organization through proactive use of tailored communication plans/packages via available communication methods and channels
- The overarching IT strategy directly supports the organization’s mission and strategic vision
- New or changed service management capabilities required by the strategy are well defined
- Initiatives (including dependencies) required to achieve the strategy are well defined
- A balanced scorecard and related measurement capability to measure strategic progress is established
- Justification for the strategy is documented
9.1.1.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.1.1.5: STRATEGY GENERATION MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.1.1.6 ACTIVITIES

[SGM1] Establish Strategy Generation Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the Strategy Generation Management process framework.

[SGM2] Understand the Mission and Overall Strategy

This activity analyzes the mission strategy and plans, and develops a sound understanding. In this activity, the establishment of financial implications in terms that identify the benefits for IT and service related change occurs. The potential value of IT with organizational objectives is compared and incorporated into a specification of requirements that facilitate the direction in which the organization is driving to support the business or mission. Change priorities are established and identified as agreed to with the understanding and insight of key stakeholders.

[SGM3] Determine Strategic Potential

This activity creates and maintains a model of the organization’s IT and service management capabilities to include associating this model with the architecture baseline, service portfolio, and associated cost metrics. A gap analysis is conducted between current capabilities and the strategic wants and needs of the organization. This activity documents new opportunities presented by emerging technologies in the marketplace and identifies the threat of declining technologies. It assesses the impact on IT and service management capabilities of architecture changes, IT research, IT portfolio performance and IT strategy effectiveness. Strategic implications of the organizational strategy is analyzed in terms of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) and a plan for potential changes to the IT capabilities as a result of this analysis is documented. This activity documents IT and service management goals, required capabilities and potential IT value, and shows alignment of IT to overall direction and organizational goals.

[SGM4] Develop Strategic Initiatives

This activity evaluates the current architecture and innovation opportunities to identify new initiatives or improve existing initiatives. This activity obtains required approvals, and secures necessary changes to IT budgets.
[SGM5] **Consolidate and Communicate Strategy**

This activity creates and maintains a comprehensive network to champion the strategy. Using the content and value of the strategic IT initiatives, this activity creates a communications plan. Events for communicating the strategy and agreement from stakeholders to participate at those events are identified. Other means, such as Web lectures, portals, newsletters, etc. for communicating the strategy and preparing a tailored communications package for each delivery venue are identified. Finally, this activity obtains and summarizes feedback.


In this activity, all Strategy Generation Management activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported, and unsatisfactory results may lead to review of actions. In addition, responses are provided to requests for information and status of the process.

[SGM7] **Evaluate Strategy Generation Management Performance**

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the process. It includes documenting information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the strategy process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.1.2 BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (BRM)

9.1.2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Business Relationship Management is to identify, monitor and manage customer and stakeholder needs and expectations. Corrective actions are taken and implemented based on the Business Relationship data collected to meet and increase results of customer satisfaction goals.

9.1.2.2 SCOPE

BRM encompasses all business outcomes related to mission partner engagements. This relationship covers the entire lifecycle of the services offered, from the agreement to create a service, to the retirement or decommissioning of a service. BRM and Service Level Management (SLM) are similar in that each has a high degree of mission partner interaction. Many organizations combine the role of Business Relationship Manager and Service Level Manager. The specific difference is that BRM builds the relationships with mission partners and SLM defines mission partner requirements and negotiated service levels.

BRM understands the mission objectives, as well as the environment in which the services operate. This enables the service provider to identify and respond to the needs of the customer and manage mission partner and stakeholder expectations of the service provider. Customer relationships, as a subset of the business relationship, are fostered and aligned to maximize customer satisfaction, value perception and retention.

BRM and CRM

The ability to see both perspectives will help to understand that Business Relationship Management (BRM) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) are different, yet must work hand-in-hand.

BRM aims to maintain a positive relationship with customers and identifies the needs of existing and potential customers and ensures that appropriate services are developed to meet those needs. There are conflicting views around the definition. Some see CRM as a sub-set of BRM because CRM only deals with customers, who are only one type of stakeholder. Others see BRM as being the IT Service Management equivalent of CRM.

Like most distinctions in ITSM efforts, it’s a matter of how these practices are adopted and the choice of how to best adapt best practices to suit specific circumstances and respond to the objectives of customer and business. Many organizations have a CRM process or similar already embedded in customer service, and it’s good to be able to make a link between this and BRM.

9.1.2.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Facilitates ongoing communication with mission partners
- Expedition of the cultural focus on mission partner satisfaction
- Reduced breaches in Service Level Agreements
- Ability to anticipate mission partner needs through the greater understanding of their goals and use of provided capabilities
- Increased trust because of the partnership established between the service provider and mission partner

9.1.2.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- A strategy for defining and maintaining business relations between the mission partner and the provider is defined and implemented
- Awareness of mission partners, their needs and major changes are maintained
- Service performance status and reports are monitored for potential business relationship or customer satisfaction impacts and improvements
- Mission partner satisfaction is monitored, measured and reported
- Approved actions to maintain or improve customer satisfaction are implemented
- Contractual disputes are resolved
- Service complaints (and compliments) are recorded, investigated, acted upon, reported, formally closed and when necessary, escalated
9.1.2.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.1.2.5: BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.1.2.6 ACTIVITIES

[BRM1] Establish Business Relationship Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “BRM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the BRM process framework.

[BRM2] Capture Business Relationship Data

This activity involves gathering business relationship data. This includes the identification of mission partners and establishing points of contact. Data is also gathered on data points identified such as; Technology metrics (utilization, performance and availability), process metrics (Service Level Agreements (SLA), Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and activity metrics for the Service Level Management process), customer satisfaction metrics and service execution metrics. This activity gathers only needed information for analysis. In collecting the data both passive and proactive methods are employed.

[BRM3] Analyze Business Relationship Data

Analysis of the data collected identifies:

- Results for the current reporting period regarding Business Relationships
- Business Relationship trending
- Root causes for underlying customer satisfaction issues


Analysis results are used to create action plans that address issues and provide status of issue resolutions to stakeholders. The notification and communication plan is incorporated into this activity to apprise management and senior leadership.
[BRM5] Assess Business Relationship Patterns
This activity performs trending analysis of satisfaction data. Its purpose is to identify the underlying cause of trends; negative and positive. Once identified, the issue is communicated and assigned the appropriate resolution plan.

This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Business Relationship Management trends and issues. Business Relationship Management information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as provide perspective on overall service availability. All Business Relationship Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

[BRM7] Evaluate Business Relationship Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Business Relationship Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Business Relationship Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.1.3 DEMAND MANAGEMENT (DM)

9.1.3.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Demand Management is to provide an understanding of the mission partner demand for a particular service and to plan early for provisioning of capacity and other aspects of support for the service. This process may influence mission partner demand for services and seeks to proactively understand the mission partner workload (demand) with the available resources (supply) through analysis, trending and forecasting.

9.1.3.2 SCOPE

The Demand Management process seeks to understand the expected mission behavior of all demand resources across the enterprise at the individual user level and aggregated level, to represent the overall impact on IT. The Demand Management process translates demand from mission requirements in IT service terms (i.e. consumption units). It identifies gaps and misalignment between demand and supply, and proposes policies and incentives designed to minimize or close gaps. This is beneficial to planning IT capacity and other resources as required.

9.1.3.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Quicker reaction to changing needs
- Leads to more accurate cost information to support IT investment decisions and to determine cost of ownership for ongoing services
- Enables planning a more efficient use of IT resources
- Service demand is a key factor in prioritization of resources
- Proactive contingency plans are in place for demand variances

9.1.3.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Improved IT flexibility in response to dynamic business (mission partner, supplier, environmental etc.) changes through a structured approach to evaluating strategic and financial impact of service demand
- Improved ability to support SLAs and OLAs because demand and its impact is better understood
- Improved decision-making through a constantly evolving knowledge base, designed to consistently re-evaluate proposed initiatives
- Improved Capacity Planning efforts through improved forecasting of demand
- Optimized IT resource utilization
- Improved visibility of ITSM operations, based on better-informed Planning, Programming and Budgeting System (PPBS) activity through demand forecasts
9.1.3.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

9.1.3.6 ACTIVITIES

[DM1] Establish Demand Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “DM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the DM process framework.

[DM2] Evaluate Demand Requirements
This activity determines the conduit for analyzing business demand. This is important because it establishes the data collection requirements from processes that provide raw data via Knowledge Management (e.g., Request Fulfillment and Capacity Management). The execution of this activity is advised to properly establish strategy prior to the collection, analysis, and subsequent decisions that occur in Demand Management.

[DM3] Gather Demand and Usage Data
This activity collects and consolidates demand data from multiple sources for further analysis. A comprehensive analysis of demand is used for demand forecasting and initiative evaluation.

[DM4] Identify Patterns of Business Activity and User Profiles
In this activity, patterns of end-user behaviors are evaluated and used to synchronize consumption (demand) with capacity (supply) of IT Resources. Incoming data and known upcoming initiatives from Service Portfolio Management are helpful to determine requirements for the Demand Management process.

[DM5] Develop Demand Forecast
This activity uses the service demand baseline and collected data along with aggregated historical data to generate a demand forecast. This forecast will provide insight to upcoming demand requirements, including expected high/low demand periods.
[DM6] Plan and Implement Demand Management Initiatives

This activity uses Demand Forecast information to predict misalignment between demand and supply of IT resources and services. It creates strategy to realign resources and services through policy, incentives and/or IT resource investment. When a decision to shape demand through incentives is made, analysis is performed to shape demand through methods such as Incentives/Penalties, Off-Peak Pricing, Volume Discounts, Tiered Service Levels, etc. This activity concludes with the formulation and communication of a prioritized set of recommendations (e.g. Plans of action, investment recommendations, etc.)


In this activity, all Demand Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

[DM8] Evaluate Demand Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Demand Management process. It includes the capture of information, relationship with other process areas, and suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Demand Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.1.4 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR IT SERVICES (FM)

9.1.4.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Financial Management process is to control budgeting, accounting and chargeback for service provision. From the IT standpoint, Financial Management secures funding to acquire and maintain the enterprise architecture necessary to support services that the Department or Agency has strategically determined to provide. Finally, FM should provide transparency into the spending and cost recovery for services provided in the IT environment.

9.1.4.2 SCOPE

The scope of FM for IT Services covers aspects of three sub-processes associated with overall process; budgeting, accounting, and charging. Budgeting tasks include predicting, controlling expenditures and monitoring budgetary adjustments. Accounting identifies the costs of delivering IT Services, compares those costs with budgeted costs, and manages variance from the budget. All accounting practices must be aligned to the wider accountancy practices of the whole of the service provider’s organization. If applicable, a charging system is developed to recover the cost of IT provision.

9.1.4.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Increased confidence in setting and managing budgets
- Accurate cost information to support IT investment decisions and determining cost of ownership for ongoing services
- IT is understood in concepts of “Return on Value” (ROV) and “Return on Investment” (ROI) as related to services provided
- Cost and expenditures are better understood by the IT staff
- Controls demonstrating compliance to congressional mandates are recognized and built in during strategy
- Increased focus on current and future IT service areas

9.1.4.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Cost estimates are developed
- Results from cost estimates are used to produce budgets
- Deviations from the budget and costs are controlled
- Corrective actions are taken to resolve deviations from the budget
- Charging is implemented to recover the cost of IT provision, if applicable
- Deviations from the budget and costs are communicated to affected parties
9.1.4.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

9.1.4.6 ACTIVITIES

[FM1] Establish Financial Management for IT Services Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “FM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the FM process framework.

[FM2] Perform Financial Modeling

Financial modeling determines likely financial outcomes for a wide range of propositions, whether limited to management of IT finances or to proposals relating to the business, infrastructure, service variations or any other consideration requiring cost benefit analysis. Requests will differ in some ways and require innovative modeling approaches. For example: Service valuation, Demand modeling, Service investment analysis and Variable cost dynamics.

[FM3] Plan and Control Budgets

Planning and controlling IT service budgets provides for better cost accountability and more accurate forecasting of future budget requirements. If budget is exceeded early warnings are given.

[FM4] Perform Financial Accounting

Financial Accounting determines costs incurred to provide IT Services and provides high-level analysis of those costs and the value provided by the expenditure. The goal of financial accounting is to understand what drives IT costs and whether IT delivers good value for the money invested. As a result, Financial Accounting aids investment and renewal decisions, identifies poor value for money and costs of changes, and performs Return on Investment (ROI) and cost-benefit analysis.

[FM5] Audit Financials

The purpose of the Audit Financials activity is to confirm conformance to financial standards and best practices. Financial data is examined using defined criteria and guidelines.

In this activity, all process activities are monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that suitable progress is made. Gaps are reported and may result in corrective modifications to the processes. This process also manages requests for information and status.

[FM7] Evaluate Financial Management for IT Services Performance

The purpose of this activity is to evaluate the performance of the Financial Management for IT Services process and identify improvement areas to the overall process. Continuous Improvement considerations include reviews of foundations and interfaces, all activities within the process, and adaptability of the process and the roles and responsibilities assigned. FM is also evaluated against goals and measures, to quantify its influence on overall IT improvements. Improvements include insights and lessons learned from observation and analysis of activity accomplishments and results.
9.1.5 SERVICE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT (SPM)

9.1.5.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Service Portfolio Management Process is to evaluate and prioritize service investments proposals to ensure value to mission. It is involved with the entire lifecycle of the service, from the time service is requested, until it is decided that the service will be discontinued and decommissioned. Service Portfolio Management ensures that the right set of services is offered to meet the mission at the appropriate cost level. It is the decision framework that facilitates the decision making process regarding what services are offered to meet mission partner needs. A Service Portfolio is different than an IT Portfolio. It may be implemented as a part of an IT Portfolio, Project Portfolio or Enterprise Portfolio. The focus of the Service Portfolio Management process is on service offerings.

9.1.5.2 SCOPE

The scope of Service Portfolio Management encompasses all IT related services offered, and may reside in one of three service lifecycle phases:

- **Service Pipeline** – Services under consideration for investment, or residing in the Service Design Domain or Service Transition Domain
- **Service Catalog** – Services that are currently available and can be browsed by the mission partner base, normally considered operational and candidates for Continual Service Improvement
- **Retired** – Services that are no longer deployed and are unavailable to the mission partner

9.1.5.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Aligned and prioritized services
- Focus on managed services increases efficiency in bringing new services to realization
- Allocation of resources for changes and additions to the service portfolio are mission based
- Risk assessment for creating services are handled in a consistent, measured process
- Services are continually and consistently evaluated for their value to mission partners

9.1.5.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Aligned service investment decisions with business (mission) and mission partner needs
- Defined inventory of services
- Validated portfolio data
- Maximized portfolio value
- Created/analyzed business cases
- Aligned and prioritized services
- Balanced supply and demand
- Decisions are communicated and resources are properly allocated
- Investments are prioritized and selected based on stakeholder goals and return on investment
9.1.5.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

**FIGURE 9.1.5.5: SERVICE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

### 9.1.5.6 ACTIVITIES

**[SPM1] Establish Service Portfolio Management Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “Service Portfolio Management process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the SPM process framework.

**[SPM2] Create Initial Services Inventory**

Collect data about all services. This includes services that are operational as well as services currently in development. This activity should be done only once to create the Service Portfolio and the parameters around how services are made visible to the customers, or retired as no longer offered or supported. If the service is currently offered, it belongs in the Service Catalog (subset of the Service Portfolio) where it is visible to customers and under control of the Service Catalog Management Process. If it is a service that is currently in the design phase, it is a ‘pipeline’ service and under control of the SPM process to determine when the service can be visible to customers via the Service Catalog. If the service is retiring, SPM ensures appropriate activities and customer visibility to the service is removed from Service Catalog.

**[SPM3] Define Service Analysis Objectives and Thresholds**

Define service analysis objectives and thresholds to develop a roadmap to identify how services are assessed and moved through different stages of the service lifecycle. These objectives are used to assess candidate services and include references to availability and capacity plans, financial constraints, customer satisfaction objectives, and other artifacts. Thresholds for moving a service from ‘pipeline’ to the service catalog are also determined.
[SPM4] Assess and Prioritize Service Proposals

Review service proposals and determine which should be accepted for consideration. Develop or update the business case for each service proposed; which may include the identification of the key performance indicators, anticipated user base and frequency, alternative solutions, technical scope, financial metrics (ROI, TCO), benefit cost analysis, intangibles, major assumptions and constraints, opportunity cost analysis, gap analysis, analysis of alternatives, sensitivity analysis, risk assessment, impact analysis and contingencies. Categorize and prioritize each service or change to service proposed.

[SPM5] Determine Service Approval

Review service proposals and make a decision on approval to proceed. Request additional information for clarification as needed. Update the Service Portfolio accordingly.

[SPM6] Conduct Service Portfolio Review

Perform a comprehensive review of the service portfolio and evaluate service balance and alignment. The review determines corrections to the mix of services to better maximize services offered. Monitor and evaluate to ensure service is within agreed cost, schedule, and scope constraints. Evaluate actual results against planned results.


In this activity, all Service Portfolio Management activity is monitored to determine progress. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

[SPM8] Evaluate Service Portfolio Management Performance

This activity describes tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Service Portfolio Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Portfolio Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.1.6 SERVICE CATALOG MANAGEMENT (SCM)

9.1.6.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Service Catalog Management process is to provide an authoritative source of consistent information on all available services and to ensure that the information is accessible to those who are authorized to view it. Service Catalog Management defines, collates and publishes approved descriptions, under change control, of all services using terms aligned to the customer’s view of services and understandable by those without a detailed technical understanding.

9.1.6.2 SCOPE

The scope of Service Catalog Management is to provide and maintain accurate information on all active services and all services in transition to production. These services may be represented individually, or as packages. Information about the services includes service definition, service levels, points of contact, ordering and service request information. SCM correlates closely with SPM with regards to service offering timelines, service interfaces and dependencies.

9.1.6.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Provides mission partners an automated interface to the “menu” of services
- A process for maintaining the information for the services provided in a controlled fashion
- Visibility of services to assist in decisions

9.1.6.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- A single authoritative source of information on services offered
- Accurate information on all operational services and those about to be offered (details, status, interfaces and dependencies) is maintained in the Service Catalog
- Views of the Service Catalog provide an understanding of service definitions and use

9.1.6.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

**FIGURE 9.1.6.5: SERVICE CATALOG MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**
9.1.6.6 ACTIVITIES

[SCM1] Establish Service Catalog Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “SCM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the SCM process framework.

[SCM2] Define Service Catalog Requirements
This activity identifies all of the requirements for a service catalog, including overall structure, content requirements, navigation, views for different user groups, etc. Requirements come from a variety of sources, including Service Portfolio Management, Service Level Management, user representatives and stakeholders.

