

Intelligence Software Sustainment Considerations

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Key Takeaways

- Post Deployment and Production Software Support (PDSS/PPSS) is a critical engineering activity in the acquisition lifecycle – it ensures operational and cybersecurity readiness of <u>Programs of Record</u> (PoR)
- PPSS mission for <u>Command, Control, Communications, Computers,</u> <u>Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR)</u> systems has grown significantly over the past decade
- Complexity and software intensive nature of today's C4ISR PoRs present unique challenges
- CECOM SEC is exploring improved engineering principles and practices to shape and influence software acquisitions to provide agile, sustainable solutions in support of Warfighter needs.

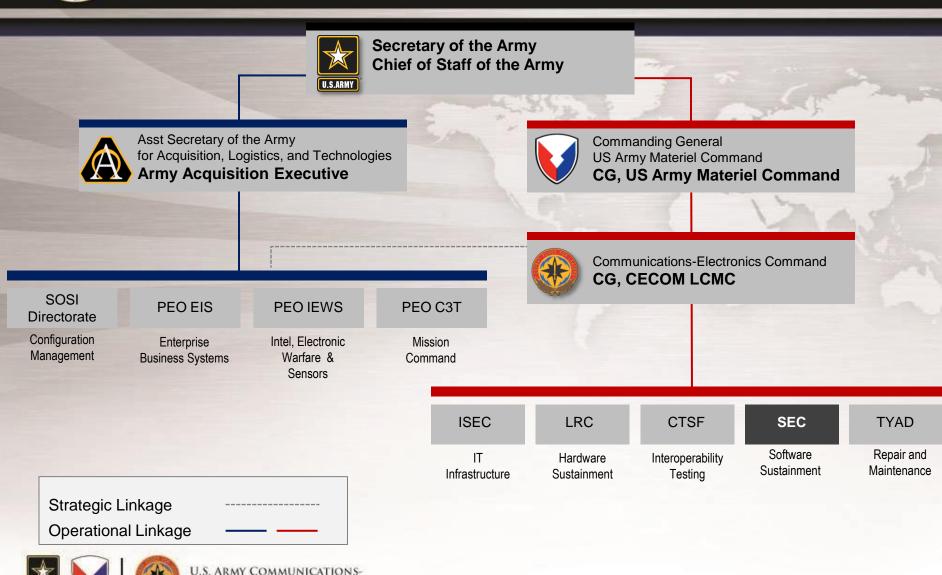








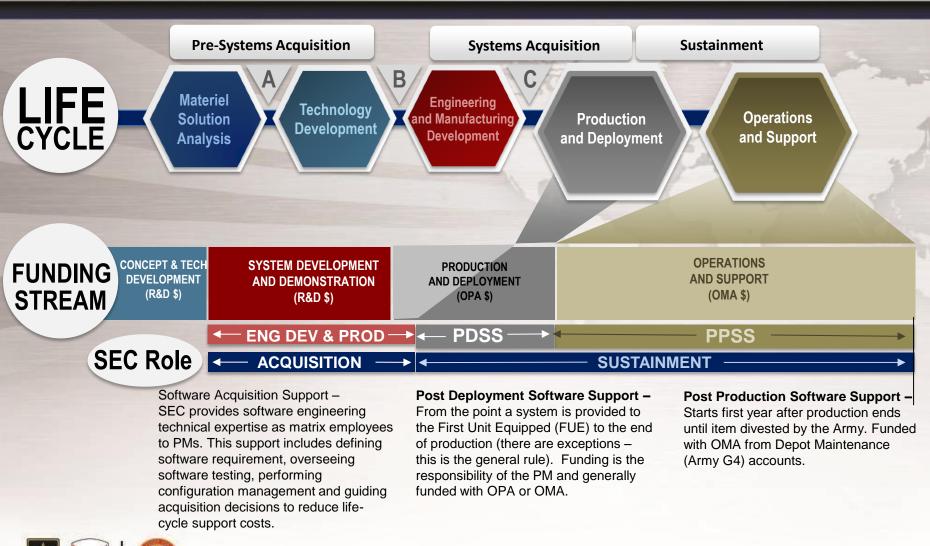
CECOM SEC in the Army Team



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SEC's Role in the Acquisition Lifecycle











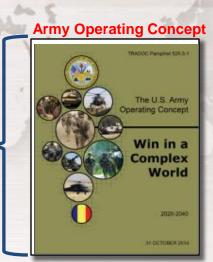
Evolving Environment

- Army re-balancing from a decade(+) years of major deployments
- Focus on equipping readiness, capacity and sustainability
- Fiscal constraints and turbulent budget conditions
- Continuously evolving standards and protocols
- Significant growth of IT related technologies
- Regionally Aligned Forces that are Globally engaged
 - Adversaries who will challenge advantages in all domains (land, air, maritime, space, and cyberspace)
 - Part of joint, inter-organizational, multinational teams

DCGS-A is a critical enabler for "units to possess the ability to operate dispersed over wide areas because they are able to <u>integrate intelligence</u> and operations to develop <u>situational understanding</u> through action"

Army Operating Concept (2014)



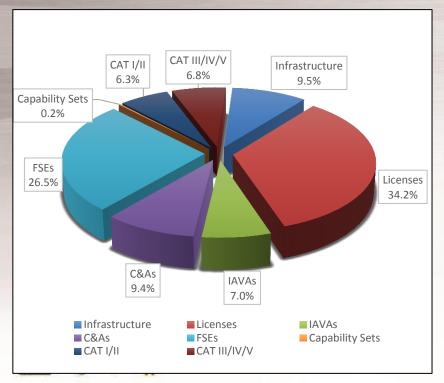




Post Production Software Support (PPSS) Focusing on Agility and Readiness

Improving system/software design improves the ability to maintain, disseminate and incorporate software engineering support to afford a rapid response to changes the Army will require in support of the Warfighting Domains, while reducing the cost drivers during the systems sustainment phase.

Distribution of DCGS-A Inc 1 PPSS Costs (FY17-21)



Focus Areas During Acquisition

- Teaming/Collaboration with Government and Industry Team
- Continuous Quality Assurance
- Continuous Information Assurance Engineering/Cyber
- Configuration Management
- Robust Testing Strategy
- Evaluation of COTS vs. GOTS vs. new development /Data Rights
- Establishing core PPSS capabilities
- Focus on Ease-of-Use/Incorporation
- Licensing Strategy (Reduction)



Conclusions



If the system isn't sustainable, it's not usable

If the system isn't usable, the mission fails

If the mission fails, we've failed the Soldier

So...

✓ Consider how early decisions impact the equipping and sustainment of the force.

Decisions made during technology development and engineering and manufacturing development will impact the supportability and sustainability of the system for the Soldier.





