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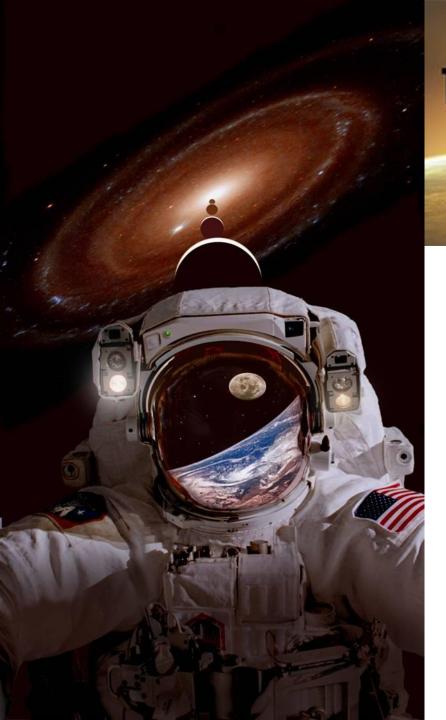
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## Background

#### Retired Air Force

- Nuclear Weapons
- ICBMs
- Retired Lockheed Martin
  - Manager, Science of Learning and Performance Improvement
  - Chief Training Systems Architect for winning Crew Exploration Vehicle proposal

PhD, Specialization in Training and Performance Improvement

 Dissertation – Training NASA Astronauts for Deep Space Exploration Missions: A Research Study to Develop and Validate a Competency-Based Training Framework

## Two Visions

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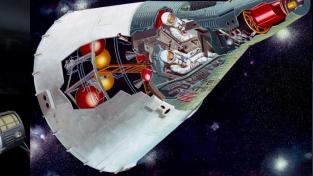
## NASA New Space Exploration Vision

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## USA Human Space Flight Evolution











Frank Hughes, Retired Chief of NASA/JSF Space Flight Training (1993-1999) - A space pioneer who started his 33 year NASA career in 1966 as a Simulator Instructor

To return to the Moon and on to Mars, we must update, economize, and shorten the space preparation process.

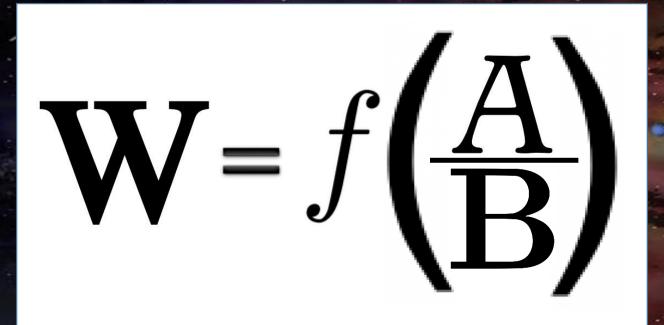
- Astronaut Training Mercury 200 training hours → ISS 3,000 training hours
- Does not include costs of non-astronaut training

Training time growth reflects evolution of spacecraft missions and complexities

- Type 1 Spacecraft Can return to Earth's surface
  - Repair Depot If it breaks and we can't repair in space, we can bring it home and fix it
- Type 2 Spacecraft Cannot return to Earth's surface
  - Complex, Expensive Logistics System Must stockpile or transport spares/repairs as quickly as possible
- Type 3 Spacecraft Totally autonomous Moon and Mars missions
  - Can't easily return to Earth
  - Must include all spare parts, crew skills, consumables, etc. on board before departing Earth
  - "Houston, we have a problem" communication time delay challenge

A critical challenge is how do we reduce the time to and cost of proficiency required by today's fiscal constraints?

## Human Competence Equation



Human competence is a function of worthy performance (W), which is a function (f) of the ratio of valuable accomplishments (A) to costly behavior (B).

## Key Definitions

Term	Definition				
Accomplishments	The consequences (output or result) produced by behaviors.				
Behaviors	The tangible acts or decisions of individuals, groups, or organizations.				
Competence	A collection of knowledge, skills, abilities, or characteristics that reside in an individual needed to meet a competency standard. Competence is achieved when the individual exhibits or performs at the level of proficiency required by the competency (i.e., behaviors).				
Compotonov	A collection of knowledge, skills, abilities and characteristics associated with a specified level of job				

Competency

A collection of knowledge, skills, abilities and characteristics associated with a specified level of job performance required by the organization. Some define competencies from a task, result, or output perspective.

