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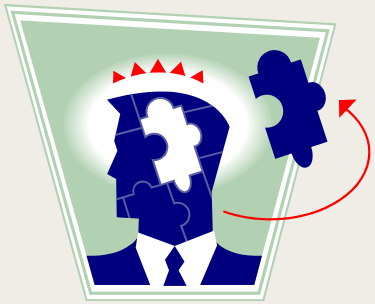
Purposes of Survey

There were two primary purposes for this data-collection effort.

1. Provide preliminary insight into the major acquisition-related problem areas (as perceived by Army PMs) so that improvement opportunities can be prioritized

2. Assist development of future data collection activities by shedding light on the problem space, thereby allowing more detailed data-gathering in identified focus areas



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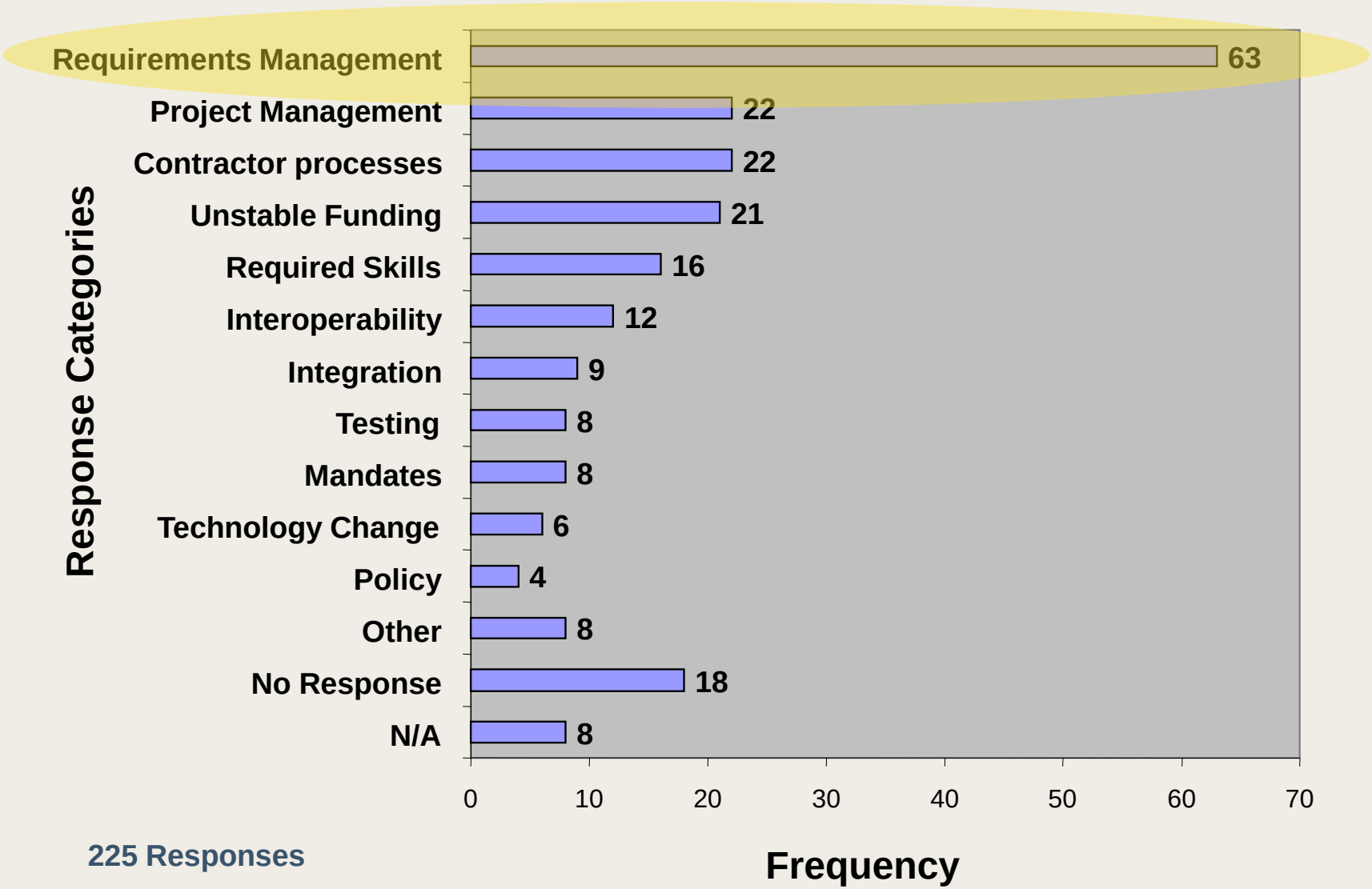
Two Most Difficult Problems Facing Acquisition Managers - 1



225 Responses

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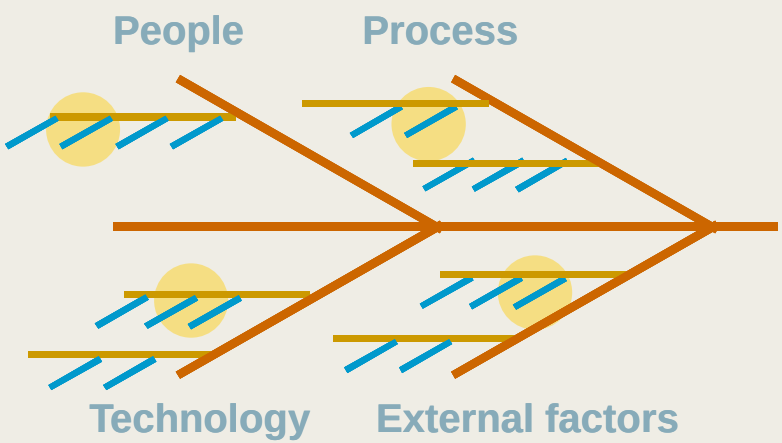
Finding the Root Causes of Symptoms

It's important to distinguish causes from the symptoms. We shouldn't assume we know the solution for a symptom. We need to understand the root causes … and focus corrective actions there!



RM Root Causes

- Lack easy-to-use RM tools
- Lack of appropriate training
- RM process undocumented
- Lack of policy guidance

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