

Study of Issues:

Associated with Outsourcing of Army
Engineering and Technical Data Repositories or
Repository Functions

Presented to: PD FCG

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Background

- Under Acquisition Reform the DoD is moving to utilize commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products and services to the maximum extent possible, especially in the area of Information Technology (IT)
- Where commercial entities have the capabilities to perform functions currently being done by Government employees, commercial sources will be utilized where economical unless the function is inherently Government function, especially IT functions
- Under 10 USC 2461, OMB Circular A-76 and AR-5-20 procedures - Any contract must be awarded on the basis of being more economical than in-house performance.
- There is, now, at least one commercial entity claiming to be able to provide the engineering and technical data repository function
- The DUSD(Logistics Architecture) has expressed an interest in seeing at least a 'pilot' effort to 'outsource' engineering and technical data repositories.

Basis for Study

- Memo, 10 Oct 00, AMCRDA-T, Subject: Outsourcing of Engineering & Technical Data Repositories
 - “...This effort is to be an unbounded effort dealing with engineering and technical data repositories to determine”, ...
 - Issues, recommendations, roadmap, schedule, and rough order of magnitude cost estimate for follow on efforts

Draft Study Problem Statement

- “An effort is needed to identify the issues involved, establish a method and schedule for addressing these issues and begin the orderly process of exploring 'outsourcing' of the engineering and technical data repositories.”
 - Basic problem statement on why we even need to consider outsourcing. Answer why we are putting ourselves through this wringer, then how we intend to do it. And of course how good it will feel after we have done it.
 - Proposed Alternate Problem Statement: “What issues are involved in determining Can, Should and How would Repositories be outsourced?”

Determine PD FCG input to Study

- Two alternative approaches proposed for PD FCG involvement.
 - One approach would use the PD FCG, or subset thereof, as an executive steering group or as an advisor for review and comment on a AMSAA produced study.
 - The second approach enlists active participation of the PD FCG, or subset thereof, as a player(s) in generating the study.
- These alternatives are presented at this PD FCG meeting for your consideration and comment.

Draft Plan of Action for Study

Task Element	Completion Date
Conduct periodic status briefs with PD FCG at Venus VTCs and face to face meetings	To be determined
Brief AMC Senior Engineers on Study Status	Nov 00
Confirm study scope, refined problem statement and detailed Plan of Action with sponsors.	Nov 00
If Decision is Yes for Player Role: PDFCG Kickoff meeting	Nov 00
Determine appropriate requirements for Outsourcing studies	15 Nov 00
Review and assess prior studies and related efforts.	15 Jan 01
Collect and analyze data required for assessment	15 Feb 01
Identify, describe, and evaluate alternatives. Prepare assessment & document results in draft report and briefing.	22 Feb 01
Prepare final report and briefing that describes study results	1 Mar 00

Vote on PD FCG Role for Study as Advisor or Player

- PD FCG Role as Advisor: PD FCG only reviews and comments on products produced by AMSAA.
- PD FCG Role as Player:
 - Step 1: FCG endorses a sub team to define scope of study.
 - Step 2: FCG agrees to participate on the study as team members.