A set of behavioral markers and the ability to apply them to new situations and environments within the context of human space flight. (ISS Human Behavior & Performance Competency Model)

## **Competency-Based Training Components**

## Compliance Capabilities

Knowledge Skills Attitudes

#### Attributes

Abilities Attitudes Behaviors Characteristics Motives Talents Traits

# NASA Competency Management System "Competencies are the common thread that tie the elements of workforce management together."

#### **ISS Human Behavior and Performance Competencies**

- Self-Care/Self-Management
- Communication
- Cross Cultural
- Teamwork and Group Living
- Leadership/Followership
- Conflict Management
- Situational Awareness
- Decision Making and Problem Solving

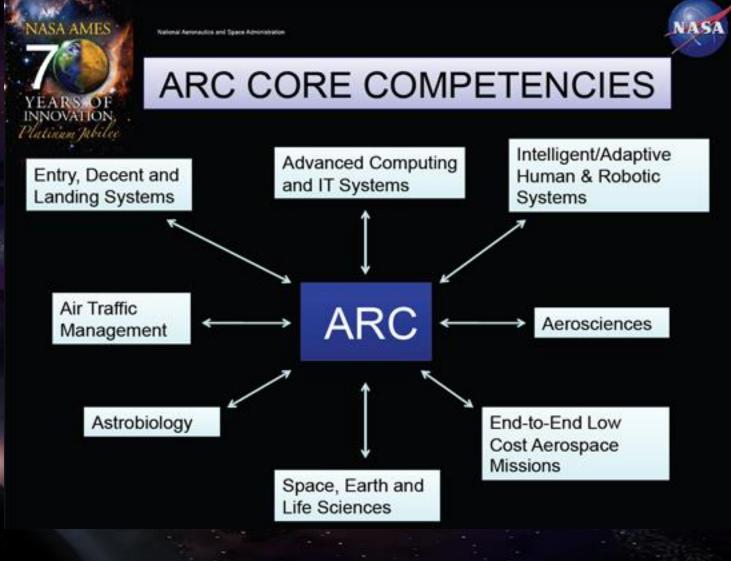
#### **NASA Systems Engineering Competencies**

- Concepts and Architecture
- System Design
- Production, Product Transition, Operations
- Technical Management
- Project Management and Control
- NASA Internal and External Environments
- Human Capital Management
- Security, Safety, and Mission Assurance
- Professional and Leadership Development
- Knowledge Management

# NASA Competency Management System "Competencies are the common thread that tie the elements of workforce management together."

#### **NASA Ames Research Center**

#### 8 Core Competencies



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### NASA Leadership Model

### 5 Dimensions

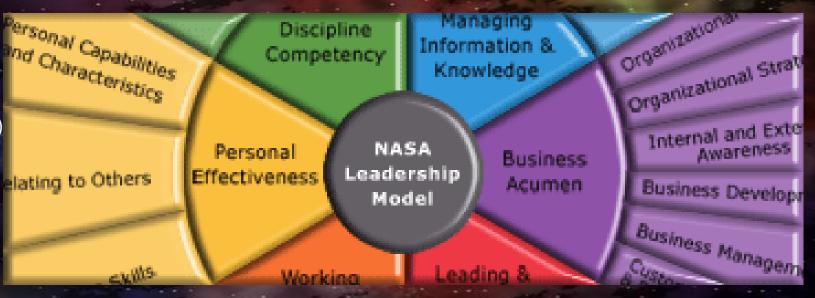
#### **20** Competencies

(Measurable skills, knowledge, or personal characteristics)

Skills (Abilities or proficiencies)

### Behaviors

(Performance indicates proficiency within a skill)



There are different skills and behaviors at each of the five levels of leadership.

