

Market Forces in the Defense Marketplace

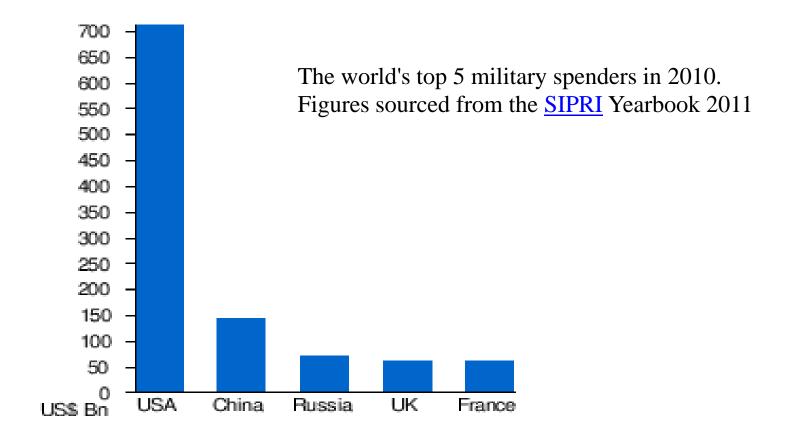


Market Forces

- Supply and Demand
 - The basic driver of all markets
- Competition
- Profit
- Market Rules and Property Protection



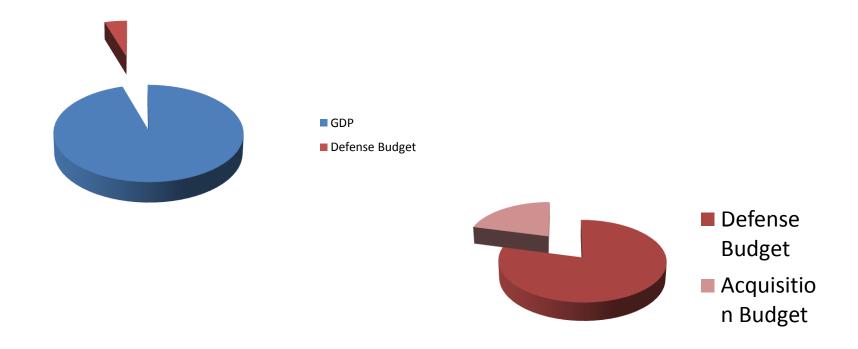
Market Size





Sector Size

Comparison to US Economy





Defense Market Drivers

- Supply
 - MILSPEC vs. COTS
 - Monolithic vs. Modular
 - Proprietary vs. Open
 - Homegrown vs. Standards Based
- Demand
 - Public Policy
 - Wartime vs. Peace
 - Good Economic Times vs. Bad



Drivers

- Profit
 - An essential ingredient for suppliers
- Contract Performance
 - Cost, Schedule, and Technical
 - The Public Sector analogy to profit



Drivers

- Competition
 - Public Sectors principle tool for cost control
 - Real Competition introduces "unknowns"
- Stability
 - A known supplier performing in a predictable fashion represents stability
- Risk
 - Anything that represents unknowns in a program Drives Public Sector Heavily



Drivers

Market Rules

 When one side of the trading partnership controls the rules...

Transaction Costs

 Those costs of doing business that add neither value to the products, profit to the vendor, or improved contract performance for the public sector



Leveraging Market Forces

- What releases the marketplace to answer the mail?
 - Freely available information
 - Real competition (actual opportunity)
 - Property rights protection
 - Trust between participants



Impact of Marketplace Structure

- How does marketplace structure impede or leverage market forces
 - Weak or unenforced property rights structures drive out innovators
 - Restraint on information (proprietary systems, limited RFP distribution) limits the opportunity to discover solutions or better approaches
 - Without real competition there is no incentive to innovate or achieve contract performance gains
 - A trust relationship fosters collaboration



Changing the Marketplace

- Moving the Marketplace toward an open model
 - Open Business Model versus Open Systems Architecture
 - Data Rights
 - Standards Based versus proprietary structures
 - Modular, loosely coupled, highly cohesive versus Monolithic
 - Real competition versus allocated contracts
 - Rewarding performance rather than longevity



Issues

- The Navy has programs that have demonstrated dramatic improvement by leveraging market forces using OSA
 - But transition to Open Market or OSA by large established programs is seen as risky at best
 - A program manager approaches professional suicide by accepting risk
 - The acquisition machinery drives programs to maintain status quo



Final Thoughts

- Moving to an Open Market model depends on Program Managers making the decision to transition and managing that transition
- It is about practicing the art of program management, not a new set of acquisition governance machinery