[SCM3] Plan Service Catalog
After requirements are defined for the service catalog, this activity plans and designs the service catalog. This involves designing catalog appearance, structure, navigation, relationships and ensuring the catalog is actionable.

[SCM4] Implement and Modify Service Catalog
The implementation and modification of the service catalog is carried out by this activity. This activity executes all tasks associated with catalog structure, appearance, navigation, and content. All modifications are approved before the catalog is published.

[SCM5] Publish Service Catalog
In this activity, a newly implemented or updated service catalog is published to authorized user groups.

This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Service Catalog Management trends and issues. Service Catalog Management information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on overall service availability.

[SCM7] Evaluate Service Catalog Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Service Catalog Management process. It includes the capture of information, relationship with other process areas, and suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Service Catalog Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.2 SERVICE DESIGN (SD) DOMAIN

Service Design ensures that services are designed to align and match current and future requirements. As a Domain, it controls planning and organizing resources, infrastructure, communications, and physical and logical components of services to improve service quality and the interaction and understanding between the service provider and its mission partners. This culminates in a comprehensive Service Design Package (SDP).

The Domain ensures that goals and objectives of Service Strategy are built and managed in line with the vision and mission of the Department. Service Design relies heavily on Service Owners to understand requirements, needs, and service behavior of mission partners. It is accountable for changes to existing services, creation of new services, and management of the removal of existing services. Service Design coordinates with Service Operations to ensure the data necessary for monitoring and responding to service variances is built into every service.

**Note on Multi-Vendor/Multi-Provider Projects**

Part of Service Design should include a definition of the intended structure of the support organizations. In addition to the ISO/IEC 20000-1 as guidance for comprehensive process definition, ISO/IEC 20000-3 is useful for multi-provider endeavors. While it describes certification accountability and ownership for multi-provider environments, the principles contained in the standard are directly transferrable and applicable. When dealing with multiple providers, or when a tiered service organization is in place (Government supported by contractors), it is critical to have the relationships and interfaces between operational entities clearly defined, and a plan in place for managing them. Additional ISO/IEC 20000 information can be found in the Appendix.

**Note on Defining Contract Language**

With regards to contractually defining a requirement for “process compliance”, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) mandates how the government can and cannot dictate the manner in which contractor-internal processes and procedures are followed. If the requirement is that the contractor shall use the Change Management Process described in DESMF, there are relatively straight-forward methods of assuring the desired outcome. One method is simply to mandate in the Contract Deliverable Requirements List (CDRL) that reports about the process or service performance follow what is described in the DESMF or ITSM related materials. For example, “The contractor shall use the provided reports for Change Management,” or “the contractor shall report the following information for Change Management.” As ensuring outcomes is the purpose of Service Management, ensure that your contract language speaks to the process outcome, and uses metrics described in this document.

**Domain Metrics**

The metrics for this domain are actionable measures for decisions related to improving the performance of the process and guiding resource allocation. Metrics must be viewed in an overall context of the DESMF. As an example, a common metric for Availability Management is “% of time network is available”. This metric means nothing unless it is broken down and applied to service availability, and thus provides no useful information for decision making. More correctly, actionable metrics must be applied to measure that which is critical to design management.
9.2.1 DESIGN COORDINATION (DC)

9.2.1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Design Coordination is to ensure the consistent and effective design of new or changed IT services as well as retirement of IT services. Design Coordination facilitates all service design objectives are met by providing a single point of contact for the efforts in this lifecycle stage.

9.2.1.2 SCOPE

Design Coordination includes all new or changed services that enter the design phase. This is primarily as part of a project, and requires coordination with the Transition Planning and Support counterpart. Design Coordination will work with the Service Owner to ensure all requirements are integrated into the new or updated Service Design Package (SDP) for each IT Service. If appropriate, this will include DOTMLPF-P requirements (reference Appendix). Additionally, Design Coordination will work with the Service Owner to ensure all security requirements (as provided by Service Strategy) are integrated into the new or updated SDP for each IT Service.

9.2.1.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Reduced costs associated with reworking design issues
- Accountability for the Service Design Package (SDP)
- Ensured architectural consistency
- Consistent design approach and coordination of all design activities
- Ensures all service models and service solution designs conform to security policies
- Reusable design practice

9.2.1.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Consistent approach to design of services
- Delivered services that are effective and efficient IT and mission solutions through coordination of all design activities
- Designed services that can be easily and efficiently developed
- Overall improvement in the quality of IT service within the imposed design constraints by reduction in rework once they have been transitioned into the live production environment
- Service models and service solution designs adhere to strategic, architectural, governance and DoD and JIE requirements
9.2.1.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.2.1.5: DESIGN COORDINATION WORKFLOW

9.2.1.6 ACTIVITIES

[DC1] Establish Design Coordination Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “Design Coordination process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the DC process framework.

[DC2] Plan Design Resources and Capabilities
The purpose of this activity is to coordinate and plan the resources, capabilities, standards, methods, techniques, technologies, and environments related to a specific SDP.

[DC3] Coordinate Design Activities
In this activity, the focus is on the coordination of all design activities across projects/changes and the management of schedules, resources, conflicts, suppliers and support teams as required.

In this activity, formal risk assessment and management techniques are used to manage risks associated with design activities and reduce the number of issues that can be attributed to poor design.

[DC5] Monitor, Manage and Report Design Coordination
This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Design Coordination trends and issues. Design Coordination information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as perspective on overall service availability.
[DC6] **Evaluate Design Coordination Performance**

This activity describes tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of Design Coordination. It includes the capture of information on records, relationships with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Design Coordination process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.2.2 AVAILABILITY MANAGEMENT (AvM)

9.2.2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Availability Management process is to ensure that availability of approved IT resources for business or mission requirements are consistently met or exceeded. Availability Management is concerned with meeting future availability needs of a new or expanding service base and ensures that services remain cost effective.

9.2.2.2 SCOPE

Availability Management is responsible for safeguarding the interests of the stakeholders and interested parties by ensuring that approved service levels are met as defined in Service Level Agreements (SLAs). It includes defining, analyzing, planning, measuring and continually improving all aspects of IT resource availability. This process produces and maintains an up-to-date Availability Plan that reflects current and future needs.

9.2.2.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Ensures an Availability Plan is developed and is in alignment with business goals and agreements
- Resources are better utilized as services are placed on infrastructure that is based on availability requirements
- The Availability Plan helps identify service availability issues prior to outages
- Mission partner satisfaction rises as availability increases and incidents decrease
- SLAs are met, with regard to uptime and availability
- There is a quantitative approach and plan to addressing availability
- Services are designed and engineered to meet availability requirements
- Issues with availability are viewed holistically, not service by service
- An up-to-date Availability Plan mitigates risk when new services are considered or a service is deploying to an expanded user base
- AvM works in conjunction with Capacity Management (CapM), IT Service Continuity Management (ITSCM) and Information Security Management (ISM) for service warranty related to SLAs of a service

9.2.2.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Service availability requirements are identified
- A service availability plan is developed using service availability requirements
- Service availability is tested against the service availability requirements to validate the plan
- Service availability is monitored
- Underlying causes of unanticipated service non-availability are identified and analyzed
- Corrective actions are taken to address identified underlying causes for non-availability
- Changes to service availability requirements are reflected in the service availability plan
9.2.2.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.2.2.5: AVAILABILITY MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.2.2.6 ACTIVITIES

[AvM1] Establish Availability Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how this process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “Availability Management process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the Availability Management process framework.

[AvM2] Monitor and Report Service Availability
As appropriate for the infrastructure environment, this activity monitors and reports on service and network availability using defined toolsets. Service availability measures the end-to-end availability of critical and noncritical services provided. Network availability is defined as the percent of time the network is capable of transmitting data as designed among users and to/from gateways to external networks and sites.

[AvM3] Collect and Analyze Monitoring Data
In this activity, service availability monitoring data is obtained and analyzed. The data comes from a variety of sources, including: service level monitoring data, Incident information and trends, Problems and Known Errors and service testing data.

[AvM4] Assess Availability Risks
SLAs, OLAs, and UCs are reviewed for availability terms, conditions and targets, and availability-specific requirements. Availability requirements contribute key data to the Availability Plan. This activity assesses the impact of changes to services, versus monitoring to mitigate risks of non-compliance to or negatively impacting SLAs.

[AvM5] Plan Availability for New and Changed Services
The Availability Manager receives approved (Request for Change) RFCs, workarounds and fixes for availability incidents and problems. When new and changed services are proposed, the Availability
Management process will proactively adjust the Service Availability Plan, to allow for new SLAs and monitoring through the SLM process.

[AvM6] Create and Manage Availability Plan

This activity generates the Availability Plan that summarizes resource availability optimization decisions and commitments for the planning period. It includes availability profiles, targets, issues descriptions, and historical analyses of achievements with regard to target summaries, and documents lessons learned. The Availability Plan is a comprehensive record of the approach and success in meeting the organization’s expectations for IT resource availability.


In this activity, Availability Management activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported and unsatisfactory results may lead to review of Availability Management actions. In addition, responses are provided to requests for information and status of the Availability Management process.

[AvM8] Evaluate Availability Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Availability Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Availability Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.2.3 CAPACITY MANAGEMENT (CapM)

9.2.3.1 PURPOSE
The purpose of the Capacity Management process is to ensure that service and component capacity meets current and future agreed requirements and performance levels. This information is maintained and updated in a Capacity Plan.

9.2.3.2 SCOPE
This process ensures there are sufficient resources and capacity to meet current and future negotiated and approved requirements in a cost effective and timely manner. Capacity Management ensures proactive measures to improve service performance are implemented wherever it is cost justified. It maintains a balance between costs and capacity, supply and demand, and ensures that agreed performance levels are met. The scope includes almost all configuration items (CIs) and the following resources are taken into consideration:

- Computer hardware, network resources
- Software
- People
- Other environment resources like warming/cooling equipment, furniture for staff

(Basically, anything that is a contributing factor to the performance of the services)

9.2.3.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- A Capacity Plan is developed
- Proactive management of capacity reduces performance and capacity related incidents
- Uninterrupted availability and performance levels during peak periods
- Unnecessary expenses caused by "last minute" purchases or re-allocation of resources are avoided
- Mature Capacity Management is essential to cloud computing
- Infrastructure growth is planned to meet organization needs and demand
- Risk reduction in running the production environment
- Overall infrastructure budget is spent more effectively

9.2.3.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES
The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Current and future capacity and performance requirements are identified and agreed
- A Capacity Plan is developed based on capacity and performance requirements
- Capacity is provided to meet current capacity and performance requirements
- Capacity usage is monitored, analyzed and performance is tuned
- Capacity is prepared to meet future capacity and performance needs
- Changes to capacity and performance are reflected in the Capacity Plan
9.2.3.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.2.3.5: CAPACITY MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.2.3.6 ACTIVITIES

[CapM1] Establish Capacity Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “Capacity Management process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the Capacity Management process framework.

[CapM2] Review Current Capacity and Performance

This activity invokes the monitoring of and a regular generation of reports on service and component capacity and performance to ensure that service performance meets or exceeds all performance targets. Reports from monitoring are, at a minimum, generated on a periodic basis, or may be generated at customer or management request. The types of information monitored may be altered over time as determined by the Capacity Manager based on history, incidents, problems, services or management need. This information would generally be outlined in the Capacity Plan for the service or the CapM Framework.


This activity monitors patterns of business and service activity and service level plans through performance, utilization and throughput of IT services and the supporting infrastructure, environmental, data, and application components. This activity involves the use of trending, forecasting, modeling techniques, and thresholds to plan upgrades, enhancements and estimated future requirements. The current Capacity Plan is also considered before plans are solidified to procure additional capacity.
[CapM4] Improve Current Service and Component Capacity
This activity manages the performance and capacity of services, components, and resources by monitoring, analyzing and tuning to make the most efficient use of existing IT resources. It uses the outputs from CapM2 and CapM3. Analysis of the monitored data using trending, forecasting, modeling techniques, and thresholds may identify areas of configuration that can be tuned for improved service, system, and component resource utilization or the performance of a particular service. This activity also includes the first step to determine if any new service, upgrade or demand can be met with current resources before going to a material solution in CapM5. The outputs from this activity are used in CapM6 as part of the Capacity Plan. Sub-processes of this activity is also where overages in capacity are dealt with.

[CapM5] Plan New Capacity
This activity is a continuous, iterative process that produces a Capacity Plan to document current levels of resource utilization and service performance. Analysis and data from CapM4 helps determine what procurements need to be made to satisfy requirements. This activity involves the use of trending, forecasting, modeling techniques, and thresholds to plan upgrades, enhancements and estimated future requirements. It becomes a tool that reflects Capacity Management goals by incorporating the current mission operation and requirements. The plan should be updated to forecast future requirements for resources that support all services (existing and new) that are based on mission requirements.

This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Capacity Management trends and issues. Capacity Management information is used to generate detailed service component reporting and provide perspective on overall CapM process performance.

[CapM7] Evaluate Capacity Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Capacity Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Capacity Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.

SPECIAL NOTE:
“Evaluating Capacity Risk” may be identified as sub-process to either CapM2 or CapM3. Activities would include reviewing SLAs, OLAs, and UCs for capacity and performance terms, conditions, targets, and capacity-specific requirements. This sub-process would also assess the impact of changes to the services versus monitoring to mitigate risks of non-compliance to, or negatively impacting SLAs. Analysis also determines if any thresholds are in danger of being breached and data from Demand Management, Incident Management and Problem Management are also key in determining if there are capacity risks that need to be addressed and mitigated.
9.2.4 INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT (ISM)

9.2.4.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Information Security Management (ISM) process is to manage information security at an approved level of security within all service management activities. This includes compliance with the DoD and Services specific information security requirements. ISM ensures that security controls required to perform service management activities effectively protect information assets. This includes preserving the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all data transported.

- **Confidentiality**: data/information must only be accessible to its predefined recipients
- **Integrity**: the data/information must be correct and complete
- **Availability**: data/information must be accessible when needed

9.2.4.2 SCOPE

The scope of ISM includes all use and misuse of all IT systems that support the DoD mission and services. This is done from four aspects:

- **Personal** – Defines security policies as related to human resources and staff awareness and responsibilities
- **Procedural** – Procedures to control security that flow from the security policy and process
- **Facilities** – Controls used to protect any physical sites against security incidents
- **Technical** – Controls used to protect the IT infrastructure against security incidents

Some organizations use this process to include only data in electronic or digital form and others use this process to include all information, electronic, paper, phone calls, building access etc. Regardless of scope implemented, this process is congruous to the IT Service Continuity Management process.

9.2.4.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Information security awareness is heightened
- Data provided is protected, accurate, and available when needed
- Effective access to information by authorized personnel
- Identification of potential security vulnerabilities before they can cause a security-related incident
- Information exchanges can be trusted
- In conjunction with Incident Management, incidents are detected and managed in a controlled fashion

9.2.4.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Information security requirements are identified and established
- Information security risks are identified and assessed
- Assessment criteria for Information Security risks and risk appetite are identified
- Information security risks measures are defined and applied
- Information security incidents are enumerated and recorded
- Information security concerns are communicated to stakeholders and interested parties
- The impact of changes on Information Security are evaluated and reported
9.2.4.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.2.4.5: INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.2.4.6 ACTIVITIES

[ISM1] Establish Information Security Management Framework

Implementation of this process varies widely. Some organizations keep the process solely related to ‘information assets’ and even go further to more narrowly scope what constitutes the information that this process addresses. Process scopes can include/exclude aspects of Cyber Security as well or define a specific Cyber Security process. Other organizations expand this process to not only address cybersecurity aspects but also to include a broader scope of security including personnel security, physical security, operations security (OPSEC), industrial security etc. This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “ISM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changing and improving the ISM process framework.

[ISM2] Create and Sustain Security Policy or Directive

This activity incorporates the aims and objectives for the security that is to be established. It maintains relevancy as circumstances change for the service provider and its customer set.

[ISM3] Categorize for Certification and Accreditation

This activity assigns or verifies the security classification level of information assets to support Certification and Accreditation (C&A).


This activity identifies security threats, vulnerabilities and risks. It includes mitigation recommendations based on analysis and policy guidance from applicable security instructions.

[ISM5] Plan and Implement Security Practices
This activity establishes the Security plan in compliance with applicable security instructions. It defines and creates an appropriate security infrastructure and procedures, translates actions in the plan to security directives, and communicates them to the appropriate audiences.

[ISM6] Direct/Perform Security Protection Operations

This activity executes prescribed information security controls and procedures by operating and activating protections within IT solutions and services. It monitors the full range of information security measures and capabilities, responds to service or authorization requests, and monitors real-time intrusion prevention/detection with established response criteria. Additionally, this activity notes information security violations and initiates incidents when required.


This activity addresses review of security controls and mechanisms and determines whether they effectively implement security policies and procedures as described in applicable security instructions. This activity works hand-and-hand with [ISM 6], as it manages the documented information security violations. Security assessments, inspections and audits occur in this activity.

[ISM8] Evaluate Information Security Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the ISM process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.

Special Note on the boundaries of Information Security Management process: Implementation of this process varies widely. Some organizations keep the process solely related to ‘information assets’ and even go further to more narrowly scope what constitutes the information that this process addresses. Process scopes can include/exclude aspects of Cyber Security as well or define a specific Cyber Security process. Other organizations expand this process to not only address cybersecurity aspects but also to include a broader scope of security including personnel security, physical security, operations security (OPSEC), industrial security etc.

9.2.4.7 THE INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ISMS)

Each of the following requirements should be addressed within the ISMS:

- ISMS Established
  - Shall have defined the scope and boundaries of their specific ISMS in terms of the characteristics of the business, location, assets and technology, and a method to address exceptions.
  - The ISMS policy is defined in terms of the characteristics of the business, its organization, location, assets and terminology which includes a framework for setting objectives, takes into account business and legal or regulatory requirements, and contractual security obligations.

- Risk Assessment Approach Defined:
  - The risk assessment approach for the DoD, interagency and provider shall include risk assessment methodology specific to the ISMS, business information security, legal and regulatory requirements, as well as acceptance criteria for accepting risk and acceptable levels of risk. The risk assessment methodology selected shall ensure that risk assessments produce comparable and reproducible results.

- Risk Identification:
  - The assets and asset owners are identified within the scope of the ISMS.
  - The threats, vulnerabilities and the impact that losses of confidentiality, integrity and availability may have on the assets have been defined.