## NASA Competence Alignment

NASA uses competencies to:

**Mission Alignment** 

- Identify Mission and Organizational Skills GAPS
- Guide staffing, retention, education and training programs
- Practice feedback and metrics on HR programs

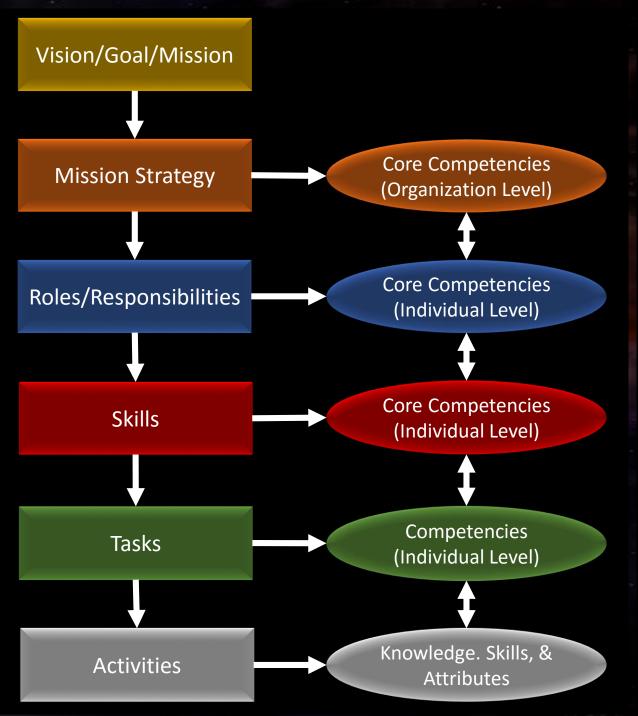
Find and Sustain Expertise

- Develop employees
- Plan careers
- Rapidly locate expertise

Work within Professional Communities

- Tie to federal communities
- Succession planning

Senior Leaders: Can we accomplish our mission with our workforce?



