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New Philosophy

- Agree that Body of Knowledge is well developed

- New philosophy acceptable

- Les says – "stop playing around and just do it"

- Still need DoD policy for consistency

Hot Link Tool

- Comments
  - Great idea, will be useful in current industry applications
  - Eliminates need for contractors to develop their own versions
    - Eliminates confusion
  - Need to clearly state the purpose (it is consistent synopsis of the Deskbook)
  - Like that this is on-line and not printed

- Recommendations
  - Minimize size – (1-2 pages) Would be easy for these to grow and include too much information.
  - Lessons Learned section should be bulletized.
  - Implement configuration control
  - Maintain Consistent Format

Implementation Guide

- Agree the Guide is value added

- Training course for Implementation

- If contractor is implementing MRLs in accordance with BoK on website, does this inherently invoke this guide

- Should we change the name to Implementation Guide for PMs

- Concern that PMs will use this as all inclusive (as the only tool) and not come to Manufacturing SMEs for support (Navy is fighting this battle)
  - State in introduction: Intent is not to replace Manufacturing SME

- Identify what expertise is needed for each Thread

Ask an Expert

- Define communication process
  - Do we want this to be email only, If you say call, they will call
  - Establish automated response to document request date

- Steve wants to know "What is my liability!"

- Do responses set policy

- Establish disclaimers on Web site

- Logistics
  - 24 hr
  - Workload
  - Backup
  - Central repository for questions and answers (then screen for key words)

- Funding

Contract Language

- The Government is using the BoK in evaluating an RFP. Does contractor have to address all aspects of the BoK. Need to incorporate language distinct enough to ensure interpretation is consistent and all offerers are graded the same.

- What should you say in flowdown to subs?

- New DFAR says evaluate Manufacturing Readiness if it is a discriminator – how do we determine if it is or not. Where is that captured in MRL guidance.

- Contractors may struggle with determining if they have provided adequate substantiation

Lessons Learned

- Additional lessons
  - Avoid being overly focused on MRL number
  - Emphasize going to the factory floor, shop floor tour, mfg plan review
  - Meet with contractor PM prior to assessment

- Number the lessons for ease of reference

- "Take control of splinter groups" could be broken up into several lessons

Other

- Need better training opportunities for contractors

- Consider adding MIL-HDBK 896 and Manufacturing Development Guide (MDG) to the MRL BoK

- Still need DoD policy for consistency