- Analyze and evaluate the risks:
  - The business impacts upon the organization that may result from security failures have been assessed. The business impact takes into account the consequences of a loss of confidentiality, integrity or availability of the assets.
  - The levels of risk have been estimated.
  - There is a determination whether the risks are acceptable or require treatment using the criteria established.
• Identify and evaluate options for the treatment of risks:
  o Actions include:
    ▪ Applying appropriate controls
    ▪ Accepting risks, providing they satisfy the organization’s policies and criteria for accepting risks
    ▪ Avoiding Risks
    ▪ Transferring the associated business risks to other parties, e.g., insurers, suppliers.
    ▪ Control objectives and controls for the treatment of risks are selected
  o Control objectives and controls shall be selected and implemented to meet the requirements identified by the risk assessment and risk treatment process.
    ▪ Management approval has been obtained for the proposed residual risks.
    ▪ Management authorization to implement and operate the ISMS is obtained.
• A Statement of Applicability shall be prepared that includes the following:
  o The control objectives and controls currently implemented
  o The exclusion of any control objectives and controls and justification for their exclusion.


* Refer to Appendices for detailed information on NIST 800-53
9.2.5 IT SERVICE CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT (ITSCM)

9.2.5.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the IT Service Continuity Management process is to manage the risks that could affect critical services and ensure there is a plan to recover minimum agreed business continuity-related service levels in support of an overall Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). Refer to the DoD COOP policy, DoDD 3020.26, to ensure COOP aligns to the defined objectives within the policy.

9.2.5.2 SCOPE

ITSCM is responsible for safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders served. It identifies risks, minimizes the impact of service disruptions and ensures the required technical and service facilities can be recovered within required and agreed timeframes. It includes plans to provide agreed upon levels of service in exceptional circumstances. ITSCM is the technical component of the overall COOP and should include planning for appropriate redundancy to reduce the impact of potential component outages. ITSCM is proactive in supporting the plan to avoid disaster situations and reactive to execute the plan after major events. Periodic testing of the COOP should be conducted.

9.2.5.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Controlled recovery of systems
- Better risk assessments
- Better understand and address weaknesses that may affect the mission before a disaster occurs
- Better service impact analysis
- Identification of critical services and functions
- Prioritization of services allow for better utilization of resources during recovery
- Tested plans reduce downtime in the event of a disaster
- Confidence that the mission can be fulfilled under less than ideal conditions
- The IT Service Continuity Plan sets procedures that are regularly tested and updated to prevent, address, and recover from major disruptions and loss of critical services for extended periods
- Reduction to overall risk of failures in the production environment
- Mission partner confidence in ability to provide support in a crisis
- Better support of business continuity management

9.2.5.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Service continuity requirements are identified
- A Service Continuity Plan is developed using the service continuity requirements
- Service continuity is tested against the service continuity requirements to validate the plan
- Changes to service continuity requirements are reflected in the Service Continuity Plan
9.2.5.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.2.5.5: IT SERVICE CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.2.5.6 ACTIVITIES

[ITSCM1] Establish IT Service Continuity Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “ITSCM framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the ITSCM framework.

[ITSCM2] Identify Continuity Requirements

This activity identifies those requirements that are critical to continuing operations at the level required for mission essential functions. The activity continues with a risk assessment that identifies what might occur in the event of a disruption or degradation.

[ITSCM3] Create and Maintain IT Service Continuity Strategy

This activity is responsible for identifying risk reduction measures for the identified continuity requirements, and establishing what countermeasures and recovery options exist to support these requirements. It takes into account the types of risk that might be encountered and the potential costs involved for each recovery option. The outcome of this activity is an agreed to IT Service Continuity Strategy and a set of IT Service Continuity requirements.

[ITSCM4] Create and Maintain IT Service Continuity Plan

This process is responsible for identifying the resources (e.g. people, processes, technology, facilities, and communications) necessary to support the required services in the event that the COOP is invoked. This activity also identifies the actions necessary for successful invocation of the plan. It is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the plan and takes into account changes to mission essential functions and changes to the infrastructure.

[ITSCM5] Prepare IT Service Continuity Capability
This process ensures that an invocation of the COOP results in the ability to recover and restore required services to a predetermined level, and in a predetermined timeframe. It has the responsibility for ensuring that all plans are tested regularly, both on a planned and unplanned basis; that the process passes audit requirements, and that the results from tests are captured and fed back to other processes to ensure that the COOP remains fit for purpose.

[ITSCM6] Execute IT Service Continuity Plan
This process is responsible for implementing the COOP according to predetermined criteria. It is responsible for maintaining mission operational requirements for an unspecified amount of time, and for ensuring a controlled restoration to normal service.

In this activity, ITSCM activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported, and unsatisfactory results may lead to review of ITSCM actions. In addition, responses are provided to requests for information and status of the ITSCM process.

[ITSCM8] Evaluate IT Service Continuity Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of ITSCM. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the ITSCM process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.2.6 SERVICE LEVEL MANAGEMENT (SLM)

9.2.6.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Service Level Management (SLM) is to provide a framework of regular contact between the consumer and the provider of a service to negotiate and document service level targets and responsibilities. Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and Operational Level Agreements (OLAs) are developed to understand specific and measurable targets with regard to the level of service quality. SLAs are supported by OLAs and Underpinning Contracts (UCs).

9.2.6.2 SCOPE

The scope of SLM is a reciprocal relationship and representation of the Agency to the mission partner and the mission partner to the Agency with regards to service quality. A clear and unambiguous expectation to the level of service being delivered is paramount to ensure mission partner satisfaction. The process coordinates the amount and availability of service components for an entire service to enable delivery of the service requirements and agreed service level objectives to the stakeholder. It monitors and reports on the service levels attained.

9.2.6.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- The culture will establish a service-value, service-oriented viewpoint
- Financial savings through improved service quality and better resource usage in resolving outages
- Provider and mission partner will better understand each other’s responsibilities related to services
- Providers and mission partners develop mutually beneficial relationships and deliver relevant services that improve mission partner satisfaction
- Improved planning based on user agreements
- Improved management through a focus on service delivery and business goals
- Services are continually and consistently monitored and measured quantitatively and qualitatively

9.2.6.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Services and dependencies are identified
- Service level objectives and workload characteristics for services are defined in SLAs
- Services are monitored against SLAs
- Service level performance against service level objectives is communicated to interested parties
- Changes to service requirements are reflected in the SLAs
9.2.6.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

### FIGURE 9.2.6.5: SERVICE LEVEL MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

#### 9.2.6.6 ACTIVITIES

**[SLM1] Establish Service Level Management Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how this process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “SLM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate SLM Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the SLM process framework.

**[SLM2] Capture Service Level Requirements**

This activity facilitates the discussions with mission partner stakeholders to capture desired service level requirements and service level targets. These requirements are reflected in the various agreements utilized to support the service, such as Service Level Agreements (SLAs), Operation Level Agreements (OLAs) and/or Underpinning Contracts (UCs).

**[SLM3] Review Existing OLAs and UCs**

This activity reviews the outlines of the required OLAs and UCs required to support a new service to determine if OLAs or UCs already exist that will meet the technical requirements.

**[SLM4] Define Requirements for OLA or UC**

This activity defines the complete requirements for new OLAs and/or UCs or modifications to existing OLAs and/or UCs. Technical requirements must have clearly defined boundaries and handoffs.

**[SLM5] Negotiate or Archive SLA**

Formalized requirements are negotiated between the provider and consumer of the service requirements into new or modified SLAs. In addition, SLAs that are no longer needed are archived. New and modified SLAs and UCs are published to the appropriate repositories and associated with corresponding services.
This activity is the continuous monitoring of service level achievements. The data is collected from various systems and tools. SLA data information (from service providers, monitoring applications, and stakeholder feedback) is run through reporting mechanisms to determine if SLA targets were met or missed.

[SLM7] Conduct Service Review
Using Service Level Achievement Reports, an analysis of the SLAs/OLAs/UCs is conducted to reveal and assess existing and potential gaps between target and actual service delivery or service level achievements. Any penalties are identified during these reviews.

[SLM8] Formulate Service Improvement Plan
A service improvement plan (SIP) is created from results of the service level achievement review, stakeholder feedback, and service delivery units, with regard to improvement suggestions. The SIP focuses on recommendations for SLA compliance improvements and specific target modifications.

[SLM9] Monitor, Manage and Report Service Level Management
This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Service Level Management trends and issues. Service Level Management information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on overall service availability.

[SLM10] Evaluate Service Level Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Service Level Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Service Level Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.2.7 SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT (SUP)

9.2.7.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Supplier Management process is to ensure supplier services are integrated into service delivery to meet the approved requirements. It ensures that suppliers are managed to support the mission and service level targets. Objectives include:

- Obtain maximum value for the money spent on suppliers
- Ensure contracts are aligned with Agency strategy and support the various aspects of Service Level Management

9.2.7.2 SCOPE

Suppliers are horizontally or vertically integrated participants in the supply chain of a service. Therefore, the process ensures that the service provider establishes commitments with suppliers who support the integration and alignment of services and agreements between the service provider and stakeholders. It ensures the resources provided by the supplier adequately fulfill the IT service requirements as defined by the SLM process and verifies that suppliers are able to demonstrate management of subcontracted partners to meet obligations and contractual requirements. In all situations, the Federal Acquisition Regulation/Department of Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (FAR/DFARS) takes precedence. The scope includes:

- Implementation and enforcement of a supplier policy
- Maintenance of a Supplier and Contract Database (SCD)
- Supplier and contract categorization and risk assessment
- Supplier and contract evaluation and selection
- Development, negotiation, and agreement of contracts
- Contract review, renewal, and termination
- Management of suppliers, supplier performance and contractual dispute resolution
- Agreement and implementation of service and supplier improvement plans
- Maintenance of standard contracts, terms and conditions

9.2.7.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Ensures that underpinning contracts and agreements with suppliers support and align with mission needs, Service Level Requirements (SLRs), and Service Level Agreements (SLAs)
- Obtain maximum value for supplier services
- Creation and management of supplier and contract information

9.2.7.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Relationships between the service provider and suppliers are managed
- Services to be provided are negotiated with each supplier
- Roles and relationships between suppliers is determined
- Supplier obligations to meet service requirements are monitored
- Supplier performance against approved criteria is monitored
- The capability of subcontracted suppliers to meet obligations is confirmed
9.2.7.5 Process Workflow Guidance

9.2.7.6 Activities

**[SUP1] Establish Supplier Management Framework**
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “SUP process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the SUP process framework.

**[SUP2] Define Business Case and Invite Proposals**
Define initial business case; includes costs, timelines, targets, value, and risks. Invite suppliers to provide proposals and/or bids for meeting defined business needs. Ensure draft proposals conform to strategy/policy.

**[SUP3] Evaluate Potential Suppliers and Award Contract**
Evaluate potential suppliers, identify alternatives, and select suppliers. Negotiate terms and conditions, responsibilities, resolution of disputes, renewals and extensions, and other contract content. Award selected supplier.

**[SUP4] Establish New Supplier and Contract**
Integrate new suppliers by providing supplier-appropriate access to necessary systems and data. Initiate supplier contracts and relationships.

**[SUP5] Provide Supplier and Service Information**
This activity provides information about supply items, such as a supply item catalog (hardware, software, services, and external resources that contains information about supply items,) potential suppliers for those items (including supplier priorities and options) and supply item availability.

**[SUP6] Manage Supplier Delivery**
This activity manages supplier delivery and evaluates supplier performance. During which, the review of supplier delivery against business, technical and financial criteria is performed. Relationships during delivery periods, including communication, risks, changes, failures, improvements, contracts, and interfaces are maintained. During this activity, supplier performance is periodically reviewed and assessed against business needs, targets, and agreements. The recommendation of possible delivery closure, renewal, or extension is given, as applicable.
[SUP7] Renew or Terminate Contract

In this activity, negotiations of the renewal, termination, or transfer of contracts with supplier is conducted. If contract is terminated or transferred, this activity manages the completion of the supplier relationship.

[SUP8] Monitor, Manage and Report Supplier Management

In this activity, all process activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in intervention into process work. In addition, responses to requests for information and status about the process are provided.

[SUP9] Evaluate Supplier Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Supplier Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Supplier Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3 SERVICE TRANSITION (ST) DOMAIN

The Service Transition Domain is responsible for assisting in the navigation of the design of services as they move from concept to production, the implementation or decommissioning of services or service components, and making modifications to services as a result of required corrective actions or to improve an existing service. As such, it is the responsibility in this Domain to ensure the strategic vision of DoD is carried out and includes ensuring the creation of services in Service Design is carried out during the implementation phases.

The Information Security Management (ISM) framework identified through the Service Design domain, and the ISM policies, controls, and procedures are carried out in the Service Transition domain. The Domain Owner serves as guardian of the production environment, ensuring policies and processes designed and executed in the Domain mitigate the risks of changes to the production environment through analysis and testing, proper scheduling of modifications, recording of all aspects of the assets that support the services, and ensuring knowledge of services provided is properly available Department wide.

**Domain Metrics**

The metrics for this domain are actionable measures for decisions related to improving performance of the process and guiding resource allocation. Metrics must be viewed in an overall context of the DESMF. As an example, a common metric for change management is “# of incidents caused by changes”. This number often goes up if testing is done poorly, if release documentation is not well publicized or if there are failures in the design package. More correctly, actionable metrics must be applied to measure that which is critical to Service Transition.
9.3.1 TRANSITION PLANNING AND SUPPORT (TPS)

9.3.1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Transition Planning and Support is to plan and coordinate the resources to take a new or changed service, or a service to be decommissioned (decided in Service Portfolio Management process) through Release and Deployment into the production environment, ensuring that the effort is accomplished within predicted cost, quality, time estimates, and acceptable levels of risk and with meeting all requirements in the Service Design Package.

9.3.1.2 SCOPE

TPS ensures the service components are effectively integrated into a new or changed service and the service provider and mission partner are prepared to operate the solution to deliver the desired outcomes.

9.3.1.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Ensures integrity of mission partner and service assets
- Coordinated activities across projects, suppliers and service teams
- Single point of communication related to service activities in scope
- Reduction in variation from requirements to production
- Ability to deliver more volumes of change at higher success rates
- Reduced variation in release schedule adherence due to standardized, holistic planning
- Improved integration of services with the mission partner’s needs
- Consolidated deployment process
- Better planning and resource allocation
- Improved risk management, and thus reduced adverse impact due to increased predictability of quality of service
- Better integration of supporting processes

9.3.1.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Requirements for service transition are identified and approved
- New or changed methods, procedures and measures for the new and changed service(s) are identified
- New or changed knowledge, skills and abilities are identified, approved, acquired and assigned
- Transition activities to be performed by service provider or client are identified, approved and executed
- New or changed plans for Availability, IT Service Continuity, Capacity and Information Security are identified, communicated and employed (these are also identified with Service Design Coordination)
- New or changed authority and responsibility for the new and changed services are identified
- New or changed contracts and formal agreements with internal groups and suppliers to align with the updated requirements are identified and employed
- Resources for the delivery of the new or changed services are identified and provided
- The new or changed service is deployed and tested according to relevant service specification
- The new or changed service is accepted in accordance with established service acceptance criteria
- Information regarding the outcomes of the transitioned service is communicated to interested parties
9.3.1.5 **PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE**

**FIGURE 9.3.1.5: TRANSITION PLANNING AND SUPPORT WORKFLOW**

9.3.1.6 **ACTIVITIES**

**[TPS1] Establish Transition Planning and Support Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “TPS process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the TPS process framework.

**[TPS2] Define Service Transition Plan**

As a blueprint for how the transition is carried out, the transition plan describes the activities needed to carry out the transition, as well as resource modifications, schedules, organizational changes, training, risks, communications, and other important considerations. The transition plan is used throughout the new or changed service transition.

**[TPS3] Initiate Transition Change Requests**

In this activity, all Requests for Change (RFC) needed for the service transition are created and submitted to the Change Management process. The RFCs are created with the appropriate sequencing and timing to properly choreograph the transition.


As the transition-related Request for Change is executed, this activity provides support for deployments and other implementations related to the service transition. This includes ensuring that acquisitions related to the transition are completed on-time, release deployments are sequenced and coordinated properly, communications related to the transition are performed, pilots (if required) are carried out, post-installation testing occur, and other transition-related tasks are performed.
[TPS5] Adjust Resources and Train

Resources are added or removed as needed for the transition of the service. These resources include operations and support personnel. Early life support may be considered in resource adjustment. Users and other service-related personnel are provided job-appropriate training.

[TPS6] Review and Close Service Transition

The results of the service transition are reviewed to determine if the transition was carried out as intended. Deviations and deficiencies in the transition are addressed, possibly resulting in additional RFCs. When transition issues have been adequately addressed, the service transition is closed.

[TPS7] Monitor, Manage and Report Transition Planning and Support

This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Transition Planning and Support trends and issues. Transition Planning and Support information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on overall service availability.

[TPS8] Evaluate Transition Planning and Support Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Transition Planning and Support process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Transition Planning and Support process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.2 ASSET MANAGEMENT (AM)

9.3.2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Asset Management is to manage the finances, contracts and usage of IT assets throughout their lifecycles to balance service requirements, total costs, budgeting, and compliance. The lifecycle ranges from procurement through deployment to use (and upgrades) to decommissioning (or reuse) to disposal. The difference between Configuration Management and Asset Management is that Configuration Management is concerned with the relationships between configuration items in support of the services, whereas Asset Management manages the attributes of the asset such as costs, compliance etc.

Asset Management may also manage the assets of organizations not directly related to IT support of a service. In some instances the Asset and Configuration Management processes are one process, not two separate processes. And in some cases the Asset Management database becomes part of the Configuration Management System. The need of the organization drives the decision with regards to having one or two processes. The relationship of assets to services is covered under Configuration Management.

9.3.2.2 SCOPE

The scope is unique to the organization based on the established purpose of the process and needs of the organization. It can be confined to assets which directly affect services provided or can be as broad as to include physical assets as well. Thus, Asset Management manages or could be responsible for managing:

- Hardware (including maintenance)
- Software (including maintenance)
- Software Licenses (issuance accountability)
- Facilities (and related, such as desks, etc.)

9.3.2.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Creates improved procurement processes through centralization of all asset data and asset related financial information
- Simplifies inventory and auditing processes
- More accurate risk assessments due to better asset tracking
- Improved understanding of the real cost of assets
- Improved adherence to vendor licensed software products
- Increased insight into the Total Cost of Ownership of IT services through detailed asset information

9.3.2.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Asset information is available on which to base business decisions
- Existing investments in hardware, software and licenses are utilized
- Ensured compliance with statutes, regulations, directives and enterprise architecture
- Audit and governance compliance conformance is assured
- Full control of all assets is assured
- Reduction in unnecessary or duplicate expenditures
- Assets are available at the right time for deployment
- Total Cost of Ownership and Return on Investment can be calculated
9.3.2.5 Process Workflow Guidance

**FIGURE 9.3.2.5: ASSET MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.3.2.6 Activities

**[AM1] Establish Asset Management Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “AM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the AM process framework.