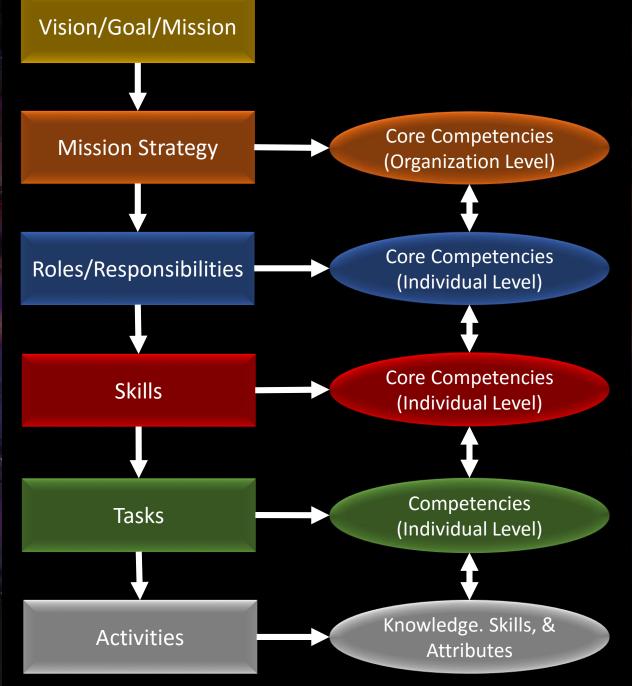
## Human Competence Chain

#### Role Behavior Competence

Skill Behavior Competence

### Task Behavior Competence

Result Output Accomplishments



## Hale's Competence Assessment Levels

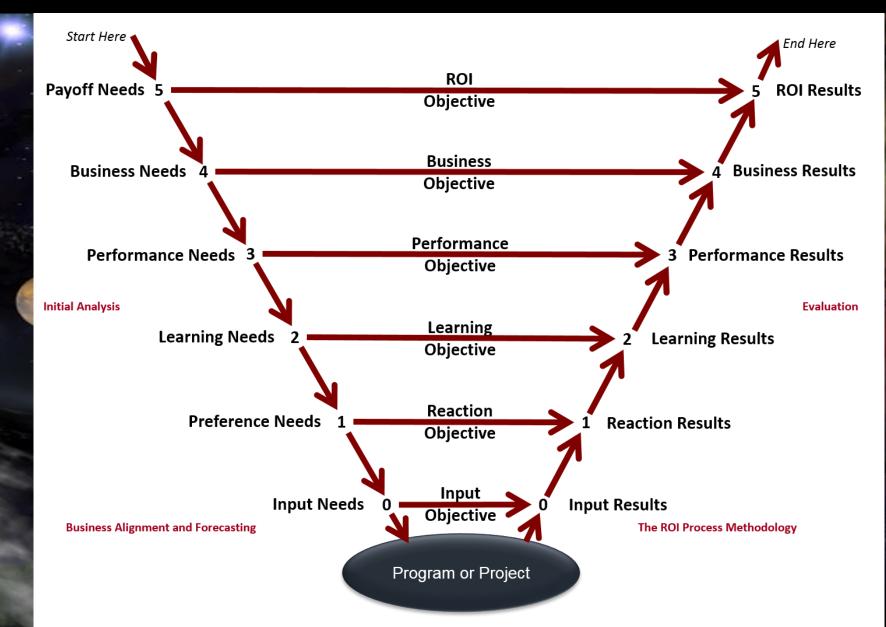
Knowledge-Based	Performance-Based		
Can demonstrate knowledge of terms, rules, principles, concepts, and procedures. - terms, facts	Can apply terms, rules, principles, concepts, and procedures under controlled conditions, such as in simulation. - controlled environment		
Skill-Based	Proficiency-Based		
Can apply terms, rules, principles, concepts, and procedures in the abstract, such as a scenario questions or case study. - <i>application, comprehension, analysis</i>	Can apply terms, rules, principles, concepts, and procedures consistently under real work conditions. - uncontrolled environment		

## Dreyfus Model of Skills Acquisition

	Novice	Advanced Beginner	Competent	Proficient	Expert
Recollection	Non- Situational	Situational	Situational	Situational	Situational
Recognition	Decomposed	Decomposed	Holistic	Holistic	Holistic
Decision	Analytical	Analytical	Analytical	Intuitive	Intuitive
Awareness	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring	Monitoring	Absorbed
	Needs close supervision or instruction	Able to do <u>some</u> simpler tasks without supervision	Able to do <u>most</u> tasks using own judgment	Takes responsibility for work, coaches others	Takes responsibility beyond existing standards, creates own interpretations

Model measures skill, not the person.

## Phillips Value Alignment Model

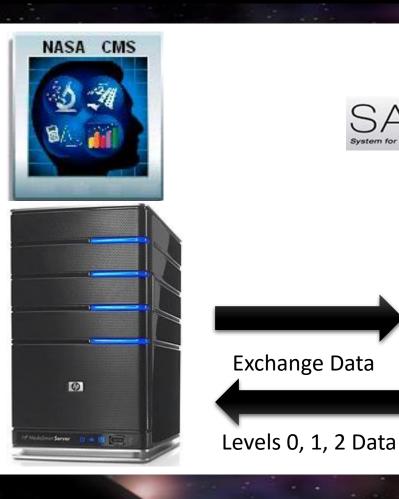




## NASA CMS and LMS Integration



Employees ~17,000







Aligns Courses & Conferences

Tracks Courses & Conferences

## Learning Analytics to Competence Analytics

30+ years of professional competency research and insights 21<sup>st</sup> Century big data analytics technology to transform individuals and organizations

## What is big data?

**Big data** is a term for data sets that are so large or complex that traditional data processing applications are inadequate. (Wikipedia)

Big Data Complexity

Sources

Volume

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Accuracy in big data may lead to more confident decision making, and better decisions can result in greater operational efficiency, cost reduction and reduced risk. (Wikipedia)

## What is analytics?

"...the discovery and communication of meaningful patterns in data" that "often favors data visualization to communicate insight."

Wikepedia

In term of human capital, "analytics on human capital investments is a way to improve those returns, on both the individual and the organizational level."

Pease, Byerly, & Fitz-enz (2013). Human Capital Analytics: How to Harness the Potential of Your Organization's Greatest Asset

## 360<sup>0</sup> Assessment Types

Personality

• Style

Values

Technical Knowledge

Strengths





Patterns

Observable

Measurable

Consequential

Accomplishments

#### Competency Development Big Data Analytics New Capabilities



#### **Evaluate Professional Role Competencies**

- All levels of the organization
- Not personality, style, values, knowledge, strengths
- Behaviors that are observable and measurable

#### Analyze data to generate new insights

- Real-time 360<sup>0</sup> behavioral data
- Action-oriented, patterns
- Robust, scalable dashboards & analysis reports

#### **Create professional develop plans**

- Based on on-going quantified needs
- Accountable "moving the needle" metrics
- All levels of the organization

#### Competency Development Big Data Analytics <u>New Capabilities</u>



Ongoing and targeted role competency focus

Evaluate four key professional behavioral competencies - May also add to or replace with own competency model

Real-Time, Comprehensive 360<sup>o</sup> Perspective Robust Professional Competency Analysis Reporting - Enterprise

- Team
- Individual
- All levels in between

Customize/Target Needs-Driven Professional Development Accountable for Performance Outcomes and Results



Evaluate four key professional behavioral competencies

Assess using a revised Dreyfus Skills Development Scale

Novice
Minimal knowledge and use of behavior.

