

Team 4 Feedback

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General Comments

- Overall Philosophy is on Track
- Tools:
 - Hot links, contract language, implementation guide, “ask an expert” tools generally on track
 - Opportunities for improvement exist in:
 - Hotlinks
 - MRL Deskbook
 - MRL Implementation Guide
 - Contract Language
- Need to document a source for standardized definitions (e.g., DAG, Deskbook, etc.)

MRL Tools

- Hot Links:
 - MRL matrix provides good view of where you are in the acquisition life cycle
 - When populating the Hot Links tool:
 - Start with the sub-threads and track the desired maturation of each “artifact” (or element) or substantiation to identify the background, rationale, goal, etc. for each cell.
 - Examples for specific product complexities & mfg. technologies should be considered in lessons learned
 - Should we consider adding a “summary Hot Link” for each sub-thread (when you click on the sub-thread title)?

MRL Tools (cont'd)

- MRL Deskbook:
 - Need to document a series of baseline product and process technology questions to be asked up front to determine scope and emphasis of the assessment (e.g., has the Ktr ever used the MRL process to assess a system, are you doing an assessment of a program from scratch or coming on board in the middle, etc.)
 - Specify that assessors can tailor assessments to the scope, technology, and program phase of the acquisition. (The baseline questions can aid in this process.)
 - Suggest certain analysis tools be used (e.g., do a FMECA to determine Risk Priority Number and magnitude of risk) to identify what issues should be addressed first

MRL Tools (cont'd)

- MRL Implementation Guide:
 - Add a Preface to document a series of baseline programmatic questions to be asked to determine where you are in the product life cycle
 - Determine whether you may need to do multiple MRL assessments in the acquisition life cycle or multiple paths for a single system

MRL Tools (cont'd)

- Suggested MRL Contract Language:
 - Phrase “using the MRL Deskbook as a guide” is OK, as long as you allow for tailoring of MRL approach (i.e., threads) to adapt to individual company processes and procedures
 - May want to add “as a *general* guide”
 - **Risk assessment is the key, not the MRL #**
- “Ask the Expert”:
 - Do we want to add DLA and/or DCMA to the list?