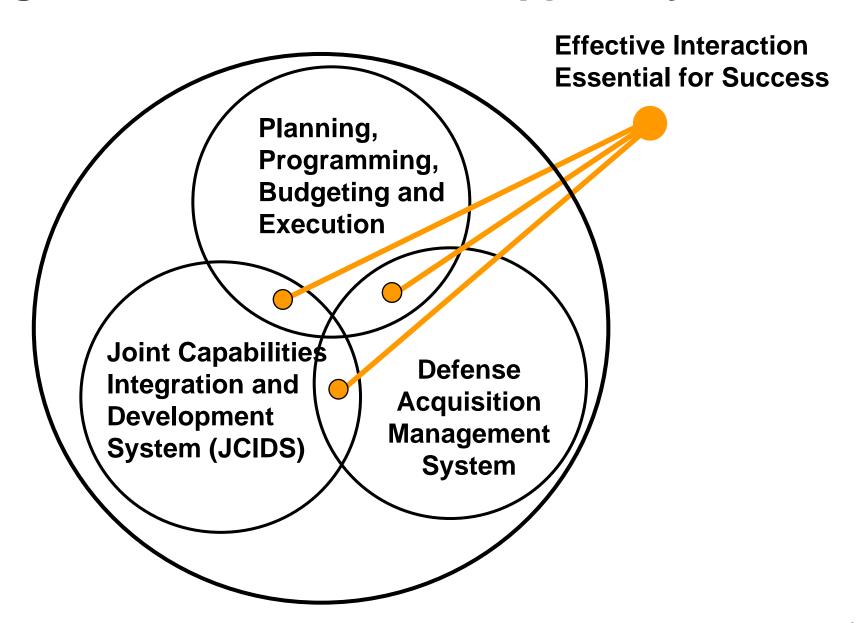


# Improving Defense Acquisition Decision Making

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# Figure 1. DoD Decision Support Systems



# Reality - DoD Decision Support Systems

Planning, Programming, **Budgeting and Execution Joint Capabilities** Integration and **Development** System (JCIDS) **Defense Acquisition Management System** 

In-Effective Interaction **Creates Instability** 

- Theory vs. Practice
- Uncoordinated Changes
- Divergent Values
- Changing Security **Environment**

# Common Members of PPBE (SLRG/ DAWG) and Defense Acquisition Board

• USD(AT&L)

USD (Policy)

VCJCS

• USD (Comptroller)

Sec Army

• USD (P&R)

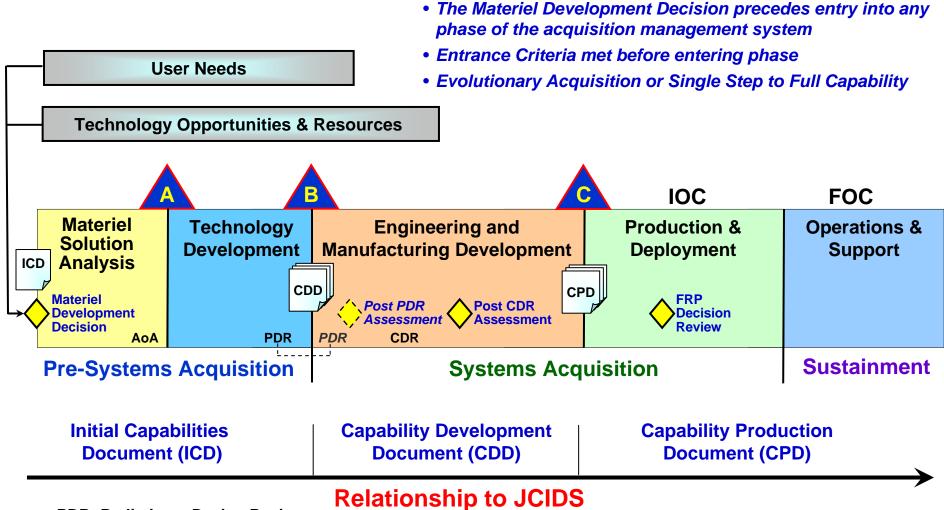
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USD (Intelligence)

Sec Air Force

- ASD (NII)/CIO
- D, CAPE

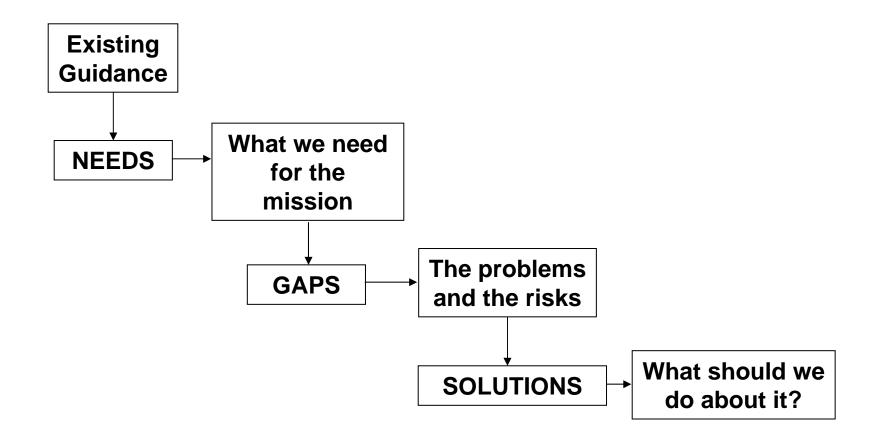
#### Figure 2. The Defense Acquisition Management System