Advanced BeginnerSome knowledge and use of behavior.

#### Competent

Acceptable knowledge and use of behavior.

#### Proficient

Above average knowledge and use of behavior.

#### Expert

• Comprehensive knowledge and use of behavior.



Measure not just workplace skills, but also behavioral attributes.



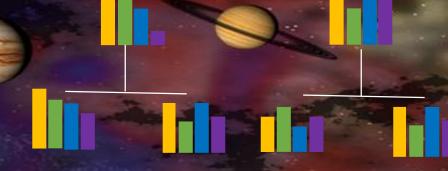
#### Diagnose Gaps in Professional Competencies

Discover talent strengths and vulnerabilities



Realize insights for ongoing professional role development to practice at top of license/profession





Tailor professional role development to meet real needs that matter



Optimize teams for maximum impact and workforce ROI

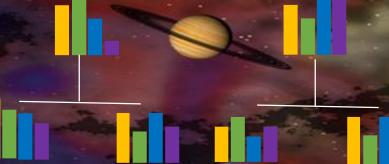


Avoid costly resourcing (training, mentor/coach, promotion, assignment, etc.) mistakes



Improve consistency of competence and reduce variation in practice.





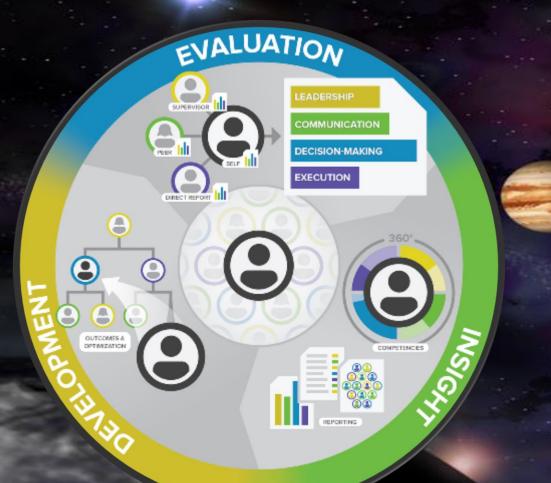
Increase productivity, satisfaction, and reduce errors.

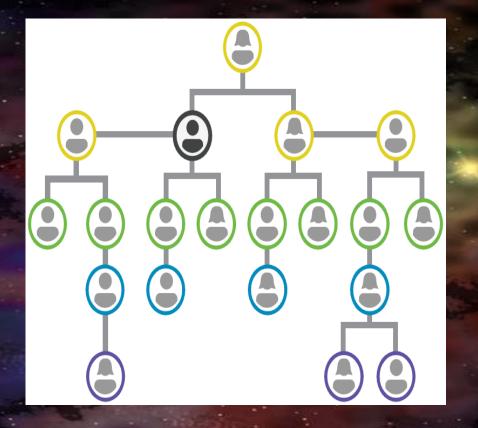


Identify undiscovered leaders and effectively promote from within



Reduce costly turnover and also increase retention and employee engagement

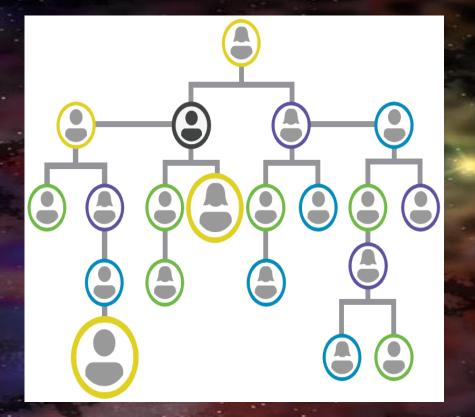




# Optimize your organization's structure and performance.

#### **Competency Development Big Data Analytics**





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#### **Competency Development Big Data Analytics**



Develop descriptive, predictive, & prescriptive analytics for professional development programs.

