



DATA MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CoP)?

- Groups of individuals with similar tasks, processes, and problems that come together to share their knowledge and solve business problems
- A mechanism to keep each other current in the developments of a shared discipline and assist with better top-down communication by providing multiple and more direct methods of transmitting policy as well as facilitating input & comment on draft policy
- CoPs cross organizational lines and geographical boundaries...they are facilitated online



BENEFIT/VALUE OF A CoP

- Foster interaction between employees of different levels and expertise
- Encourage a broader organizational perspective by providing a better understanding of how individual tasks fit into the larger organizational picture
- Facilitate rapid identification of subject matter experts and individuals with specific knowledge/skills
- Promote the capture and re-use of existing knowledge assets as well as retain organizational memory
- Provide a safe, digital environment to share challenges, solve problems, and test new ideas



WORKING IDEOLOGY

- The value and usefulness of the CoP depends upon active community participation as well as the accuracy, timeliness, accessibility, and the applicability of community content
- There are “rules of engagement”...
 - CoP is an unclassified system
 - Report inaccurate or obsolete information to editor/owner
 - Do not promote personal agendas or market commercial items
 - All members are eligible to submit content (subject to editor approval)
 - Common courtesy

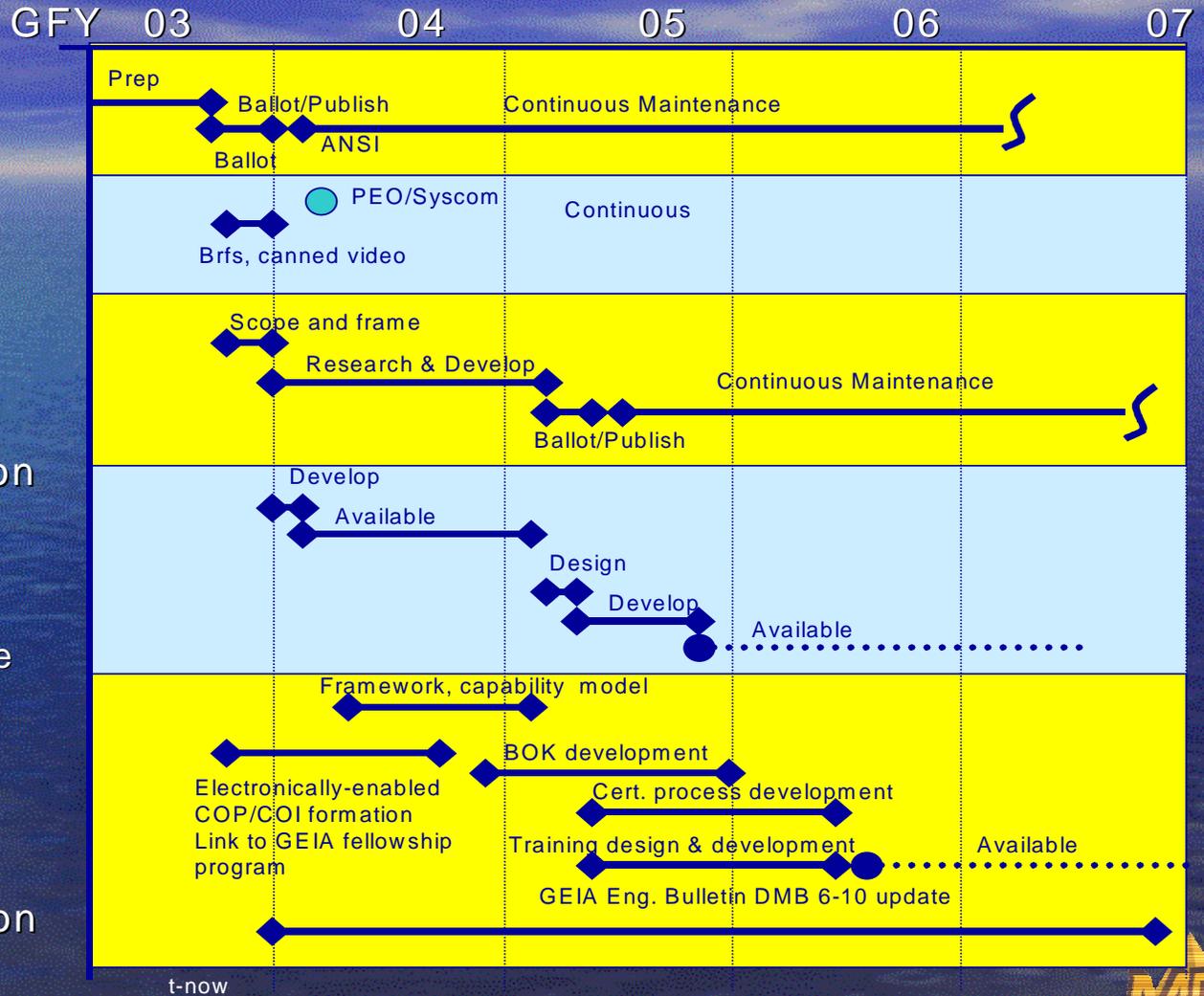


WHAT IS THE DATA MANAGEMENT CoP?

- The Data Management CoP consists of professionals - both government and industry - who are working on or are interested in data management
- Supported by OSD AT&L...Facilitated by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) & NAVICP
- Focused on providing data management professionals with access to information/resources which will enhance job skills/performance
- Still in its infancy stage...plenty of room for growth

DM CoP & 5 YEAR PLAN

Data Management Five Year Outlook



EIA 859

EIA 859 outreach and communications

DM Handbook

Training and Certification

- 859 standard (familiarization)
- 859 handbook (distance learning)

DM-Body of Knowledge (DM-BOK)

Standards harmonization



WHERE WE ARE NOW

- The Data Management CoP was recently upgraded from a workspace to a Special Interest Area (SIA) on DAU's Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) site, which is a host of CoPs, SIAs, and Workspaces related to Acquisition
- Our link is located on the home page of the ACC, an official DoD site with an external links disclaimer
- Seeking content and input from members to build the SIA and evolve it into a full-fledged CoP



FOCUS FOR NEXT 12 - 18 MONTHS

- Continue building interest for users
 - Develop themes & generate interest in topics