**PDR: Preliminary Design Review CDR: Critical Design Review** FRP: Full Rate Production

**IOC: Initial Operational Capability FOC: Full Operational Capability** 

# Figure 3. Capabilities-Based Analysis



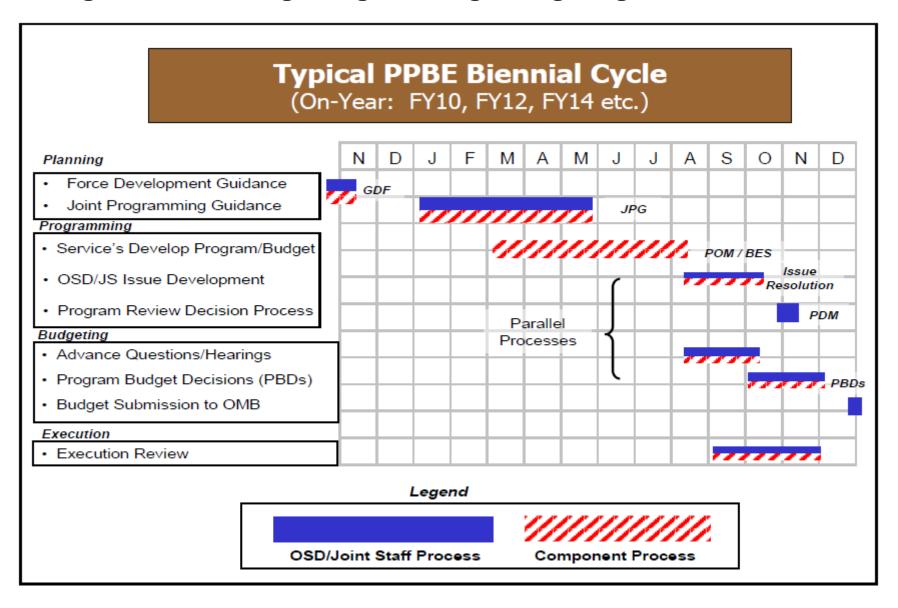
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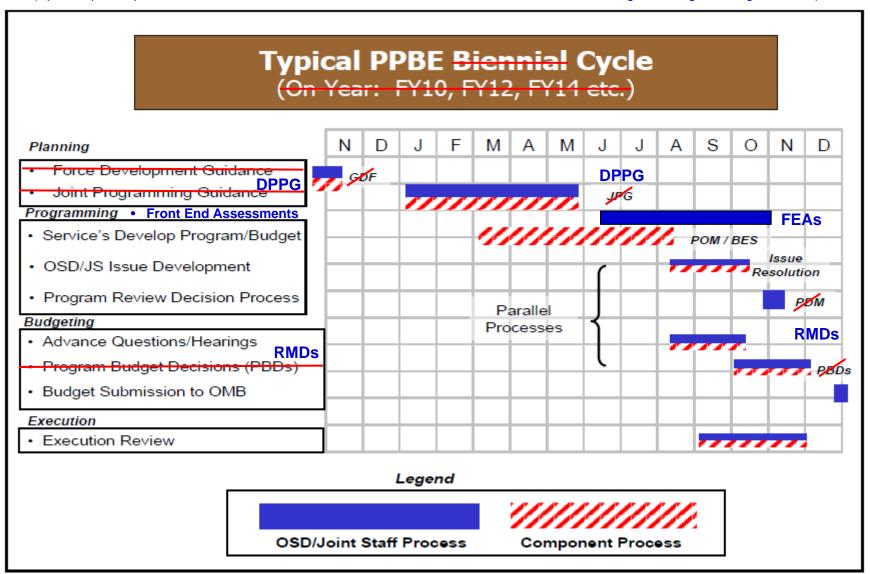


Figure 4. Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution



#### **New Reality?** Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution

(Updated per 9 Apr 10 DEPSECDEF Memo, SUBJ: Procedures and Schedule for FY 2012-2016 Integrated Program/Budget Review)



DPPG – Defense Planning & Programming Guidance FEAs – Front End Assessments ("Strategic Issues" POM 12-16) **RMDs – Resource Management Decisions** 

### Recommendations

- Extend the Planning Phase of PPBE to resolve and clarify competing requirements and acquisition programs <u>before</u> the Services have to prepare their POMs
- Tap into the advice of Capability Portfolio Managers (CPMs) during the Planning Phase of PPBE

## Conclusion

- Problem: changes to PPBE over the years have de-emphasized the planning phase
- Result: linkages between requirements, budgeting, and acquisition decision-making have been fractured
- Solution: Reinvigorate the PPBE Planning Phase -- make weapon system requirements, budgeting, and acquisition continuation/ termination decisions in that phase