**[AM2] Record and Control Assets**

This activity prepares assets for use and includes receipt of assets from the supplier or when repurposing or redeploying existing assets. The activity also provides status of assets and pre-deployment actions, such as imaging and asset identification tags, assignment of assets and when applicable, transportation coordination of assets to new locations. This activity also executes the retirement and disposal of assets.

**[AM3] Maintain Asset Record Information**

The purpose of this activity is to maintain asset records: change, update, or delete asset data as required. Incident Management, Problem Management and Configuration Management can trigger modifications to asset data. This activity also administers the asset database, and performs asset reconciliation. The asset database includes all assets with a status designation such as ordered, in storage, assigned, retired, or disposed of, etc.

**[AM4] Monitor, Audit and Reconcile Asset Records**

In this activity, the status of IT assets is monitored. Compliance status for licensing and information security requirements is also monitored. Formal inventory audits of all physical assets occur in this activity. Additionally, audits of the Asset Management System and audit reconciliation are performed. Audits of logical assets include installed software on workstations and IT configurations or as required by the organization.

**[AM5] Conduct Asset Remediation**

This activity performs reporting and oversight for all assets requiring remediation, including remediation activities for missing and deployed assets. The goal of this activity is to ensure that assets which cannot be physically verified are accurately reflected in the Asset Management System. Assets may be marked as active, retired, missing, or deployed.
[AM6] Retire and Dispose of Assets

This activity ensures that all assets meet criteria for retirement and are returned to storage in preparation for disposal. Assets that have reached end-of-life are disposed of as required. Asset records and databases are updated with new status information.


In this activity, Asset Management activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported and unsatisfactory results may lead to review of Asset Management actions. In addition, responses are provided to requests for information and status of the Asset Management process.

[AM8] Evaluate Asset Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Asset Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Asset Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.3 CHANGE MANAGEMENT

9.3.3.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Change Management (ChM) process is to ensure all changes are assessed, approved, implemented and reviewed in a controlled manner. To this end, Change Management ensures that any modification to the IT environment, whether it involves an addition, modification, or deletion of a service or service component, is in line with the overall mission strategy. This process provides standardized methods and procedures for efficient and prompt handling of technical changes, to minimize the impact of change-related incidents to service quality, and improves day- to-day operations of the organization.

9.3.3.2 SCOPE

The scope of ChM encompasses any asset or configuration item (CI) that supports a service. Thus, ChM is responsible for managing the change process involving hardware (infrastructure), software and all documentation associated with running, supporting and maintaining production systems. All changes are planned and controlled to ensure timely updates with no unnecessary disruption or unintended consequences.

9.3.3.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Consistent tracking, scheduling and documentation of the addition, modification or retirement of CIs
- As the change moves through its lifecycle, its status is visible
- Early identification of risk: The process includes submission of a risk analysis with every major change. This proactive approach mitigates risks so as to cause the least impact to mission partner service.
- Improved prioritizing and response to business and mission partner change proposals
- Implemented changes that meet mission partner agreed service requirements with optimized costs
- Contributes to governance, legal, contractual and regulatory requirements
- Fewer failed changes and therefore reduction in service disruption, defects and re-work
- Provides change history throughout the service lifecycle
- Aids productivity of staff through minimizing disruptions due to high levels of unplanned or ‘emergency’ changes and hence maximizes service availability
- Reduces the Mean Time to Restore Service (MTRS), via quicker and more successful implementations of corrective changes
- Reduces risks associated with introducing change to the environment
- Reduces unplanned work due to reduction in incidents caused by change
- Increase the identification and approval of standard changes, allowing for more efficient and timely implementations

9.3.3.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Requests for Change are recorded and categorized
- Requests for Change are assessed using defined criteria
- Requests for Change are approved before resources are committed to develop and deploy the change
- A schedule of changes and releases is established, maintained and communicated to interested parties
- Approved changes are developed and tested
- Unsuccessful changes are reversed or remedied
9.3.3.5 Process Workflow Guidance

![Change Management Workflow Diagram]

FIGURE 9.3.3.5: CHANGE MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.3.3.6 Activities

[ChM1] Establish Change Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “Change Management process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the Change Management process framework.

[ChM2] Create and Record Change Request
This activity involves formulating and storing the information about any change. Each change request will be accompanied by a defined outline of information established for assessment and other Change Management activities. Information can vary depending upon the context, scale, and potential impact of the requested change.

[ChM3] Accept and Categorize Change
This activity examines the Request for Change (RFC) to determine if it should be accepted for consideration. RFC acceptance requires all information to be logged. Incomplete information can cause a RFC to be returned for additional or amending information. After initial acceptance, the RFC is categorized.

[ChM4] Evaluate Change
Each change is analyzed to determine impact on existing and planned CIs and the impact on resources required to build and deploy the change. This involves identifying the appropriate change model for handling the change, verifying appropriate change authority when necessary, scheduling a Change Advisory Board (CAB) meeting if specified by the change model, and obtaining a complete set of analysis results and issues. Assessment often assigns impact categorization classes such as minor, significant, or major.
[ChM5] Authorize and Schedule Change

This activity represents a decision checkpoint against the change based on impact. It examines the analysis results from the Evaluate Change activity and determines whether the change should be approved. If approved, the change deployment approach and targeted change deployment schedule are determined for the change. The manner in which the change is approved will depend on the organization structure, but formal approval will be obtained for each change from the change authority (CA). The activity for scheduling a change takes into account the Change Schedule, eliminating conflict between differing changes, and assigning appropriate resources accordingly.

[ChM6] Coordinate Change Implementation

This activity coordinates implementation of the change. If the approved change created or updated a solution, the solution components must first be built and tested. Approved changes are made available primarily through Release and Deployment Management (RDM); however, some changes are implemented through assignment by the Change Manager (within Change Management). This determination is made by Change Management policies and the appropriate change model. Change Management monitors the deployment of the change, as carried out by RDM.

[ChM7] Evaluate and Close Change

This activity contains the tasks involved in reviewing all implemented changes (including post implementation review), after a predefined period has elapsed or another review trigger has been activated. It ensures that the change exhibits the desired effect and meets objectives, and that users and customers are satisfied with the results, or identifies any deficiencies. The review activity determines whether the implementation plan and the back-out plan, as appropriate, performed correctly, and whether the change was implemented on time and to cost. It determines whether any follow up action (such as the creation of a new Request for Change) is required. Subsequently, a formal close of the change is performed. The closure of a change includes updating other processes with the change status.

[ChM8] Monitor, Manage and Report Change Management

Continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results and comparison with service achievement reporting identifies Change Management trends and issues. Change Management data is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on service availability.

[ChM9] Evaluate Change Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Change Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used to ensure the Change Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.4 CHANGE EVALUATION (EVAL)

9.3.4.1 PURPOSE

Change Evaluation is a formal evaluation process that is conducted prior to the execution of any significant change. The organization determines the definition (threshold) of significant changes that invoke this process. The goal of Change Evaluation is to provide accurate information to the Change Management process as to the impact and effect the change may have on service capability prior to acceptance of the change.

9.3.4.2 SCOPE

The scope of the changes to be formally evaluated is determined by the organization. As a guideline, this can include any change that introduces a new service, causes a substantial change to an existing service, or retires a service. It may also be determined by impact, or a project that impacts support, such as a reorganization or Service Desk consolidation. Resources, in time, equipment or money, may also be a consideration in determining if this process should be invoked from the Change Management process. When the Change Evaluation process ends, the Change Management process takes responsibility for further change activities.

9.3.4.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Additional focus and governance of significant changes
- Proper command and control of major changes
- Multiple risk analysis with each significant change
- Better allocation of resources
- Significant changes may undergo multiple risk analysis as they move through the change lifecycle
- Transparency into the status of the change

9.3.4.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- All factors are considered prior to making a major change, including capability, tolerance for risk, organizational structure, resources, modeling, people, and all other projects and changes
- Major changes are viewed through service filters, not simply as IT projects

This process is invoked as a part of the Change Management process at the discretion of the organization. Thresholds are determined by the organization as to when this process is needed and executed. Activity flows for this process are under development.

9.3.4.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

(Under Development)
9.3.5 CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT (CrM)

9.3.5.1 Purpose

The purpose of Configuration Management (CrM) is to control, identify, record, and report IT components, including versions (where appropriate), constituent components, states and most importantly, relationships to other IT components and services.

9.3.5.2 Scope

Configuration Items (CIs) are any assets that need to be managed in order to deliver a service. CIs that should be under the control of Configuration Management include hardware, software, systems, services, applications, their relationships, and associated or related documentation, (e.g., Service Level Agreements). Configuration Management establishes and maintains the integrity of services and their configuration information to enable effective control of the services and to reduce the risk of unintended consequences during change execution.

9.3.5.3 Process Benefits

- Accurate information on CIs and their documentation: This information supports all other Service Management processes, such as Release Management, Change Management, Incident Management, Problem Management, Capacity Management, and any necessary contingency planning. Configuration Management can provide information for upgrade planning and replacements.
- Facilitates adherence to legal obligations: Configuration Management maintains an inventory of all software and hardware within an IT infrastructure.
- Improves security by controlling versions of CIs in use: This makes it more difficult for those CIs to be changed accidentally, maliciously, or for erroneous versions to be added.
- Allows the organization to perform impact analysis and schedule changes safely, efficiently, and effectively: This reduces the risk of changes that may negatively impact the live environment.
- Unified view into the relationships between CIs which correlates to the following processes as well: Asset, Configuration, Change, Event, Problem, and Incident Management
- Better risk assessment for approving changes
- Better Incident Management, since failing components are traceable to services

9.3.5.4 Expected Outcomes

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- All configuration items (CIs) within IT systems and infrastructure are accurately identified and relationships recorded
- The status of the CIs and modifications are effectively recorded, tracked, and reported
- Changes to CIs are controlled
- Any exceptions between configuration records and the corresponding CIs are identified and corrected
- The integrity of released systems, services and service components is assured
- The configuration of released systems, services and service components is controlled
9.3.5.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.3.5.5: CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.3.5.6 ACTIVITIES

[CfM1] Establish Configuration Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “CfM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the CfM process framework.

[CfM2] Perform Configuration Identification
This activity identifies, defines and records the types of CIs under the control of Configuration Management, the CI naming conventions, attributes, relationships to other CI types, data integrity rules, and requirements and design documentation.

[CfM3] Conduct Configuration Control
This activity ensures that CIs and relationships and status are recorded accurately throughout each CI lifecycle. It generates configuration baselines and manages drift within acceptable limits. A baseline must be created to help restore a set of CIs to a known stable state if a change fails and its back-out plan is implemented.

[CfM4] Report Configuration Status
This activity makes CI information available to authorized requestors. The information ranges from detailed CI attributes and relationships to summarized information. It may cover an individual CI or a collection of CIs. CI information is provided in line with a planned schedule or in response to an individual request.

[CfM5] Conduct Configuration Verification & Audit
This activity ensures that CI information matches the physical reconciliation data, that naming conventions are adhered to and that the Definitive Media Library (DML) and/or secure repositories agree with the CI information. The audit is performed regularly, as stipulated by the Configuration Management Plan, or as requested by the Configuration Manager or other authorized personnel.

In this activity, all Configuration Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

[CfM7] Evaluate Configuration Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Configuration Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Configuration Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.6 KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (KM)

9.3.6.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Knowledge Management is to ensure that the right information is delivered to the appropriate place or person at the right time to enable informed decisions that improve performance, make the enterprise more efficient and to better serve the department workforce and mission partner. Knowledge Management provides the mechanism to help create, capture, share and act upon information in ways that will measurably improve the delivery and support of services as defined by DoD CIO mission. KM is the conduit to improve the Departments ability to execute core competencies in support of the mission.

9.3.6.2 SCOPE

Although the scope of KM in every Command, Service and Agency (C/S/A) is much broader than the scope of this document, it’s important to understand that the C/S/A Knowledge Management program in each C/S/A directly impacts the success of the mission. KM focuses on exploiting and realizing knowledge from the DoD workforce, fostering a culture where knowledge sharing can thrive, and increase overall value of intellectual capital required for making decisions. KM is a fundamental part of how the Department conducts it daily business.

9.3.6.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Improved efficiency through reducing the need to rediscover knowledge
- Reduced incident and problem solving time through sharing of workarounds and previous resolutions
- Reduced design time through sharing of information related to current and past design projects
- Better strategic decisions based on captured and categorized knowledge, rather than institutional memory
- Gain overall efficiency through reuse of previous plans, documents, etc.
- Increase innovation through knowledge sharing and collaboration
- Serve as a process enabler allowing for DoD’s knowledge workers to share ideas and collaborate in ways that would not have been possible previously
- Improved project management through knowledge transfer and data availability in existing systems (i.e. allowing data transparency across PM systems)
- Proactively facilitates and rewards knowledge creation, transfer and use

9.3.6.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Support for life-cycle management of data and knowledge assets
- Establishment of content capture and exchange standards
- IT service knowledge architecture is defined
- Sources of IT service knowledge (within Tiers 1-4) and responsible knowledge owners are identified
- Information required to provide services from external management systems is made available (programs, projects, business plans, changes, releases, deployments, problems, and other knowledge)
- Knowledge is acquired, structured, published and maintained
- Agreed to call resolution rates (at each Tier) and the enablement of those resolution rates through provided knowledge solutions is measured, reported and improved
9.3.6.5 Process Workflow Guidance

**FIGURE 9.3.6.5: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.3.6.6 Activities

[KM1] Establish Knowledge Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “KM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. Knowledge Management responsibilities are integrated in career paths, job descriptions and skill requirements. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the KM process framework.

[KM2] Create and Maintain Knowledge Architecture

The Knowledge Architecture is a framework of policies, standards and conventions for collection, formatting and organizing process and service information assets in a consistent manner. This architecture provides a reference model for use in designing and building processes and services. It also provides a way to define the various segments of KM as the organization matures this process through addressing priorities or weaknesses in KM. The Knowledge Architecture must balance the need to enter and collect information to gain knowledge against a simplistic design that is understandable, usable, and sustainable.

[KM3] Acquire Knowledge Assets

This activity involves all tasks and operations required to harvest targeted information packages which require processing and manufacturing into knowledge assets. These assets are made available through the Service Knowledge Management System (SKMS). Knowledge asset acquisition activities use common processes based on standard data and information models.

[KM4] Analyze Knowledge Assets

Conduct a SME analysis of captured raw knowledge assets, consequential information and data that has been extracted in the Acquire Knowledge Assets activity. It is envisioned that most knowledge assets will be harvested from authoritative data sources in a consistent format. These knowledge packages will require SME reviews for technical, legal and publication compliance. Once submitted, a rigorous material review process against prescribed submission criteria is performed.
[KM5] Publish and Manage Knowledge Assets
This activity covers all tasks required to make available and deliver knowledge assets to users. It can include both proactively and reactively supplying knowledge.

In this activity, all Knowledge Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. This also includes monitoring and reporting knowledge performance including resolution enablement rate (i.e. first call resolution enablement rate) by each tier and responsible knowledge owner within each Tier. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

[KM7] Evaluate Knowledge Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Knowledge Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Knowledge Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.7 RELEASE AND DEPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT [RDM]

9.3.7.1 Purpose
The purpose of this process is to deploy releases into the live environment in a controlled manner. Release and Deployment Management ensures the integrity of the live environment is protected and correct components are released. This must be in a time frame that meets the mission partner’s service needs and does not cause a SLA breach.

9.3.7.2 Scope
This scope includes the processes, systems and functions to package, build, test and deploy into the production or live environment for use. RDM establishes the service as specified in the Service Design Package (SDP) and formally hands the service over to Service Operations. The package includes all configuration items (CIs) required to implement the release.

9.3.7.3 Process Benefits
- Minimized disruption of service to the mission partner, due to synchronization of Releases involving hardware and software components from different platforms and environments
- Early life support becomes part of the process
- Effectively communicates and manages expectations of the mission partner during the planning and rollout of new releases
- Reduction in errors through the controlled release of hardware and software to the live environment
- Unsuccessful deployed releases are reversed and environment is recovered
- Enhanced use of resources due to combined efforts when testing new releases
- Overall reduction in configuration variance
- Reduction in unplanned work due to better control of service components and releases

9.3.7.4 Expected Outcomes
- Requirements for releases are established and agreed upon with affected parties
- Releases of new or changed services and service components are planned
- Releases are designed
- Releases are tested prior to deployment
- Approved releases are deployed
- Integrity of hardware, software and other service components is assured during deployment of the release
- Unsuccessful deployed releases are reversed
- Release information is communicated to affected parties
9.3.7.5 Process Workflow Guidance

**FIGURE 9.3.7.5: RELEASE AND DEPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.3.7.6 Activities

[RDM1] Establish Release and Deployment Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “RDM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the RDM process framework.

[RDM2] Plan Release and Deployment Program

This activity determines the approach for how each release is prepared and the type of deployment that is necessary. The release planning covers building, testing and verifying the release, as well as establishing a model for how the finalized release should be deployed.

[RDM3] Design and Build Release

This activity determines what needs to be built for the release and how it will be assembled and deployed. As a result, the release build, installation, and rollback scripts are designed at a high level. Software and hardware components are obtained for the build activity and the test environment is created.

[RDM4] Test and Verify Release

This activity tests the built Release Package and determines if installation, configuration, and rollback work properly. Once successful, the release is ready for deployment. If testing fails, the Release must go through another round of either design or build, and a subsequent re-testing.
[RDM5] Prepare Deployment Capabilities and Perform Transition Administration

This activity administers the transition of assets, resources, knowledge, and anything else that is transferred to or from the IT infrastructure. This ensures that appropriate asset data is provided to the Asset Management process to reflect the transition status. Items impacted include location, financial status (support contracts), and ownership.

[RDM6] Perform Deployment and Activate Service

This activity executes all tasks necessary to complete the actual deployment. In this activity, the capability status moves from “Not Deployed” to “Deployed.” This activity verifies the integrity of the solution under deployment and transitions the new changed service to Operations.

[RDM7] Review and Close Deployment

This activity reviews tasks completed during deployments and determines if all objectives of the deployment plan were met. A management plan is established for outstanding risks, issues, incidents and known errors before the deployment is closed. Deployment is completed with a handover of the support to Service Operations.


In this activity, all Release and Deployment Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address issues.

[RDM9] Evaluate Release and Deployment Management Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Release and Deployment Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Release and Deployment Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.3.8 SERVICE VALIDATION AND TESTING (SVT)

9.3.8.1 PURPOSE

Service Validation and Testing provides evidence that the new/changed service meets the mission partner and mission requirements, including any documented SLAs, thus limiting risk as changes are introduced into the production environment. The service is tested explicitly against all parameters in the Service Design Package, including functionality, availability, continuity, security requirements, usability and regression testing.