#### **Competency Development Big Data Analytics**



#### Analytics Maturity

Organizations mature along a <u>continuum</u> of three levels of analytics capability

Source: Fitz-enz, J., Phillips, P., and Ray, R. (2014). Human Capital Analytics @ Work, Volume 1. The Conference Board, Research Report R-1556-14-R.

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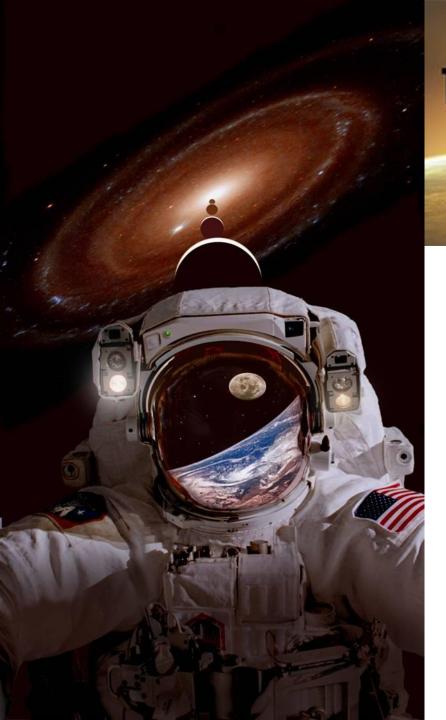




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## Backup Slides

- 2. Task Performance Support (Input)
- Can the performer easily recognize the input requiring actions?
- Can the task be done without interference from other tasks?
- Are the job aids and work flow logical?

Input

1L

Feedback

2L

• Are adequate resources available for performance (time, tools, staff, information)?

#### 1. Performance Specifications (Output)

- Do performance standards exist?
- Do the performers know the desired output and performance standards?
- Is performance measured?
- Are measurements based on task performance?
- Do performers consider the standards attainable?

#### Consequences

#### 5. Consequences

- Are consequences aligned to support desired performance?
- Are consequences meaningful from performer's viewpoint?
- Are consequences timely?

Adapted from Rummler and Brache, Improving Performance: How to Manage the White Space on the Organization Chart, Jossey-Bass, 1995

#### 6. Feedback

- Single Loop Do performers receive information about their performance?
- Double-Loop Do the leaders receive information about performance?
- (Both) Is the information they receive:
  - $\checkmark$  relevant?  $\checkmark$  accurate?
  - ✓ timely? ✓ specific?
  - easy to understand?

#### **3.** Skills/Knowledge/Attitudes

Performer

• Do the performers have the necessary skills and knowledge to perform?

Output

- Did task before?
- Previous training?
- Do the performers know why desired performance is important?
- 4. Individual Capacity
- Are the performers physically, mentally, and emotionally able to perform?

### Drive to Address Root Causes

**Events** 

80% Human Error

20% Equipment Failures **Human Error** 

70% Latent Organizational Weaknesses

> 30% Individual Mistakes

Sources: Perrow (1984) Normal Accidents: Living with High Risk Technologies and Reason (1999) Human Error.

#### Prescriptive (What should we do?)

- Analytics software platforms use the data from the previous three levels.
- Explore various possibilities and recommend actions to decision-makers.
- Provides strategic/tactical insights to optimize investment decisions to improve consequential workforce behaviors.

#### **Predictive** (What could happened?)

- Analytics software platforms take the historical and current data points to find new correlations.
- Correlations are used to predict probabilities of the future and potential impact if those probabilities occur.
- Takes systemic perspective on organizational complexities.

#### Diagnostic (Why did it happen?)

- Performance Analysis to diagnose root cause(s) that are driving the consequential human behavior data.
- Focus on systemic relationships between the data to gain insights to diagnose performance barrier root cause(s).
- Root cause insights are critical to develop the most appropriate targeted human capital improvement solution(s).

