Lean Aircraft Initiative Plenary Workshop

Product Development Team



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Product Development Cycle Time Reduction

Research and Framing



Cycle Time Structure





DoD Product Development Time



System Type

All Major Defense Acquisitions Programs. Milestone 1 to First Operational Delivery Data from RAND Selected Acquisition Report Database. Current as of Dec 1994.



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Year of First Operational Delivery

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Commercial Cycle Time Reduction Efforts

- Reducing Product Development Cycle Time is the Organizing Focus For Improvements in Commercial Product Development Processes
- 'Key to Making Changes in the System'
- Obvious Commercial/Competitive Advantages
 - Dramatic Decreases in Cycle Time Achieved
 - Increased Quality
 - Decreased Development Costs
 - Dramatic Increases in Number of Products

Leading Metric of Product Development Effectiveness



Commercial Success at Shortening Cycle Times

Industry	Old Time	Current	Goal
Automobile	7 years	2 years	<1.5 years
Commercial Aircraft	8-10 years	5 years	2 1/2 years
Commercial Spacecraft	8 years	1.5 years	1 year
Consumer Electronics	2 years	.5 years	

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LAI Product Development Cycle Time Related Research





Research Briefing Overview

- Programmatic Aspects
 - "The Role of the Schedule Development Process" Ross McNutt Small group discussions
- Management and Organization Aspects
 - "Process Redesign and Management Using the Design Structure Matrix Method"
 - Tyson Browning and David Grose (Boeing, Seattle)
- Engineering Aspects
 - "IPPD Process and First Time Capability" Mario Vitale (Boeing, St. Louis) and Tim Cunningham