9.3.8.2 SCOPE

This process focuses on the testing and validation of a fully functional solution that is designed to meet stakeholder requirements and the stakeholder acceptance of that solution prior to roll-out. The scope of Service Validation and Testing is all approved releases, and those components as defined in Release and Deployment Management. It includes all configuration items required to implement a release, and the congruent and tangent systems that make up the production environment.

9.3.8.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Ensures that releases meet the criteria for utility and warranty
- Mission partner confidence on the success of releases resulting in elevated satisfaction
- Testing is done from an overall service perspective, not just for component or system
- Reduction in mission partner resources to test releases
- A structured validation and test process that provides evidence that the new or changed service supports the mission requirements as set in service strategy
- Ensures mission partner requirements are met as set forth in the Service Design Package
- Overall reduction in incidents
- Improve agility for application releases and ability to follow Agile, DevOps, and V-model methods

9.3.8.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Validation and testing of services and service components are planned
- Validation activities and tests are designed
- Only validated, tested and approved releases are deployed
- Integrity of hardware, software, and other service components is assured during deployment of the Release
- Releases that fail validation and testing are reversed or remedied
- Validation and testing information is communicated to interested parties
9.3.8.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

**FIGURE 9.3.8.5: SERVICE VALIDATION AND TESTING WORKFLOW**

### 9.3.8.6 ACTIVITIES

**[SVT1] Establish Service Validation and Testing Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “SVT process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the SVT process framework.

**[SVT2] Oversee Service Solution Testing**

This activity is responsible for the testing the service prior to the introduction of changes to the environment that affects the service. SVT is more commonly an iterative process.

**[SVT3] Test Solution**

Solution testing validates the solution and its features conform to design specifications and requirements prior to deployment. It also verifies that interim work products exist and conform to standards.

**[SVT4] Accept Solution**

This activity validates that the proposed solution, either as individual artifacts or in its complete form, meets end-user acceptance criteria.

**[SVT5] Monitor, Manage and Report Service Validation and Testing**

This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Service Validation and Testing trends and issues. Service Validation and Testing information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on overall service availability.

**[SVT6] Evaluate Service Validation and Testing Performance**

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Service Validation and Testing process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Service Validation and Testing process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.4 SERVICE OPERATIONS (SO) DOMAIN

The Service Operations Domain controls the full range of matters pertaining to sustaining assured information delivery, system and network availability, and information protection for information technology (IT) capabilities that support the provided services balancing stability with responsiveness. The Domain Owner serves as the approval authority to introduce new initiatives, ensures standards-based configuration and operation of all infrastructure, controls the runtime aspects of services to ensure services behave correctly and within SLAs, administers and controls security policies, identifies incidents and infrastructure issues, performs problem resolution, and implements metrics that track the overall progress of the operations Domain. The Domain Owner must ensure that processes that support services are executed in a cost-effective manner and measure the effectiveness of controls to determine how well the controls achieved the planned control objectives. As such, processes must have an internal and external (mission partner) focus. It is within this Domain that the mission partner determines the ongoing value extended by the service provider. There are two key definitions whose difference is more prominent in the operations Domain than the other Domains:

Function: A team or group of people with like skill sets and the tools they use to carry out one or more processes or activities.

Process: A structured set of activities designed to accomplish a specific objective.

This difference is notable, since in addition to processes, the Service Operations Domain has several functions (Service Desk, Applications Management, Technical Management, and IT Operations Management). These functions are described in the Functions section of this document.

Domain Metrics

The metrics for this Domain are actionable measures for decisions related to improving the performance of the process and guiding resource allocation. Metrics must be viewed in an overall context of the DESMF. As an example, a common metric for Incident Management is “% of first call resolution”. This number often goes up if incidents are repeated and the same workaround is applied a number of times. If Problem management supplies a permanent fix for the root cause of the incidents, and change management chooses to apply it, these incidents no longer occur, reducing the % of first call resolution. More correctly, metrics must be applied to measure that which is critical to Incident Management as well as other metrics associated with the processes in this Domain.
9.4.1 ACCESS MANAGEMENT (ACM)

9.4.1.1 PURPOSE
Access Management is the process of granting authorized users the right to use a service while preventing access to non-authorized users. The process provides the ability to control and track who has access to data and services (“Who” may be another system, service, or process, as well as an individual.) It contributes to achieving the appropriate confidentiality, availability, and integrity of the command’s data and includes levels of access to the service catalog for requesting services, access to data, and access to facilities.

9.4.1.2 SCOPE
Access Management enables the management of the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of data and intellectual property. This process operates within and enforces controls described by IT security policies and organization directives; control of identities and their associated access rights will vary depending upon the level of access required and the adjudicated risk tolerance of malicious access.

9.4.1.3 PROCESS BENEFITS
- Access to services is aligned with strategy
- Data is protected from accidental and intentional malicious attempts
- Better controlled environment when access needs to be revoked, such as job changes, retirements, and discontinuation of services
- Employees have the right access to perform their jobs
- Access to data and services is controlled
- Consistent enforcement of service, data, and facilities access
- Processes in place to demonstrate compliance with DoD and other policies

9.4.1.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES
The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:
- A definitive source permits users access to information and services while unauthorized access attempts receive denial of access
- An accurate identity and rights registry exists that undergoes periodic maintenance and review
- Auditable record of access attempts is maintained and available to authorized personnel
- Data necessary to demonstrate compliance relative to service and information access is available
- Security vulnerabilities and incidents are identified, monitored and reported
- Unauthorized access to information, applications and infrastructure is detected, reported, and resolved
- Access-related security incidents are defined and access controls are regularly tested
9.4.1.5 Process Workflow Guidance

**FIGURE 9.4.1.5: ACCESS MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.4.1.6 ACTIVITIES

[AcM1] Establish Access Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “AcM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Access Management Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the AcM process framework.

[AcM2] Evaluate and Verify Access Request

This activity evaluates and verifies the identity of the person listed in each request and verifies that a reasonable substantiation exists for the access to the system, application, or availability to specific tasks within an application. This activity also verifies that the request has been approved by competent authority.

** Potential Additional Activities **

In this AcM2 activity, some DoD Components branch to a set of activities named Entitlement Management before executing AcM3.

An entitlement is a set of privileges that govern what an IT user can do.

Entitlement Management manages IT by granting, resolving, enforcing, revoking and administering access authorizations, privileges, access rights, permissions and/or rules. The purpose of Entitlement Management is to execute IT access policies (provided by Information Security Management process) to both structured/unstructured data, devices and services. Entitlement Management can be delivered by diverse technologies, and is often different across platforms, applications, network components and devices.

*Note: At a lower level of activity decomposition, some services (Army, Navy, etc.) have activities that are further developed and denote the steps to provide permissions and entitlements.*

[AcM3] Create and Maintain Identity

This activity creates new identity records in the identity database and performs appropriate edits and deletions to existing identity records.
[AcM4] **Provide and Maintain Access Rights**

This activity provides access rights based on predefined policies, directives, and regulations. It updates the identity records to reflect updated access rights and confirms that access rights have been implemented or revoked. Access rights can be removed as well as granted. Accordingly, this activity will restrict or revoke rights to execute policies and decisions made by appropriate authority.

[AcM5] **Monitor, Manage and Report Access Management**

In this activity, Access Management activities are monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Results are reported, and unsatisfactory results may lead to review of Access Management actions. In addition, responses are provided to requests for information and status of the Access Management process.

[AcM6] **Evaluate Access Management Performance**

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Access Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Access Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.4.2 EVENT MANAGEMENT (EM)

9.4.2.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Event Management process is to identify and prioritize all events that occur throughout the IT infrastructure and establish the appropriate response to those events. Event Management monitors, filters, and notifies of actions and occurrences that have an effect on the services provided. This process is proactive and reactive. Proactively, Operations is notified of events that may cause service degradation and outages enabling operations to take steps necessary to avert any SLA breach. Reactively, Event Management interfaces with Operations, Incident, Problem and Change Management to provide information and corrective actions for those events.

9.4.2.2 SCOPE

Event Management includes occurrences or actions that affect the ability to provide services. These may be related to: security, performance of CIs, component failure, facilities, capacity, or issues related to compliance and contracts or licensing. Event Management can be utilized to capture/display near real-time monitoring data enabling increased command and control of the IT Infrastructure and help shape Service Levels. Tool sets are pre-engineered to support automated monitoring and responses to events, including pre-populating an alarm event.

9.4.2.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Improved Situational Awareness (SA) of critical IT service and infrastructure components/systems
- Decreased labor costs due to automated responses to events
- Automation for escalating exception conditions to the Incident Management Process to engage automatically, which improves service availability
- Higher productivity staff through reduction of monitoring non-consequential events
- Ability to preclude incidents, increasing availability of services
- Quicker return to service due to notification from the source of the event
- Standardization in event notification, enables better responses from Operations
- Monitoring of IT should be service and mission focused
- Reduction in the TCO for monitoring resources

9.4.2.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Improved Situational Awareness (SA) of critical IT service and infrastructure components/systems
- Automation for escalating exception conditions to the Incident Management Process to engage automatically, which improves service availability
- Enhanced ability to make informed Command and Control (C2) decisions, based on the mission of the warfighter
- Defined warning criteria, used to display alerts in network monitoring tools, enabling improved visibility into potential service disruptions and allowing C2 decisions/actions to proactively lessen potential impacts
9.4.2.5 Process Workflow Guidance

![Event Management Workflow Diagram]

**FIGURE 9.4.2.5: EVENT MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.4.2.6 Activities

**[EM1] Establish Event Management Framework**

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “EM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the EM process framework.

**[EM2] Define and Log Requirements**

This activity involves receipt of all predefined events detected into the Event Management System (EMS) monitoring the IT environment. When an event is actively or passively detected, it is the responsibility of those managing the device to ensure the event is defined and logged in an agreed format and that protocol is adhered to for handling the EMS.

**[EM3] Filter Event**

This activity determines if the event must be communicated or ignored based on predefined criteria.

**[EM4] Correlate Event**

This activity describes the tasks involved in reviewing service requests that were fulfilled in this activity. The command’s predefined mission goals are applied to significant events to determine what actions are required. Events are correlated by the EMS to determine commonalities and appropriate response action.

**[EM5] Trigger Response**

After an event is detected, filtered and correlated, the appropriate and specific event notification/response activities are initiated. The response includes opening an incident, changing the status or severity of an event, dropping an event, or sending the event for automated recovery.
**[EM6] Execute Auto Response**

In this activity, a pre-defined automated response is initiated by the EMS (e.g. rebooting and/or restarting a device, initiating a batch job, etc.). These responses do not require human intervention.

**[EM7] Generate Alert**

This activity identifies those events requiring human intervention and provides necessary information to determine appropriate action. Additionally, this activity transmits the event information to Incident Management, which manages routing / escalation to the proper level for resolution.

**[EM8] Clear Event**

In this activity, the status of the event is confirmed as cleared and appropriate updating of event records is made.


In this activity, all Event Management activity is monitored to determine whether suitable progress is being made. Unsatisfactory results are reported and may result in actions taken to address any issues.

**[EM10] Evaluate Event Management Performance**

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Event Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Event Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.4.3 INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (IM)

9.4.3.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Incident Management is to restore normal service operation as quickly as possible and minimize the adverse impact on mission partner operations, thus ensuring that the best possible levels of service quality, security, and availability are maintained. The focus is on reducing the duration and consequences of service outages from a mission partner perspective; not on finding the root cause of the incident.

9.4.3.2 SCOPE

The scope includes any disruption or potential disruption of service. The process allows for three different paths: Normal, Major, and Security related. Defining a major incident is an important aspect of Incident Management process definition. Those incidents that have the highest impacts and are most disruptive to the affected service components must be managed in a separate sub-process. Additionally, security incidents require a separate sub-process since these tend to occur as a result of activities intended to disrupt or degrade services, rather than as a result of human error or material failures. These have different reporting criteria and may or may not adversely affect one or more services. Other incidents are considered normal.

Connecting IM security incidents to CND/DCO Incident Management as outlined in DoD 8530 series and CJCS (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) 6510 series:

Computer Network Defense (CND, also known as Defensive Cyber Operations, DCO) activities under the categories of Detect, Identify, Initial Diagnosis, and Preliminary Response Actions are considered part of the IM process. Some activities under the categories of Investigate and Diagnosis, and Resolution and Recovery may also be considered part of IM, depending on scope.

9.4.3.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Ability to detect and resolve incidents more efficiently, which results in higher availability of the service to the mission partner.
- Ability to align IT activity to real-time business priorities. Incident Management includes the capability to identify mission partner priorities and dynamically allocate resources as necessary.
- Identification of potential improvements to services. This happens as a result of understanding what constitutes an incident and from being in contact with the activities of operational staff.
- Potential to identify needed service or training during the handling of incidents
- Improved information flow to mission partners regarding service restoration
- Basis of information for Problem Management. With standard recording techniques, there is better management of resources for problem resolution.
- A single Incident Management process for use across the organization
- Better focus on restoring service as opposed to just performing root cause analysis
- A searchable base of incidents and workarounds to better resolve service outages
- A standard method of prioritization, categorization and escalation of incidents
- Incident models to allow for more efficient resolution of incidents
- Transparency into the status of incident resolution

9.4.3.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Incidents are recorded and categorized
- Incidents are prioritized and analyzed
- Incidents which have not progressed according to accepted service level timelines and thresholds are escalated
- Incidents are resolved and closed
- Major incidents are reviewed
- Information regarding the status and progress of reported incidents is communicated to interested parties
9.4.3.5 PROCESS WORKFLOW GUIDANCE

FIGURE 9.4.3.5: INCIDENT MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.4.3.6 ACTIVITIES

[IM1] Establish Incident Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “IM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the IM process framework.

[IM2] Identify, Report and Log Incident

The incident is identified and logged by the Service Desk resulting in creation of an Incident record.

[IM3] Categorize and Prioritize Incident

The incident is categorized and prioritized. Categorization is based on the systems, applications, service or segment affected, or the requestor’s mission support role. Prioritization is based on urgency and impact. The record is assigned to an analyst for diagnosis and investigation. The path and procedures involved are based on how the incident is categorized, for instance Normal, Major or Security etc. If the incident is categorized as a request for service, it is transferred to the Request Fulfillment process as a Service Request. Incidents exceeding a defined threshold of impact and urgency are categorized as Major Incidents and appropriate procedures are invoked.

[IM4] Investigate and Diagnose Incident

Incidents and all associated data are accessed to identify appropriate responses and actions, and to formulate Incident Resolution Plans. Actions may include identifying workarounds, re-categorizing the incident based on further analysis, and updating Incident records.

[IM5] Resolve and Recover Incident

Actions necessary to resolve the incident and restore service are executed. Resolution and restorations may be in the form of existing workaround solutions, or alternatively creating a Request for Change to implement a new solution. It also prompts any action necessary to recover the service to approved Service Level Agreements (SLA), Operational Level Agreements (OLA) and/or Underpinning Contracts (UC).
[IM6] Close Incident
This activity ensures all required incident documentation is complete, including details of cause, expended effort for resolution and outcome. A review of the incident’s original categorization against available root cause information is used to determine categorization accuracy. This activity obtains stakeholder agreement with resolution activity and status.

[IM7] Monitor, Manage and Report Incident Management
This activity supports continuous monitoring and analysis of operational results data and comparison with service achievement reporting to identify Incident Management trends and issues. Incident Management information is used to generate detailed service component reporting as well as a perspective on overall service availability.

[IM8] Evaluate Incident Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Incident Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Incident Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process are required.
9.4.4 PROBLEM MANAGEMENT (PM)

9.4.4.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Problem Management is to prevent problems and incidents from happening, to eliminate recurring incidents and to minimize the impact of incidents that cannot be prevented. Problem Management includes the activities required to diagnose the root cause of incidents, determining the resolution to those problems and providing workarounds to Incident Management.

9.4.4.2 SCOPE

A problem is defined as a cause of one or more incidents. The cause is not usually known at the time a problem record is created, and the Problem Management process is responsible for further investigation. Problem Management has aspects of both reacting to problems and proactively identifying and solving problems and known errors before more incidents occurs.

Problem Management finds trends in incidents, groups those incidents into problems, identifies the root causes of problems, and initiates Request for Change (RFC) against those problems. Also, PM maintains information about problems and the workarounds and resolutions to reduce the number and impact of incidents over time and proactive PM may also inform Continual Service Improvement. This process has a strong interface with Knowledge Management, and tools such as the Known Error Database (KEDB). Although Incident Management and Problem Management are separate processes, they are closely related and typically use the same tools, and have similar categorizations, impact and priority coding systems. This ensures effective communication when dealing with incidents and problems that are related. Problem Management also ensures the resolution is implemented through appropriate control procedures such as Change Management and Release and Deployment Management.

Connecting PM to CND/DCO Incident Management as outlined in DoD 8530 series and CJCS (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) 6510 series:

Computer Network Defense/Defensive Cyber Operations (CND/DCO) activities under the category of Post-Incident Analysis, as well as some activities under the categories of Investigate and Diagnosis, and Resolution and Recovery are considered part of the PM process.

9.4.4.3 PROCESS BENEFITS

- Incident trends are identified and proactively investigated as a problem
- Higher availability of IT services
- Higher productivity of business and IT staff
- Reduced expenditure on workarounds or fixes that do not work
- Reduction in cost of effort in fire-fighting or resolving repeat incidents
- Reduces the chance of having to invoke the business continuity plan
- A Known Error Database (KEDB) reduces time to resolution and allows learning from historical data
- A structured process based on prioritization schemes to allocate resources for solving problems
- Ability to distinguish between restoring service (IM) and root cause analysis (PM) which will create higher availability of services
- Better integration of supporting processes

9.4.4.4 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Problems are identified, recorded and classified
- Problems are prioritized and analyzed
- Problems are resolved and closed
- Problems not progressed according to defined service levels are escalated
- The effect of unresolved problems is minimized
- The status and progress of the resolution of problems are communicated to interested parties
9.4.4.5 Process Workflow Guidance

FIGURE 9.4.4.5: PROBLEM MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW

9.4.4.6 Activities

[PM1] Establish Problem Management Framework
This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “PM process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the PM process framework.

[PM2] Identify and Log Problem
This activity ensures problems are identified through resource monitoring, trend recording and analysis.

[PM3] Categorize and Prioritize Problem
Problems are classified to support active analysis, problem resolution, and post-problem forensic review. This activity also classifies problem severity and potential impact to enterprise operations and goals.