#### **Descriptive** (What happened?)

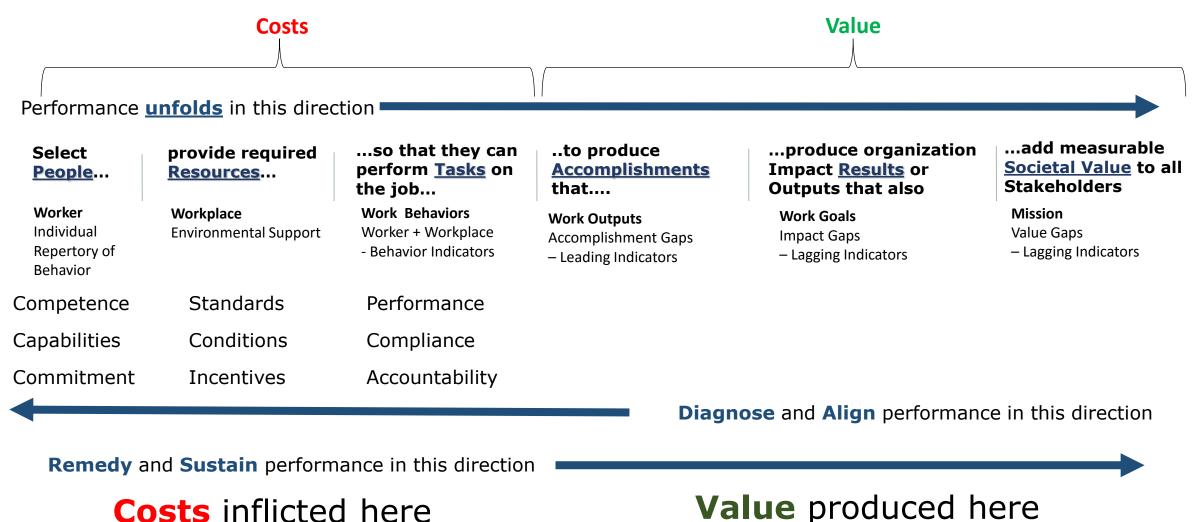
- Represents traditional efficiency HR metrics where the emphasis is on process improvement and cost reduction.
- A foundational level focused on relationships and patterns of data, both past and present.
- Includes dashboards, scorecards, and basic data mining reports.

### Taxonomy of Performance

Changing the System		
Invent	Produce a new method, process, device, or system from study or experimentation.	
Improve	Advance an existing method, process, device, or system to a better state or quality.	
	Maintaining the System	
Troubleshoot	Locate and eliminate sources of trouble in an existing method, process, device, or system.	
Operate	Run or control the functioning of a method, process, device, or system.	
Understand	Comprehend the language, sounds, form, or symbols of an existing method, process, device, or system.	

Source: Swanson, R.A. (2007). Analysis for improving performance: Tools for diagnosing organizations and documenting workplace expertise (Second ed.). San Francisco: Barrett-Koehler.

#### **Human Performance Results Chain**



Measure here

Intervene here

### Mission Essential Competencies



### Mission Essential Competencies

Role Behavior Competence

Skill Behavior Competence

Task Behavior Competence

Result Output Accomplishments



### What is Human Performance Technology?

# Defined

### International Standards for Performance Improvement 4 Principles

R	<ul> <li>Focus on Valued, Measurable Results or Outcomes</li> <li>Behavioral Accomplishments – Human Performance System Measures</li> <li>Impact – Business Impact Measures (Output, Quality, Cost, Time, Intangibles)</li> <li>Return on Investment – Monetary Benefits of Impact vs Program Costs</li> </ul>
S	<i>Take <b>Systemic</b> View (Systems Perspective)</i> - Alignment – Worker, Work, Workplace, World (Society)
V	Add <b>Value</b> By Producing Results That Make a Difference - Business Case – Needs-Driven, Feasible, Worthwhile, and Sustainable - Evaluation – Evidence-Based, Reliable, and Worthy Results or Outcomes
Ρ	Work in <b>Partnership</b> to Produce Intended Results - Trust and Respect - Candor, Intelligence, and Goodwill (Socratic conditions for conversation)
+	Remain Solution Neutral as an Honest Broker

- Solve root causes to performance gaps, not sell predefined solutions or products

### International Standards for Performance Improvement 6 Practices

Be systematic in all aspects of the process including:

Determine a need or opportunity.

Determine causes and requirements.

Design solutions that are measurable and sustainable.

Ensure solutions' conformity and feasibility.

Implement solutions by developing strategies to sustain change.

Evaluate results and impact.