- Define measures of effectiveness for the CoP
- Find other members of the DM community
- Assist with development of Handbook 859 by providing a collaborative environment



HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE DM CoP on the ACC

- Register for the ACC at <http://acc.dau.mil/simplify/ev.php>
- Click Join Now
- In the “Comments” box, state that you would like to join the Data Management CoP
- Once you get your userid/password, you **must go** to the ACC and log in for the first time to complete registration
- Browse the site---if you have material/links/presentations that you would like to add, go to “email this page” in the participate box, or email editors/owners Leslie Reed & Pat Montgomery by clicking on their name

Acquisition Community Connection offers...
Success Workspaces »
ACC User Training Guide »
What's New in ACC »
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- ▶ [Facilities Engineering](#)
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Special Interest Areas

- [ACQ Research](#)
- [ESOH](#)
- [PBSA](#)
- [Total Ownership Cost](#)
- [Data Management](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Spectrum Compliance](#)

What's New

2004 Introduce a Co-Worker to the ACC Drive.
We often have new users write us to say that they wish someone had pointed them to the ACC site long before they found it on their own. Start the New Year off right and take a

In the Spotlight

Data Management has Graduated!
[Data Management](#) began only a few months ago as a Workspace and is now a Special Interest Area. A lot of hard work has gone into creating a viable group by adding content and members. Data Management features

guest (Read)

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Watch Us Grow

4955 Members

14205 Contributions

Join ACC and...

- Access important Acquisition resources
- Connect with professionals in your field
- Share information and knowledge
- Collaborate in discussion areas
- Create private workspaces

[Join Now »](#)

Topic Explorer

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Data Management

☆☆☆☆ open Topic

Strengthen collaborative partnerships to enable development of common data management practices and implementation guidelines.



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Features ?

- [Navy: Finding Information: Search for Specifications Standards](#)
- [Navy: Finding Information: Search for Technical Man](#)

What's New ?

- [FAQQ : How do I subscribe to a discussion thread?](#)
- [Army: Contractor Integrated Data Services](#)



SUMMARY

- DM CoP site is up and running
- Lots of material...looking for more
- Help the DM professionals of today and tomorrow
- Will succeed only with active participation
 - Need help with discussion threads, additional resource material in the form of announcements, references, regulations, presentations, learning materials, etc. and additional members
- **WE NEED YOU!**





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