[PM4] Investigate and Diagnose Problem
This activity includes Root Cause Analysis, creating workarounds, and recording Known Errors. If a workaround is identified and approved for deployment, this activity ensures the workaround is known to be effective, and sufficient evidence exists to support the Root Cause Analysis. A Known Error Record is created or updated that describes problem diagnosis and lists available approved workarounds. This activity also updates the problem record to indicate the diagnosed problem.
[PM5] Resolve Problem
This activity includes the search for a solution, steps planned to implement the solution and eliminate known errors, and tracks infrastructure changes. Once the resolution has been documented in the problem and known error records, the activity culminates in Request for Change or Project Proposal submissions.

[PM6] Close and Review Problem
The Problem record is closed, known error records are updated, and major problems are reviewed for performance quality, process adherence, and lessons learned. Prior to closing, each problem record is checked to ensure completeness and accuracy of detail. Major problems are reviewed and results are disseminated through enterprise communication (including extended enterprise stakeholders such as vendors), staff training and service review.

This activity ensures all service requests are effectively and efficiently managed throughout the process life cycle. All request data and status changes are examined for consistency and recorded in Problem Management records.

[PM8] Evaluate Problem Management Performance
This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Problem Management process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Problem Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process are required.
9.4.5 REQUEST FULFILLMENT (RF)

9.4.5.1 Purpose

The purpose of the Request Fulfillment process is to fulfill service requests from users and route each request to the appropriate process for handling within accepted service levels. Request Fulfillment is responsible for the entire lifecycle of the request.

9.4.5.2 Scope

Request Fulfillment encompasses fulfillment of service requests within agreed service levels. Requests can come from a mission partner by direct communication or automated menu system. This process interacts at the process framework level of other specific processes to determine which types of service requests should be handled by which processes, e.g., Request for Changes interacts with the Change Management process. Request Fulfillment is responsible for the entire lifecycle of the request.

9.4.5.3 Process Benefits

- Service improvement through repeatable and measured fulfillment
- Service Requests are prioritized and analyzed
- Service Requests are fulfilled and closed
- Service Requests which have not progressed according to accepted service level timelines and thresholds are escalated
- Information regarding the status and progress of service requests is communicated to interested parties

9.4.5.4 Expected Outcomes

The following outcomes are the result of a successful implementation of this process:

- Service Requests are recorded and classified
- Service Requests are prioritized and analyzed
- Service Requests are fulfilled and closed
- Service Requests which have not progressed according to accepted service level timelines and thresholds are escalated
- Information regarding the status and progress of service requests is communicated to interested parties
9.4.5.5 Process Workflow Guidance

![Request Fulfillment Workflow Diagram]

**FIGURE 9.4.5.5: REQUEST MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW**

9.4.5.6 Activities

[RF1] Establish Request Fulfillment Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “RF process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for changes and improvements to the RF process framework.

[RF2] Log and Validate Service Request

All reported service requests must be logged in a ticket management system with relevant details (user contact information, asset information, etc.) and are categorized, prioritized and assigned to the appropriate team for fulfillment. If the request does not meet established criteria for fulfillment, it is rejected and the user notified.

[RF3] Fulfill or Route Service Request

The Service Request is analyzed to determine the appropriate team to perform the fulfillment activities. If the request is resolved within Request fulfillment, the user is contacted to verify resolution. Upon user satisfaction, The Service Request record is updated and closed. If the request is transferred to another process, all relevant information and documentation is routed to the appropriate team and the receiving process is notified about the assigned request item. Request Fulfillment retains ownership of the Service Request and tracks fulfillment progress through user acceptance and closure.

[RF4] Obtain Acceptance and Close Service Request

This activity examines the work history of a Service Request with a 'Resolved' status. It ensures that all required documentation is complete, including resolution details, effort expended and outcome. A review of appropriate classification and prioritization is conducted and stakeholder agreement with resolution activity and status is obtained for formal closure.
[RF5] Monitor, Manage and Report Request Fulfillment

This activity ensures all service requests are effectively and efficiently managed throughout the process life cycle. All request data and status changes are examined for consistency and recorded in Service Request records.

[RF6] Evaluate Request Fulfillment Performance

This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Request Fulfillment process. It includes the capture of information, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Request Fulfillment process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.
9.5 CONTINUAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT (CSI) DOMAIN

To successfully achieve the mission of the Department Of Defense (DoD) all Military Services and Defense CC/S/A must align their strategic plans, development efforts, and operational efforts. It is critical that all CC/S/A and mission partners share information to provide capabilities and services that enable joint war fighting. It is imperative to constantly look for ways to improve services. With technology changing so quickly and providing more and improved features, it is necessary to improve services not only to gain a competitive edge, but in many instances simply to better protect the war-fighter, DoD data and to stay current.

CSI combines techniques, practices, principles and methods from quality management and change management to achieve improvement in processes, service delivery and quality.

Domain Metrics

Metrics are actionable measures for decisions related to improving the performance of a process and guiding resource allocation. Metrics must be viewed in an overall context of the DESMF. As processes are improved, current metrics are reviewed and analyzed to ensure continued or newly developed measures are in place.

9.5.1 PURPOSE

CSI combines practices, methods and principles from quality management and service measurement practices. The purpose of CSI is to ensure services provided within DoD remain aligned with mission objectives and the ever-changing needs of the consumer. This must be accomplished in concert with improving and maintaining quality and performance of services. This is accomplished through two cooperative objectives. CC/S/A and mission partners should measure and plan for the improvement of the service management processes that support the strategy, design, transition and operations of these services. Secondly, CC/S/A and mission partners should measure and plan for improvement in performance of current services.

9.5.2 SCOPE

The scope of CSI encompasses all DoD services, internal and external, and the service management processes that support those services.

9.5.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF CSI

- Service Owners and Process Owners have a process for understanding ways to improve their areas of accountability
- Improved Return on Investment (ROI) and Return on Value (ROV)
- Quality of services improves
- Quicker recognition of performance issues, allowing for less costly resolutions
- Ensures that services remain aligned to mission
- Better information for planning
- A standardized method for measuring services and processes
- Standardized process for monitoring and reporting on technology metrics, process metrics and service metrics
### 9.6 Domain Relationships Table

This table provides an overview of relationships between the domains previously described. To read the table, the domains in the columns are the ‘FROM’ domain providing information to the domains represented in the rows. For example, the Service Design (SD) domain (SD column – From) provides ‘Capacity numbers’ “TO” the SS (Service Strategy) domain (SS row).

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<tr>
<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
<th>Service Strategy (SS)</th>
<th>Service Design (SD)</th>
<th>Service Transition (ST)</th>
<th>Service Operations (SO)</th>
<th>Continual Service Improvement (CSI)</th>
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<tr>
<td>SS</td>
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<td>• Capacity numbers</td>
<td>• Change Information</td>
<td>• Feedback on strategy for production services</td>
<td>• Measurement of Strategy processes</td>
<td>• Measurement of Service Processes</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>• Service Level Agreements (SLA)</td>
<td>• Effectiveness</td>
<td>• Usage measurements</td>
<td>• Cost information related to efficiency recommendation</td>
<td>• Design Processes</td>
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<td>SD</td>
<td></td>
<td>• Strategic Security Policy</td>
<td>• Configuration Item (CI) information for capacity and design</td>
<td>• Usage measurements</td>
<td>• Recommendations related performance</td>
<td>• Recommendations related to performance</td>
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<td></td>
<td>• Service Portfolio Information</td>
<td>• Move service to production</td>
<td>• Performance related statistics</td>
<td>• Reports on Service Level Management (SLM) information</td>
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<td>• Event management alert criteria</td>
<td>• Measurement of Service Operations</td>
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<td>• Budget information</td>
<td>• Services operating procedures</td>
<td>• Analysis of performance issues</td>
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<td>• Access management information</td>
<td>• Trending information</td>
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<td>• OLA/SLA information</td>
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<td>• Releases</td>
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**TABLE 9.6: Domain Relationship Table**
10 SUPPORTING FUNCTIONS

A function is described as a team, organization unit or group of people that specialize to perform certain activities or types of work. They typically have the similar skill sets and resources to carry out their duties to achieve specific outcomes. The function is responsible for defining the standards and procedures to be followed when operating within the function. It is a challenge to include functions in this framework, as these functions already exist, have been in existence for some time, and already have processes and procedures with some level of effectiveness. In addition, there are many standards that exist to guide individual functions outside those most commonly referenced in this document. The benefit gained in this document by the functions, is the understanding of standardized integrated processes and how functions fit into the overall service management framework as services are delivered to DoD mission partners. The table below identifies the functions described in the DESMF, their primary and secondary Domains, and the processes with which they are most closely associated.

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<th>Function</th>
<th>Primary Domain</th>
<th>Primary Domain Processes</th>
<th>Secondary Domain</th>
<th>Secondary Domain Processes</th>
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<td>Application Management</td>
<td>Operations</td>
<td>Request Fulfillment Incident Management Problem Management</td>
<td>Transition</td>
<td>Release and Deployment Management Service Portfolio Management</td>
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<tr>
<td>Engineering</td>
<td>Design</td>
<td>Service Level Management Capacity Management</td>
<td>Operations</td>
<td>Event Management Problem Management Service Validation &amp; Testing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TABLE 10: FUNCTIONS RELATIONSHIP TABLE
10.1 Roles and Responsibilities within Functions

While all functions have unique roles and responsibilities, they also have two roles in common: Function Owner and Function Manager.

The **Function Owner** has the following responsibilities:

- Ensure the functions design includes the policies of the processes performed as part of the function
- Ensure that the function follows the governance guidelines of the appropriate governing bodies
- Ensure the integration of various processes utilized in the function
- Coordinate with the various Domain Owners with relation to their processes
- Coordinate with Process Owners to suggest improvements to their processes

The Function Owner must have the authority to direct members across Domains. Therefore, Function Owners must be a senior level manager.

The **Function Manager** is responsible to the Function Owner and performs day-to-day operational and managerial tasks demanded by the function. The Function Manager does not necessarily fall into the Function Owner’s chain of command. The Function Manager has the following responsibilities:

- Monitor the function, using qualitative and quantitative Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and make recommendations for improvement
- Play a key role in developing requirements for and maintaining the function’s tools
- Escalate questions related to the function
- Identify training requirements of all support staff and ensure proper training is provided to meet the requirements
- Provide metrics and reports to management and mission partners in accordance with outlined procedures and agreements
10.2 SERVICE DESK

10.2.1 PURPOSE

As the single primary point of contact, the Service Desk is the interface between the user and the service. If there is an issue whether it is an unclear Event or Alert message, an Incident or Problem, or an Access issue, the user is going to contact the Service Desk for assistance if the issue cannot be resolved through self-help methods.

The purpose of the Service Desk is to:

- Be primary contact point for all calls, questions, service requests, complaints, and remarks
- Be primary provider of ongoing monitoring and management of mission partner satisfaction through appropriate communication channels
- Manage the incident lifecycle

As other processes mature, the Service Desk becomes more involved in areas such as Configuration Management, but the primary purposes above remain the same.

10.2.2 SCOPE

There are different concepts of operation, environments established and therefore differing scopes for Service Desk support. The scope of the Service Desk is also sometimes determined by the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) that were defined during mission partner negotiations.

10.2.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF A SERVICE DESK

- Mission partner satisfaction – the mission partner is generally better served and better satisfied through the establishment of a single point of contact for all incidents and service requests
- Decreases in overall business impact of incidents – Incidents are handled more efficiently through the Service Desk due to consistent use of process, procedures, and tools for resolution
- Cost reduction – Service Desk construct reduces duplicative efforts through better communication and shared knowledge during incident resolution
- Better C2 – Single point of information flow ensures consistency in reporting to decision makers during service outages
- Reduction in redundancy and better implementation of global solutions through greater knowledge sharing
- Increased mission partner satisfaction though quicker resolution, better communication, and stricter adherence to SLAs
- Reduction in service outages and overall time to restore services

10.2.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FUNCTIONS

- **Application Management** - Provides second tier support during incident resolution, especially as it relates to the business applications and systems
- **Engineering** - Provides third tier support during incident resolution, especially as it relates to the IT infrastructure and systems
- **IT Operations Management** - Provides second tier support during incident resolution, especially as it relates to the services monitored through operations. Will relay to Service Desk any issues related to productions activities, job scheduling, and operational failures
- **Technical Management** – Provides second level support during incident resolution, especially as it relates to the IT infrastructure

10.2.5 RELATIONSHIP TO PROCESSES

- **Access Management** - Provides support in granting access to mission partners and users
- **Change Management** – Participate in Change Advisory Boards (CABs) and track changes against incidents
- **Configuration Management** – Service Desk personnel may also be designated to fill the role of Configuration Management Librarian if appropriately trained
- **Event Management** – Provides support when there is an event
- **Incident Management** – Primary executor of the incident management process and procedures. Takes ownership of all incidents
- **Problem Management** – Participates in problem resolution and trend analysis
- **Request Fulfillment** – Primary point of contact for coordinating mission partner requests for services as well as informational requests
- **Service Level Management** – Performs requests in conjunction with established SLAs and OLAs. Service Desk monitoring is also used to inform SLM of SLA breaches
10.3 APPLICATION MANAGEMENT

10.3.1 PURPOSE
The purpose of Application Management is to support the lifecycle of applications (requirements, development, build, deployment, operation, optimization, and retirement) that enhance the Department of Defense (DoD) ability to provide services in support of its mission.

10.3.2 SCOPE
The scope of Application Management encompasses the lifecycle of all applications, provided by a vendor or developed in-house, from understanding the strategic goals of DoD and its mission partners to the retirement or discontinued use of the application. This includes ensuring that the applications sustain the services in the production environment. Basically, this covers any software, other than operating systems and firmware that resides on the IT Infrastructure in support of DoD services.

10.3.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF APPLICATION MANAGEMENT
- Much greater focus on software and software development in support of service
- More efficient incident resolution related to applications issues
- Reduced cost of service implementations through better control of application configuration items
- Better visibility into the Application Management processes resulting in lower risks and higher quality
- A standard set of processes for deployment of software
- Centralized control of software licensing, control of software versioning, and the management of a definitive software library
- Better applications portfolio management through centralization and consistent analysis of software options and consolidation of software options
- Better at meeting cost, quality, schedule, and performance goals

10.3.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FUNCTIONS
- **Engineering** – Application Management provides specifications and maintenance information for the new or changed services
- **IT Operations** - Provides event management requirements to IT Operations, and guidance on operational management of the technology
- **Service Desk** – Coordinates with Application Management on any issues related to application incidents
- **Technical Management** – provides specifications to Technical Management for applications performance configuration and storage requirements

10.3.5 RELATIONSHIP TO PROCESSES
- **Capacity Management** – Determines resources required from infrastructure components for Capacity Management
- **Configuration Management** – Records application CI’s and changes to CI fields as they relate to deployment
- **Event Management** – Provides required alerts for IT Operations
- **Incident Management** – Provides resources for resolution of application incidents
- **Information Security Management** – Identifies security information for access to vendor software, and for any security bypasses used by purchased software, especially software used for monitoring
- **IT Service Continuity Management** – Plans for recovery services as related to applications
- **Problem Management** – Provides resources for resolution of application problems
- **Service Level Management** – Provides performance throughput information
- **Service Portfolio Management** – provides requirements and prioritization of application development efforts
- **Service Validation and Testing** – Provides testing of changes and services as related to applications, as part of the required segregation of duties.
- **Strategy Generation Management** - Provides requirements, needs and wants from stakeholders
- **Supplier Management** – supports and often manages suppliers of software
10.4 ENGINEERING

10.4.1 PURPOSE

Engineering designs, builds, and maintains services and products, to include supporting systems and infrastructure, (hardware and software,) that allows the Department of Defense (DoD) to successfully accomplish its mission. The systems and services must perform and function as required by the mission partner, allow for standardized integration into the architecture, meet agreed levels of reliability and availability, maintain data integrity, and be secure.

10.4.2 SCOPE

The scope of Engineering encompasses the entire lifecycle of the enterprise architecture. This includes from understanding the strategic goals of DOD and its mission partners, to the design, construction, and testing of new and changed services, deployments into production, and ensuring that the services are maintainable in the production environment. Engineering also ensures a structured problem-solving approach and the application of technical management processes such technical planning, configuration management, and technical assessments. Engineering may also need to take a role in the event a service is retired or discontinued.

10.4.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF ENGINEERING

Improved management - By defining processes for all of engineering projects to follow, schedules and budgets are better controlled, and higher quality is achieved

- Reduction in turnover impact – Standardized processes lessens the impact of staff turnover, and handing projects off to different teams
- Quality Assurance – Standardization of engineering processes ensures quality and compliance to various internal and external regulations
- Better C2 – Information flow is consistent with other functions through the service lifecycle
- Engineering projects should have governance and Domain phase gates for more consistent approvals and communication
- All engineering projects should have a holistic view of DoD services

Engineering should work with the user community to establish a rigorous requirements process that establishes a user approved baseline set of requirements; provides for requirements traceability to originating documents and to the various CIs, architectures, and test scenarios; and incorporates CM into the establishment of new requirements along with changes to existing requirements. This will enable better requirements definition up front in the planning and design phases.

10.4.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FUNCTIONS

- **Application Management** - Provides the software development and ongoing activities related to software that support the services designed in Engineering
- **IT Operations** - Provides event management requirements to engineering. Reports back to engineering on performance and trending analysis for service related issues
- **Service Desk** – Coordinates with Engineering on any issues related to changes to productions services and projected support related items from new and changed services
- **Technical Management** – Engineering provides specifications and maintenance information for the new or changed services in order to allow Technical Management to perform their custodial duties related to the infrastructure. Technical Management provides current configuration data to Engineering

10.4.5 RELATIONSHIP TO PROCESSES

- **Business Relationship Management** - Provides requirements, needs and wants from stakeholders
- **Change Management** – Approval of the service design package triggers engineering activities
- **Configuration Management** – Responsible for recording new infrastructure CIs and changes to CI fields as they relate to the new and changed services
- **Event Management** – Provides required alerts for IT Operations
- **Information Security Management** – Defines event management parameters related to security breaches. Defines security requirements for services
- **IT Service Continuity Management** – Plans for recovery of new and changed services
- **Service Level Management** – Provides engineering with requirements related to availability, capacity, and disaster recovery
- **Service Portfolio Management** – Determines strategy and priority for engineering projects
- **Service Validation and Testing** – Provides testing of changes and services, as part of the required segregation of duties.

