Working Group Outbrief

Ground System Architectures Workshop

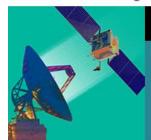


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Realizing the Look Beyond the Horizon

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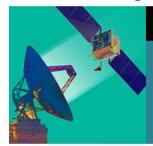


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Session Goals

- Understand what is going on across organizations in terms of transition to provide context as to how the organizations are transitioning
- Identify transition challenges faced by organizations
- Offer suggestions to help address the challenges transition beyond the horizon brings





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Presenters/Panelists

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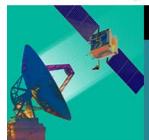


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Key Points (1/2)

- Collaboration with stakeholders is essential but difficult and time consuming
 - Earlier the better
 - Can combine stakeholders with similar needs to identify common solutions
- Some organizations are not conducive to becoming a full enterprise
 - Can still look to gain efficiencies where possible
- Culture/Human Factor is a major hurdle and slow/difficult to change
 - There will be resistance to new processes plan for it
- Need a business plan to "sell" the transition benefits to management and stakeholders
- Lack of funds can incentivize innovation.
 - Lean budget blessing or curse?
 - Overfunding often does not produce a "better product"





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Key Points (2/2)

- Look for a crisis to exploit
- Produce small wins that are positive
- Appropriate infrastructure can foster innovation
- Rigid enforcement of standards helps to provide interoperability
- Process:
 - 1. Understand what your real mission(s) is or are
 - Delivering science, supporting warfighter, delivering imagery
 - 2. Assess the real needs to perform the mission(s)
 - 3. Select what to optimize based on needs
 - 4. Go do! Avoid "Paralysis by Analysis"
 - Good enough is good enough and certainly better than nothing





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Conclusions

Many organizations (civil, military, commercial, foreign, domestic) are all actively addressing similar challenges as they transition

