The Journey to CMMI Level 4

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Process Improvement Background

Software Engineering

Individual software organizations assessed at various levels of the Software Capability Maturity Model (CMM[R])

- Avionics Management Directorate - Level 3 (March 1995)
- Electronic Warfare Directorate - Level 2 (May 1996)
- F-15 Directorate - Level 2 (December 1996)

Software organizations consolidated into Software Engineering Division in April 1997

Infrastructure established to support process improvement

Software Engineering Division was assessed at SW-CMM[R] Level 3 in April 2000

WR-ALC CMMI Involvement

Air Force Representative to draft CMMI Reviewer Team

Air Force Member on CMMI Configuration Control Board

Participated in Alpha Testing of CMMI Training at OO-ALC

Participated in OO-ALC pilot appraisal

Participated in two WR-ALC pilots – Phase I and Phase II

Authorized Standard CMMI Appraisal Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPI) Lead Appraiser by SEI

Authorized CMMI Instructor by SEI

CMMI Appraisals

Phase I Pilot (Enterprise – Wide)

- Conducted 12-30 June 2000 across 4 Directorates (LF, LN, LU, LY)
- Utilized draft CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD V0.9, Continuous Representation

Phase II Pilot (SOF SPO/LU)

- Conducted 2-13 April 2001
- Utilized CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD/A V1.02d, Continuous Representation

CMMI Quick Look (F-15 SPO/LF)

- Conducted 23-26 October 2001
- Utilized CMMI-SE/SW/IPPD V1.02d, Continuous Representation

Pilot Appraisal Objectives

Provide feedback to the CMMI Product Development Team on:

- appropriateness of CMMI model
- appropriateness of SCAMPI method

Provide findings to understand strengths & improvement opportunities relative to CMMI

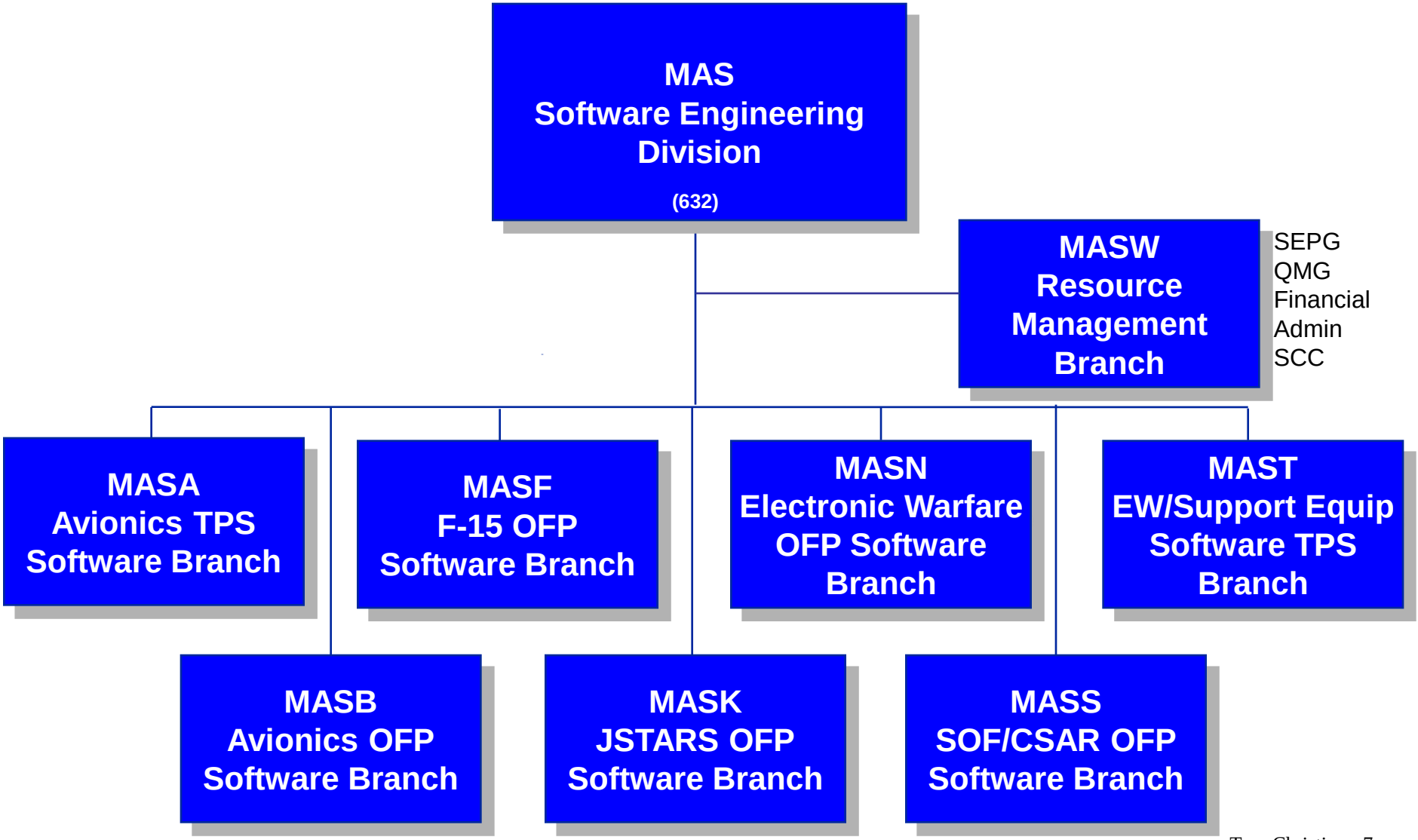
Provide data to make business decision to support new CMMI model

CMMI Implementation at WR

Software providers are transitioning to CMMI

- Apply staged representation
- Obtain maturity level rating
- Several different domains
- Wide spectrum of project types and scopes

Software Engineering Division



CMMI Transition Approach (1)
MAS

Revise strategic plan

- Re-evaluate mission, vision, and goals
- Identify quantifiable measures

Focus on lessons learned and recommendations from previous process improvement efforts

- Assessment findings
- Process improvement recommendations

Restructure process improvement teams

- Establish Branch Process POCs
- Spread the wealth – get more people involved

CMMI Transition Approach (2)
MAS

Restructure documentation

- Simplify documentation
- Use more checklists, templates, and examples

Begin with process architecture used for SW-CMM Level 3

- Streamline processes
- Map practices to CMMI
- Identify holes
- Fill gaps
- Determine tailoring requirements

CMMI Transition Approach (3)
MAS

Identify projects to begin transition

Provide CMMI training to projects

Have projects complete the CMMI cross reference matrix

Perform class B/C appraisals and internal audits
- Verify implementation
- Identify areas of improvement

CMMI Current Effort

Class B/C appraisals critical to gauge status

Looking at all PAs at Levels 2 – 5 in CMMI SE/SW

4 classes B/C appraisals on 7 projects

As of today: 2 appraisals completed
(18 Nov 03) 1 appraisal ongoing
1 to be done in Dec

Summary

Maintenance organizations need to appropriately scale the CMMI
Workforce involvement is critical

Quantifiable business goals are a necessity

Robust measurement program needs to be in place early
- Clearly define measures
- Establish automated methods for collecting data

Practical (not theoretical) approach to Level 4/5 is essential

Process improvement takes time