### 10.4.6 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Many systems engineering process standards and models exist that describe best practices in accomplishing systems engineering. Some of the many sources available are listed below:

- ANSI/EIA 632, Processes for Engineering a System
- IEEE 1220, Application and Management of the Systems Engineering Process
- EIA 731, Systems Engineering Capability Model
- CMMI, Capability Maturity Model Integration
- Defense Acquisition Guidebook, Chapter 4
- AFI 63-1201, Life Cycle Systems Engineering
- IEEE/EIA 12207, Software Life Cycle Processes
- Air Force Weapon System Software Management Guidebook
10.5 IT OPERATIONS

10.5.1 PURPOSE
The purpose of IT Operations is to ensure alignment of three primary areas of responsibility with the DoD mission and services. These areas are:
- Management of the day-to-day activities supporting the IT infrastructure
- Operations Control
- Facilities Management

10.5.2 SCOPE
IT Operations encompasses all computer hardware (owned or deployed on behalf of DoD), all software that runs on the infrastructure, and all network components. It includes monitoring and reacting to events that impact the environment, job scheduling, performing backups and restores, output management and IT Service Continuity Management (ITSCM) activities. Command Centers, Data Centers, and outsourced facilities fall within the management scope of IT Operations.

10.5.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF IT OPERATIONS
- Continuous monitoring of services - Outages and performance degradation of services can be mitigated more efficiently through earlier detection
- Better conflict resolution – Centralized operations eliminates conflicting computer resources through holistic scheduling of events in the environment
- Cost reduction – IT Operations construct reduces duplicative efforts
- Better C2 – Single point of information flow ensures consistency in distribution of changing operational priorities
- CC/S/A and mission partners will better align IT Operations to DoD mission goals
- IT Operations should have SLAs, recognized cost of services, and agreement of requirements for moving new and changed services into production
- IT Operations is represented throughout the service lifecycle

10.5.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FUNCTIONS
- Application Management - Provides guidance to IT operations about how best to carry out the ongoing operational management of applications
- Engineering - Provides event management alerts. Assists in establishing monitoring and documentation for services
- Service Desk – Coordinates with IT Operations on any issues related to productions activities, job scheduling, and operational failures
- Technical Management – Provides technical knowledge and expertise related to managing the IT infrastructure

10.5.5 RELATIONSHIP TO PROCESSES
- Access Management – Provides support in granting access to mission partners and users as it relates to facilities
- Change Management – Coordinate maintenance and modifications to infrastructure components
- Configuration Management – Responsible for recording new infrastructure CIOs and changes to CI fields, such as location
- Event Management – Primary human responder to alerts
- Incident Management – Monitors for, records, and coordinates with the Service Desk for all infrastructure and job scheduling incidents
- Information Security Management – Assigns facilities and physical security processes and policies. Designs event management parameters related to security breaches
- IT Service Continuity Management – Primary executer of ITSCM plans. Primary tester of ITSCM plans
- Problem Management – Participates in problem resolution and trend analysis
- Service Level Management –Monitors and reports on events as related to SLAs. Owns recovery of infrastructure within SLA parameters. Function is prominent in OLAs
10.6 TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

10.6.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of Technical Management is to provide expertise and knowledge to build and maintain the infrastructure throughout the lifecycle of services to include design, testing, implementation, operations, and retirement. Technical Management ensures that the DoD has access to the right resources to manage technology in alignment with mission objectives and strategic goals.

10.6.2 SCOPE

The scope of Technical Management covers the lifecycle of the infrastructure, from understanding the strategic goals of DoD and its mission partners, to the design, construction, and testing of changes in support of the mission, to the deployments into production, while ensuring that the infrastructure supports the services in the production environment. Technical Management will take a role in the event a service is discontinued, or the infrastructure to maintain service levels requires upgrades or replacement to infrastructure components.

10.6.3 BENEFITS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF A TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT FUNCTION

- Individual infrastructure service components are managed more effectively because staff are adequately trained and skilled
- More efficient incident resolution related to infrastructure issues
- Reduced cost of service implementations through better control of infrastructure configuration items
- Better Financial Management and understanding of the relationship of high cost infrastructure to service.
- Structure should exist to set goals and plans for the technical department in business expertise and technology
- Establishment of training programs to move technicians into management

10.6.4 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER FUNCTIONS

- **Application Management** – provides specifications to technical management for infrastructure support requirements.
- **Engineering** – Technical Management provides specifications and maintenance information for the new or changed services
- **IT Operations** - Provides event management requirements to IT Operations, and guidance on operational management of the technology
- **Service Desk** – Coordinates with Technical Management on any issues related to infrastructure incidents

10.6.5 RELATIONSHIP TO PROCESSES

- **Business Relationship Management** - Provides requirements, needs and wants from stakeholders
- **Capacity Management** – Determines resources required from infrastructure components for capacity management
- **Configuration Management** – Responsible for recording new infrastructure CIs and changes to CI fields as they relate to infrastructure upgrades
- **Event Management** – Provides required alerts for IT Operations
- **Incident Management** – Provides resources for resolution of infrastructure incidents
- **Information Security Management** – Identifies security information for access to infrastructure components and firmware
- **IT Service Continuity Management** – Plans for recovery of new and changed services as related to infrastructure
- **Problem Management** – Provides resources for resolution of infrastructure problems
- **Service Level Management** – Provides performance throughput information.
- **Service Validation & Testing** – Provides testing of changes and services as related to infrastructure, as part of the required segregation of duties
- **Supplier Management** – supports and often manages suppliers of infrastructure components
11 REFERENCES

11.1 BODIES OF KNOWLEDGE & COLLABORATION

ISO/IEC 20000® – an international standard that promotes the adoption of an integrated process approach to effectively deliver managed services to meet business and mission partner requirements; ISO/IEC 20000 is well recognized as the world-wide standard for IT Service Management.

COBIT® (Control Objectives for Information and related Technology) - a business-oriented set of standards for guiding management in the sound use of information technology; COBIT® originates from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA).

ITIL® (Information Technology Information Library) – a globally recognized framework representing the most widely accepted best practices approach to IT Service Management in the world.

LSS (Lean Six Sigma) - a business management strategy focusing on the reduction of errors and variation through the use of quality management and statistical methods.

CMM (Capability Maturity Model) – a standard used to identify relative process maturity; the standard is used to benchmark process maturity and is used to aid organizational process-improvement

JCIDS (Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System) – Manual identified in the Appendix, provides further details regarding the DOTMLPF-P.

ITSM CoP (ITSM Community of Practice) – Located on the Defense Enterprise Portal, the ITSM CoP is available to anyone with a .mil email address and allows access to ITSM artifacts and news, including the DESMF and associated supplements.

APAN (All Partners Access Network) - an unclassified network allowing information exchange and collaboration between the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and any external country, organization, Agency or individual that does not have ready access to traditional DoD systems and networks (non .mil email addresses). APAN provides access to the DESMF, allowing industry partners to participate in its development.

NPRM (Naval Process Reference Model)* - a model developed by the U.S. Navy ITSMO; based on industry best practices including ITIL, ISO 20k, and COBIT 5.0. It covers 34 ITSM processes and some process details were leveraged for the DESMF. It defines high-level components of each process, including purpose, scope, outcomes, activities/tasks, interfaces, information work products, metrics, roles and responsibilities, etc.

Navy Service Quality Management (SQM) Guide* – developed by the U.S. Navy ITSMO, this guide describes the approach to establish, implement, and maintain services quality. It provides quality management guidance and best practices applicable to any IT network, system or acquisition program. It provides guidance on continual improvement to increase customer satisfaction and improve efficiencies which includes the adoption of a process approach.

Navy Process Capability Assessment Model and Tool* – an approach and tool developed by the U.S. Navy ITSMO to evaluate and measure the competency of a particular process to meet its intended purpose, outcomes, and alignment with business mission. The capability model provides a set of attributes for each process to determine how the process is performed, managed, predicted and optimized.

Navy Performance Management Guide* – a 4 step approach developed by the U.S. Navy ITSMO for an IT Performance Management process which consists of a logical sequence of activities that focus on up-front planning and aligning IT with the goals and mission of the business.

*For more information, contact the Navy ITSMO at ITSMO@navy.mil or visit the portal at https://www.milsuite.mil/wiki/Navy_IT_Service_Management_Office.
11.2 GOVERNMENT ISSUANCES OR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

DoD Instruction 8500.01, “Cybersecurity”, March 14, 2014


DoD Instruction 8510.01, “Risk Management Framework (RMF) for DoD Information Technology (IT)”, March 12, 2014

NIST – Risk Management Framework (RMF) Applied to Information Security Management (SEC) found in Edition III Appendix

DoD COOP policy, DoDD 3020.26
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13 GLOSSARY

In most cases, the definitions provided in the ITIL V3 glossary are used. The definitions in this glossary supersede those in the ITIL glossary.

**Configuration Item:** Any component or other service asset that needs to be managed in order to deliver an IT service. Information about each configuration item is recorded in a configuration record within the configuration management system and is maintained throughout its lifecycle by service asset and configuration management. Configuration items are under the control of change management. They typically include IT services, hardware, software, products, buildings, people and formal documentation such as process documentation and service level agreements. (Source: ITIL V.3 2011)

**Critical Success Factor (CSFs):** Something that must happen if an IT service, process, plan, project or other activity is to succeed. Key performance indicators are used to measure the achievement of each critical success factor. For example, a critical success factor of ‘protect IT services when making changes’ could be measured by key performance indicators such as ‘percentage reduction of unsuccessful changes’, ‘percentage reduction in changes causing incidents’ etc. (Source: ITIL V.3 2011)

**Feature:** A configuration or add-on to a product, something that may be selected from that products list of characteristics to enable functions or capabilities, often associated with additional cost for the service or product. (Source: HP Cloud Support Model, DISA ITSM Instruction)

**Key Performance Indicator (KPI):** KPIs are selected metrics used to measure the achievement of critical success factors (CSFs). There may be many metrics, but only the most important metrics are defined as key performance indicators and used to actively manage and report on the process or IT service. KPIs should be selected to ensure that efficiency and cost effectiveness are managed.

**Policies** are formally documented management expectations and intentions. Policies are used to direct decisions, and to ensure consistent and appropriate development and implementation of processes, standards, roles, activities, IT Infrastructure etc.

**Procedure** is a document containing steps that specify how to achieve an activity. Procedures are defined as a part of processes. As such, a change to a procedure does not necessarily change a process, just as a change to a process does not necessitate a policy change.

**Process** is a structured set of activities designed to accomplish a specific objective. A process takes one or more defined inputs and turns them into defined outputs. A process may include any of the roles, responsibilities, tools and management controls required to reliably deliver the outputs.

**Product:** A CI or collection of CIs that have physical characteristics, are manufactured, and are used to deliver a capability or function or series of capabilities and functions. A product is often a subset of a service, but never vice versa. In addition to this a product may be utilized by one or more services and must be fit for purpose for all services utilizing the product. (Source: HP Cloud Support Model, DISA ITSM Instruction)

**Service:** A service is a means of delivering value comprised of people, processes and technology perceived by Customers and Users as a self-contained, single, coherent entity that enables them to achieve mission objectives and functions. (Source: ISO 20000, COBIT 5, ITIL V2 & 3)

**Vital Business Function:** A Function of a Business Process which is critical to the success of DISA. Vital Business Functions are supported by critical business services -- those services the business depends upon. Vital Business Functions are an important consideration of Business Continuity Management, IT Service Continuity Management and Availability Management.
APPENDIX A: “DESMF - A JOURNEY IN MANAGING SERVICE – DISA PERSPECTIVE”

A framework this involved, complex and intermingled with other frameworks, methodologies and standards is difficult to articulate and illustrate pictorially. This excerpt provides dialogue and a graphical representation of one “snapshot” of the interaction between ITSM Service Domains and processes from the DISA perspective. This supporting verbiage and the illustrations are not meant to be an all-inclusive rationalization of the framework, but rather a substantiation of the dichotomy that exists between the simplicity of process to process interaction and the multi-process orchestration that is paramount when implementing this framework. The circled numbers correlate to graphics.

A Journey in Managing Service – One Snapshot

Leading up to: 1

Mission partner needs and requirements are the driving forces from which DISA garners strategy and allocates investments to support. The Service Portfolio is the repository of all services. Services that are available to mission partners are shown on the Service Catalog. The remainder of the services is under consideration to either be provided or retired.

The Change Management process can launch the Service Portfolio Management process if and when there’s a request for a major change to an existing service. When the decision has been made to create a new service or make a major change to an existing service, Design Coordination is initiated and is responsible for coordinating all service design activities, processes and resources.

Design Coordination is accountable for ensuring the consistent and effective design of the new or changed service. This is achieved through engaging Integrated Project Teams (IPT) which consists of members from all business units, i.e., Networking, Computing, Applications, Cybersecurity, etc., as required, to complete the initial service design analysis.

Design Coordination activities include coordinating with other Service Design processes (Service Level Management, Availability and Capacity Management, IT Service Continuity and Information Security Management, etc.) and service and product owners to gather information about the infrastructure, technology stack, required resources, and functional area requirements for the service.
The Design Coordinator is responsible for presenting the initial design analysis or service solution to appropriate decision gates, i.e. Chief Engineering Panel (CEP) and Change Management, in order to ensure it conforms to strategic, architectural, governance and other Agency requirements.

Change Management is engaged from the aspect that information is accumulated and recorded which enable management reporting and phased documentation as the change progresses through its lifecycle. Congruently, Business Relationship Management, Demand Management and Financial Management processes have concepts about what the mission partner will pay and what the potential demand is for the service.

Service Portfolio Management assesses this information and recommendations are made to the EXCOM. EXCOM approval may result in updates to Service Portfolio and Service Catalog.

Once the Service is chartered, Design Coordination reengages with required IPT members to fully design the service and produce a detailed Service Design Package (SDP). Details are fleshed out in great depth across the spectrum of needed support, ensuring the resources are considered and will be in place, when the service is deployed. This culminates in a very thorough and comprehensive Service Design Package (SDP) which has been vetted with processes from the other Domains.
Design Coordination presents the completed SDP to appropriate decision gates, i.e. Chief Engineering Panel (CEP) and prior to Service Transition Planning and Support. These two processes should be interfaced to ensure consistent overall plans and resource schedules.

Prior to releasing the service into the testing environment and employing the Service Validation and Testing process, various aspects of the service are refined through engaging other processes, such as Asset and Configuration Management, Financial and Supplier Management and Change Management.

Test results are supplied to appropriate decision gates, i.e. Change Management. If testing of the service renders positive and expected outcomes and meets the design specification and mission partner needs, the service is deployed into the production environment. Post implementation activities include a formal assessment of the new or changed service through the Change Evaluation process. Service sustainment is accomplished through the Service Operations Domain which coordinates and carries out activities to deliver and manage the service at the agreed service levels. All information about the service including the SDP is incorporated into the overall Service Knowledge Management System (SKMS).

In Conclusion:
This excerpt is one pathway from one perspective in the ‘Journey in Managing Services’. Process relationships and integrations have many permutations and levels of abstraction, juxtapositions based on the uniqueness of the organization (size, culture, core competencies, process maturity level etc.) and service provided (number and/or complexity of services).
APPENDIX B: ISO/IEC 20000 STANDARDS INFORMATION

ISO/IEC 20000, Information Technology Service Management comprises several volumes published as part of a comprehensive overhaul of the standard between 2004 and 2011. Parts 1 – 5 were used for this edition. They will be collectively referred to as ISO 20000-#, such as ISO 20000-1 for Part 1.

- ISO/IEC 20000-1:2011, Information Technology Service Management Part 1: Service Management System Requirements. Defines the Service Management System. It contains descriptions for general requirements; design and transition of new or changed services; and the requirements for service delivery, relationship, resolutions, and control processes. It contains specific “shall statements, for each topic, such as “All incidents shall be recorded.”
- ISO/IEC 20000-2:2012, Information Technology Service Management Part 2: Code of Practice (ISO 20k-2) ISO 20k-2 has a similar structure to ISO 20k-1, but comprises the code of practice. It is a document with hundreds of "recommendations" a service provider should take into consideration when attempting to meet the requirements. ISO 20k-2 is similar in intention to ITIL v3, in that it describes a body of practice.
- Other documents from ISO/IEC 20000 that will be or are integrated into the DESMF include:
  - ISO/IEC 20000-3:2012, Information Technology Service Management Part 3: Guidance on Scope Definition and Applicability of ISO/IEC 20000-1 (ISO 20k-3). ISO 20k-3 describes how to appropriately scope ISO 20k compliance in a variety of service provider environments. It is extremely useful in creating “will/shall” accountability statements for use in multi-provider operations. This is a critical component for generating specific contract language to ensure contractor accountability to ITSM obligations, while allowing them the flexibility to execute tasks according to their own methods.
  - ISO/IEC TR 20000-4:2010, Information Technology Service Management Part 4: Process Reference Model (ISO 20k-4). ISO 20k-4 is structured similarly to ISO 20k Parts 1 & 2. It contains a series of tables for each identified process or other area. The contents of each table identify the context, purpose, outcomes, and requirements traceability to other ISO 20k documents. It serves as a ready reference guide for directing and controlling activities within the Service Management System (SMS).
    - For instances where spiral or iterative process development and implementation means that one or more processes may have to address an external dependency on another process that is not mature enough to fulfill the requirement, ISO 20000-4 provides guidance.
  - ISO/IEC TR 20000-5:2010, Information Technology Service Management Part 5: Exemplar Implementation Plan for ISO/IEC 20000-1 (ISO 20k-5). ISO 20k-5 contains detailed guidance for a three-phased approach for implementing the SMS. It contains an extremely useful set of tables and checklists for the implementation program, and is mapped directly to the overall SMS that ISO 20k describes. It provides a very detailed and pragmatic starting point for ITSM implementation and improvement efforts.
Figure 2 — Processes in the process reference model
APPENDIX C: DOD ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK (DoDAF)

The Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF) serves as the overarching, comprehensive framework and conceptual model enabling the development of architectures to facilitate the ability of Department of Defense (DoD) managers at all levels to make key decisions more effectively through organized information sharing across the Department, Joint Capability Areas (JCAs), Mission, Component, and Program boundaries. It is the Department’s means for standardizing representation of architecture information. The DoDAF serves as one of the principal pillars supporting the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) in his/her responsibilities for development and maintenance of architectures required under the Clinger-Cohen Act. It also reflects guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, and other Departmental directives and instructions. The current version, DoDAF V2.0 focuses on architectural data, rather than on developing individual products as described in previous versions. In general, data can be collected, organized, and stored by a wide range of architecture tools developed by commercial sources.

The purpose of DoDAF 2.0 is to support more effective decision-making by using consistent, model-based architectures that describe the relationships between mission- and operational requirements in terms of information, data, performers, and actions.

DoDAF is prescribed for the use and development of architectural models. Not all DoDAF-prescribed models need to be created. DoDAF V2.0 is “Fit-for-Purpose”, based on decision-maker needs. DoDAF concentrates on data as the necessary ingredient for architecture development. Key process owners will decide which architecture models are required. However, regulations and instructions from both DoD and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) have particular presentation view requirements. In other words, if a model is created, it must be according to standard.

DoDAF V2.0 Viewpoints

In DoDAF V2.0, architectural viewpoints are composed of data that has been organized to facilitate understanding. To align with ISO Standards, where appropriate, the terminology has changed from Views to Viewpoint (e.g., the Operational View is now the Operational Viewpoint).

![Diagram of DoDAF V2.0 Viewpoints](image-url)

**Figure C-1 - Diagram of DoDAF V2.0 Viewpoints**
Types of viewpoints include the following:

- **All Viewpoint (AV)** - Describes the overarching aspects of architecture context that relate to all viewpoints.
- **Capability Viewpoint (CV) (New in DoDAF V2.0)** - Articulates the capability requirements, the delivery timing, and the deployed capability.
- **Data and Information Viewpoint (DIV) (New in DoDAF V2.0)** - Articulates the data relationships and alignment structures in the architecture content for the capability and operational requirements, system engineering processes, and systems and services.
- **Operational Viewpoint (OV)** - Includes the operational scenarios, activities, and requirements that support capabilities.
- **Project Viewpoint (PV) (New in DoDAF V2.0)** - Describes the relationships between operational and capability requirements and the various projects being implemented. The Project Viewpoint also details dependencies among capability and operational requirements, system engineering processes, systems design, and services design within the Defense Acquisition System process.
- **Services Viewpoint (SvcV) (New in DoDAF V2.0)** - Presents the design for solutions articulating the Performers, Activities, Services, and their Exchanges, providing for or supporting operational and capability functions.
- **Standards Viewpoint (StdV) (Renamed from Technical Standards View TV)** - Articulates the applicable operational, business, technical, and industry policies, standards, guidance, constraints, and forecasts that apply to capability and operational requirements, system engineering processes, and systems and services.
- **Systems Viewpoint (SV)** - Articulates, for Legacy support, the design for solutions articulating the systems, their composition, interconnectivity, and context providing for or supporting operational and capability functions.

The following viewpoints support the Service Management Lifecycle:

- AV-1 Overview and Summary Information
- AV-2 Integrated Dictionary
- CV-1 Capability Vision
- CV-2 Capability Taxonomy
- CV-3 Capability Phasing
- CV-4 Capability Dependencies
- CV-5 Capability to Organizational Development Mapping
- CV-6 Capability to Operational Activities Mapping
- CV-7 Capability to Services Mapping
- OV-1 High-Level Operational Concept Graphic
- OV-2 Operational Resource Flow Description
- OV-4 Organizational Resource Flow Matrix
- OV-5A Operational Activity Decomposition Tree
- OV-5B Operational Activity Model
- OV-6C Event/Trace Description
- SvcV-2 Systems Resource Flow Description
- SvcV-6 Systems Resource Flow Matrix
- StdV-1 (Final IT Standards Profile generated by the DISR online)
- StdV-2 Standards Forecast
- Svc-5 Operational Activity to Services Traceability Matrix
- Svc-7 Services Measures Matrix
- Svc-8 Services Evolution Description
APPENDIX D: DOCTRINE, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, MATERIEL, LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION, PERSONNEL, FACILITIES AND POLICY (DOTMLPF-P)

At the organization’s discretion and if applicable, the Service Owner for each IT Service is responsible to include a requirements assessment within the Service Strategy of their service. The requirements assessment will include capability analysis of the Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership and education, Personnel, Facilities and Policy (DOTMLPF-P) areas to determine if a new service (as documented in an Initial Capabilities Document (ICD)) or revision of an existing service (as documented in a DOTMLPF-P Change Request (DCR)) is needed. The Service Strategy will be reviewed annually in support of the Program Evaluation Group (PEG) funding cycle to ensure each DOTMLPF-P area is compatible with the Joint Information Environment (JIE). If an ICD is created, the information will then be forwarded to the Service Design domain and the Design Coordinator to continue development. If a DCR is created to initiate an improvement, the recommendation will also be executed via a Service Improvement Plan (SIP), as part of the Continual Service Improvement (CSI) domain.

The following descriptions for each of the DOTMLPF-P areas is copied from paragraph 4b(2) of the Manual for the Operation of the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS), JCIDS Manual, 19 Jan 2012. A hyperlink to this document is located in the Reference section.

a) **Doctrine.** Fundamental principles that guide the employment of US military forces in coordinated action toward a common objective. Though neither policy nor strategy, joint doctrine serves to make US policy and strategy effective in the application of US military power. Joint doctrine is based on extant capabilities in accordance with reference z. Joint doctrine is authoritative guidance and will be followed except when, in the judgment of the commander, exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise.

b) **Organization.** A joint unit or element with varied functions enabled by a structure through which individuals cooperate systematically to accomplish a common mission and directly provide or support joint warfighting capabilities. Subordinate units and elements coordinate with other units and elements and, as a whole, enable the higher-level joint unit or element to accomplish its mission. This includes the joint staffing (military, civilian, and contractor support) required to plan, operate, sustain, and reconstitute joint warfighting capabilities.

c) **Training.** Training, including mission rehearsals, of individuals, units, and staffs using joint doctrine or joint tactics, techniques, and procedures to prepare joint forces or joint staffs to respond to strategic, operational, or tactical requirements considered necessary by the CCMDs to execute their assigned or anticipated missions.

d) **Materiel.** All items (including ships, tanks, self-propelled weapons, aircraft, etc., and related spares, repair parts, and support equipment, but excluding real property, installations, and utilities) necessary to equip, operate, maintain, and support joint military activities without distinction as to its application for administrative or combat purposes. The letter “m” in the acronym is usually lower case since Joint DOTMLPF Change Recommendations (DCRs) do not advocate new materiel development, but rather advocate increased quantities of existing materiel capability solutions or use in alternate applications.

e) **Leadership and Education.** Professional development of the joint leader is the product of a learning continuum that comprises training, experience, education, and self-improvement. The role of joint professional military education is to provide the education needed to complement training, experience, and self-improvement to produce the most professionally competent individuals possible.

f) **Personnel.** The personnel component primarily ensures that qualified personnel exist to support joint capability requirements. This is accomplished through synchronized efforts of joint force commanders and DoD components to optimize personnel support to the joint force to ensure success of ongoing peacetime, contingency, and wartime operations.

g) **Facilities.** Real property consisting of one or more of the following: buildings, structures, utility systems, associated roads and other pavements, and underlying land. Key facilities are defined as command installations and industrial facilities of primary importance to the support of military operations or military production programs. A key facilities list is prepared under the policy direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

h) **Policy.** Any DoD, inter-agency or international policy issues that may prevent effective implementation of changes in the other seven DOTMLPF-P elemental areas.
APPENDIX E: NIST – RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (RMF) APPLIED TO INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT (SEC) \(^1\)

**Purpose**

For Information Security Management processes that come under NIST 800-53 requirements, this is a Process Workflow to consider. NIST Information Security Management ensures that security controls required to perform service management activities effectively protect information and information systems. The NIST Information Security Management activities delineated in the Process Workflow will correlate to the dashed circle in the figure below.

The figure below identifies (non-authoritative) relationships between RMF for DoD IT, DIACAP and the DoD 5000 Acquisition Framework. The figure is currently in DRAFT:

Information Security Management Activity Level Workflow

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\(^1\) Refer to DoD 8500 Series for authoritative requirements for Information Security Management
Information Security risk measures and controls are applied [SEC5] Information Security incidents are enumerated and recorded [SEC6] Information Security concerns are communicated to stakeholders and interested parties [SEC8] The impact of changes on Information Security are evaluated and reported [SEC8]

Activity Level Workflow

Activities²

[SEC1] Establish Information Security Management Framework

This activity defines all direction, guidance, policies, and procedures for how the process will be performed. All of this is collectively referred to as the “process framework” and is used as reference information for all other activities. This information is reviewed in the Evaluate Process Performance activity, which generates recommendations for making changes and improvements to the process framework. The process framework is a collection of information, not necessarily a single document.

[SEC2] Create and Sustain Security Policy or Directive

This activity incorporates the aims and objectives for the security that is to be established and operated in relation to IT services and resources. It maintains relevancy as circumstances change for both the IT service provider and its customer set. It works within the limits set for the security policy of the mission as outlined in public law, applicable DoD instructions and directives, modifying or extending its coverage to include aspects specific to information technology to enable compliance with existing regulations.

Referring to the following documents for additional guidance is encouraged.³

- OMB 2011 FISMA Reporting Guidance, Memorandum-11-33, regarding security reauthorization, “Continuous monitoring programs fulfill the three year security reauthorization requirement…”

² Activities assume transition from DIACAP to RMF for DoD IT
³ The list of references may not be exhaustive. DoD 8500 series is currently the authoritative source for DoD Cybersecurity requirements.
• NIST SP 800-37, Revision 1, regarding security reauthorization, “…agencies are expected to conduct ongoing authorizations of information systems through the implementation of continuous monitoring programs.”
• NIST SP 800-30, Revision 1, Guide for Conducting Risk Assessments
• NIST SP 800-160, Security Engineering Guideline
• Update to NIST SP 800-53A, Revision 2, Guide for Assessing the Security Controls in Federal Information Systems and Organizations
• Federal Information Processing Standards Publication (FIPS PUB) 200, March 2006, Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems*
• CNSS Instruction 1253

[SEC3] Categorize Information Systems
This activity involves categorizing information systems based on, at a minimum, FIPS 199 impact assessments.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev. 4

This activity assigns or verifies the Mission Assurance Category (MAC) level and security classification level of information assets in order to support the Certification and Accreditation (C&A) of information systems.

Refer to DoD 8500 series for current DoD requirements, as well as NIST Special Publication 800-60 for additional guidance.

[SEC4] Select Security Controls
This activity involves selecting an initial set of baseline security controls based on the results of the security categorization and applying tailoring guidance (including the potential use of overlays).

Once a baseline set of security controls are chosen, the tailoring process is used to modify and align the controls more closely with the conditions within an organization. These conditions may be related to the organization’s mission, business, function, information systems, or environments of operation, which requires the use of a tailoring process.

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4 For [SEC3] through [SEC8], refer to the DoD 8500 Series for authoritative guidance.
5 For National Security Systems, refer to CNSS Instruction 1253 for guidance on this activity.
6 For National Security Systems, refer to CNSS Instruction 1253 for guidance on this activity.
This activity identifies enterprise security threats, vulnerabilities and risks. It includes mitigation recommendations based on analysis and policy guidance from DoD Instruction (DoDI) 8500 series.

An organizational assessment of risk validates the initial security control selection and determines if additional controls are needed to protect organizational operations (including mission, functions, image, or reputation), organizational assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation. The resulting set of security controls establishes a level of information security due diligence for the organization. [Information security due diligence includes using all the appropriate information as part of an organization-wide risk management program to effectively use the tailoring guidance and inherent flexibility in NIST publications so that the selected security controls documented in organizational security plans meet the mission and business requirements of organizations.]

A requirements definition approach and a gap analysis approach may be used in selecting security controls and control enhancements to supplement initial baselines. Organizations can select additional security controls and control enhancements from appendix F of NIST 800-53. Requirements definition focuses on defensive capability or cyber preparedness for new development. Gap analysis begins with an organizational assessment of current defensive capability or level of cyber preparedness. Gap analysis can apply to both information systems and external service providers.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev. 4

[SEC5] Implement Security Controls

This activity involves implementing the security controls and documenting the design, development and implementation details of the controls.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev. 4

This activity establishes the Security plan in compliance with DoDI 8500 series, and CJCS 6510 series. It defines and creates an appropriate security infrastructure and procedures, translates actions in the plan to security directives, and communicates them. It also makes Request for Change in the environment to realize the Security Plan.

[SEC6] Assess Security Controls

This activity involves assessing the security controls to determine the extent to which the controls are implemented correctly, operating as intended, and producing the desired outcome with respect to meeting the security requirements for the system.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev. 4
This activity executes prescribed information security controls and procedures throughout the enterprise by operating and activating protections within IT solutions and services. This activity monitors the full range of information security measures and capabilities, responds to service or authorization requests, and monitors real-time intrusion prevention/detection with established response criteria, in addition to noting information security violations and initiating incidents when required.

[SEC7] Authorize Information Systems

This activity involves authorizing information systems based on a determination of risk to organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, and the Nation resulting from the operation and use of the information system and the decision that this risk is acceptable.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev 4

This activity has a strong relationship with [SEC6].


This activity involves monitoring the security controls in the information system and environment of operation on an ongoing basis to determine control effectiveness, changes to the systems/environment, and compliance to legislation, Executive Orders, directives, policies, regulations, and standards.

Source: NIST 800-53 Rev. 4

This activity addresses review of security controls and mechanisms and determines whether they effectively implement security policies and procedures as described in DOD 8500 Series, and the SEC Security Plan. This activity manages documented information security violations. Security Assessments such as Blue or Red Team inspections and audits occur in this activity.


This activity describes the tasks required to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Information Security Management process. It includes the capture of information on records, the relationship with other process areas, and the suitability of procedures and training. It is used as a basis to ensure the Information Security Management process remains fit for purpose and identifies where changes to the process might be required.

7 [SEC8] is synonymous with Step 6, monitor security controls in the RMF Framework.
The enhanced Telecom Operations Map (eTOM) is a widely used Business Process Framework in the service providers' industry because it provides important benefits, such as:

- It makes available a standard structure, terminology, and classification scheme for describing business processes and their constituent building blocks
- It supplies a foundation for applying enterprise-wide discipline to the development of business processes
- It provides a basis for understanding and managing portfolios of IT applications in terms of business process requirements
- It enables the creation of consistent and high-quality end-to-end process flows, with opportunities for cost and performance improvement, and for re-use of existing processes and systems
- Its use across the industry will increase the likelihood that off-the-shelf applications will be readily integrated into the enterprise, at a lower cost than custom-built applications.

The focus of eTOM is on business processes used by service providers, the linkages between these processes, the identification of interfaces, and use of customer, service, resource, supplier, and other information by multiple processes.

Additional information concerning eTOM can be found at the TeleManagement Forum website:

**eTOM-ITIL Similarities and Differences**

Although both eTOM and ITIL frameworks overlap in scope and have a similar approach of presenting a process view of the enterprise, there are also many differences between them. ITIL provides a framework of best practices guidance for IT service management. Just like eTOM, it is developed through consensus and is based on industry experience. Unlike the eTOM or ITIL however, ISO 20000 is a standard that has a basis in ITIL and provides standard practices for some ITIL practices against which certification can be assessed.

The table below compares and contrasts eTOM and ITIL.
### eTOM to ITIL Mapping Table

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<td><strong>Context</strong></td>
<td>eTOM is a prescriptive catalog of Process Element categories and a total business process framework for the ICT industry.</td>
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| **Objective**        | • Provides a business process blueprint or service providers to streamline their end-to-end processes.  
                      | • Enables effective communication and common vocabularies with the enterprise as well as with customers and suppliers. | • Aligns IT services with the current and future needs of the business and its customers.  
                      |                                                                 | • Improves the quality of the IT services delivered.  
                      |                                                                 | • Reduces long-term costs of service provision. |
| **Scope**            | • Provides a top-down hierarchical view of business processes across the whole enterprise and does not address how these processes are supported by automation or human action.  
                      | • Processes are developed through iterative decomposition.  
                      | • Identifies the commonality of enterprise processes required among similar services for delivering high-quality, end-to-end service management.  
                      | • Primary focus is service delivery to external customers. | • The ITIL processes represent flows in a number of key operational areas, with a strong orientation towards how these processes will map onto IT support environments.  
                      |                                                                 | • Processes are developed through flows.  
                      |                                                                 | • Offers advice and guidance on the implementation and continued delivery of service management.  
                      |                                                                 | • Primary focus is serving internal IT customers. |
| **Adoption**         | eTOM was adopted as ITU international standards for the Telecom Sector, and primarily used by service providers in the ICT industry. ETOM is advanced by TM Forum: www.tmforum.org. | ITIL is a set of best practices that is used by many companies worldwide and continues to be advanced by ITSMF local chapters: www.itsmf.com. |
| **Implementation**   | eTOM is a framework; the implementation will be different from organization to organization. | ITIL is a framework. The implementation will be different from organization to organization. |
| **Compliance**       | eTOM compliance is achieved through certification of tools and applications that apply the eTOM processes to the product. | ITIL is not a standard or set of regulations. Nothing can be deemed ITIL compliant. Processes and organizations can be assessed against ISO 20000. |
APPENDIX G: SERVICE RISK MANAGEMENT

The addition of a Service Risk Management process would put into place a group to address risk across the entire organization and across the other ITSM Domains. This group will:

• execute processes and activities (as established or as referenced below)
• formally capture risks and derive plans to mitigate risks along the entire service lifecycle
• develop methods to quantitatively and qualitatively provide information that will help in decision making

The Service Risk Management Owner may choose to utilize the role of Service Risk Manager(s) and/or Service <Domain Name> Risk Management Analyst to reside in and/or interact with each of the Service Domains.

It is recommended to develop a ‘Risk Registry’ to capture and store information about risks. This will assist in the development of a Risk Plan and identify risks that do or do not have mitigation activities addressed.

As risk identification is critical to most if not all processes, this excerpt will address interaction at the Service Domain level.

Service Strategy Domain:

Risk analysis will be an integral part of Service Strategy. Understanding risks should be a priority for these processes:

• Strategy Generation Management (SGM)
• Business Relationship Management (BRM)
• Demand Management (DM)
• Financial Management for IT Services (FM)

These are critical in order to execute the overall strategy and achieve mission goals.

Service Design Domain:

Understanding the risks for the Service Strategy Domain is vital to further address risks that are possible during Service Design. All processes with the Service Design Domain should be considered paramount to managing risks.

Service Transition Domain:

All processes should be a consideration for risk analysis. Priority may be given to Release and Deployment Management (RDM), Asset Management (AM), Change Management (ChM) and Transition Planning & Support (TPS). Mitigating risks at this domain will reduce the severity of negative outcomes for the production environment and operations.

Service Operations Domain:

All processes should have risk analysis incorporated in the development and improvement of the process.
**High Level Service Risk Management Process and Activities:**

This graphic depicts the Service Risk Management process and a few details around activities.

Candidate **inputs** to Service Risk Management:
- Strategy Generation Plans
- Service Design Package
- Service Transition Plan
- Information Security Management Plan
- Service Level Agreements
- Cost Management Plan
- Current Risk Registry

Candidate **outputs** of Service Risk Management:
- Risk Mitigation Plans
- Quantitative Analysis
- Qualitative Analysis
- Updated Risk Registry
APPENDIX H: POC FOR DESMF EDITION III

Those listed below graciously offered to be contacted regarding information and/or assistance either about the DESMF or about ITSM efforts in their organization.

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