# Continuous Cost-Risk Management & EVM Links to Risk Management for NASA Projects

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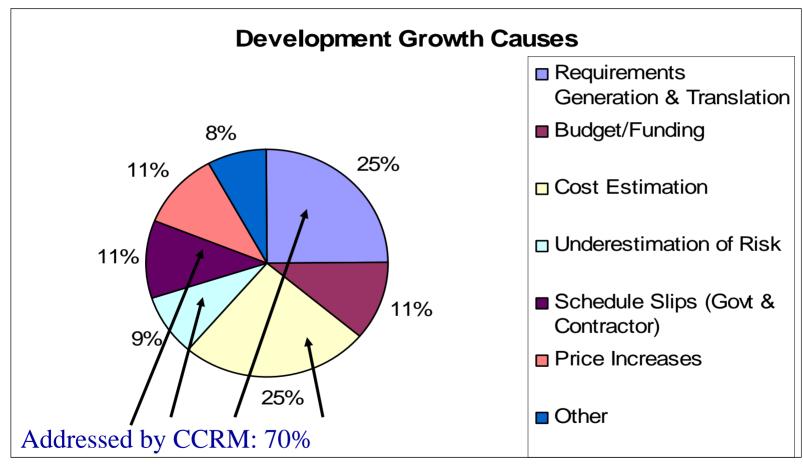






- Why Continuous Cost-Risk Management (CCRM) & EVM for risk management?
  - NASA Administrator/Comptroller initiatives
  - GAO and Aldridge Reports
- NPR 7120.5C: NASA Project Management
- Continuous Cost Risk Management
  - Stage 1: Preparation
  - Stage 2: Development
  - Stage 3: Application
    - Earned Value Management
- CCRM Implementation

# Total Cost Growth for Two Space Programs<sup>1</sup>



### **Quantitative Framework**

<sup>1</sup> "The Success Triangle of Cost, Schedule, and Performance: A Blueprint for Development of Large-Scale Systems in an Increasingly Complex Environment" - (Booz|Allen|Hamilton, 2003)

Why Continuous Cost-Risk Management (CCRM)?

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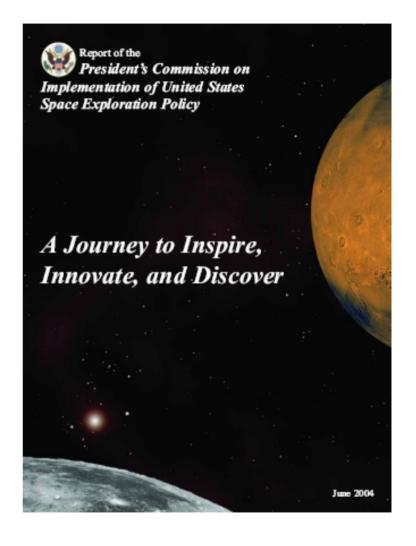
- 2002: NASA Administrator and Comptroller charged with improving budget credibility
  - Created HQ Cost Analysis Division
- Began working on cost initiative improvements: CAIV, CADRe, Cost-Risk, LCCE, EVM, Data Collection etc.
- Developed CCRM process
- 2004 GAO recommendations
  - Develop an integrated plan including
    - Guidance for rebaselining
    - Enforced use of EVM
    - Staff and support for cost-estimating and EVM
  - Establish a standard framework for LCCEs
    - Based on a full LCC
    - Using a WBS encompassing both in-house and contractor efforts
    - Using CARDs (NASA CADRe)
    - With ICEs at each milestone
    - Using cost risk assessments
  - Prohibit projects from proceeding through the review and approval process without above

GAO	United States General Accounting Office Report to the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, Committee on Science, House of Representatives
May 2004	NASA
DRAFT	Lack of Disciplined Cost-Estimating of Processes Undermines NASA's Ability to Effectively Manage Its Programs
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### Aldridge Commission Recommendations On NASA Cost Estimating

- Recommended an independent cost analysis organization similar to the OSD CAIG (Cost Analysis Improvement Group)
  - Independent cost estimating organization
  - Maintains corporate data base of historical project cost information
  - Generally uses parametric cost estimating procedures
  - Recommends final cost position to approving bodies
- NASA responding in 7120.5C with a NASA Cost Position development process







**Program and Project Management Requirement** 

NPR 7120.5 "C":

- Requirements cover all aspects of program and project management at NASA, including....
  - Cost, Risk and Performance Management Integration
- Context is Continuous Cost-Risk Management (CCRM)
  - A cost discipline architecture designed for maximizing the quality of cost management information *for the Project Manager* that:
    - Is a "system of cost systems"
    - Removes the "stove piped" nature of cost disciplines
    - Focuses on same risks with which all cost disciplines have to deal
    - Produces cost-risk *feedback* for successful project and risk management
- NPR 7120.5C will replace NPR 9501.3 as governing document for EVM at NASA

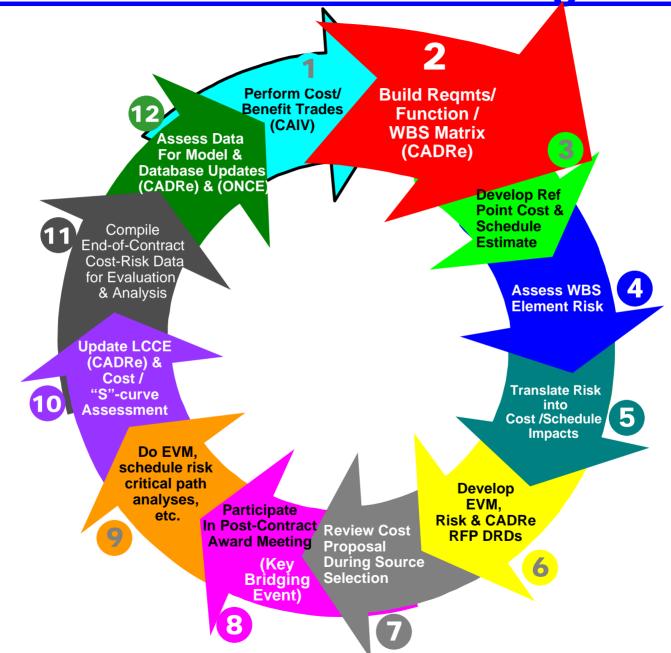


- A cost management architecture providing:
  - 1. Identification of medium and high risk WBS elements, their assessment & translation of risk into cost-risk in LCCEs
    - Supports adequate budget for project
  - 2. Communication of identified medium and high risk WBS elements to project managers (contractor or NASA)
  - **3. Post-cost estimate tracking** of medium and high risk WBS element cost and schedule performance using EVM system
    - Produces early warning of potential cost and schedule problems
    - Enables actionable intelligence for timely mitigation/management
  - 4. Updates of technical and cost data (including annual LCCEs)
  - 5. History of cost and technical data for use in updating cost models

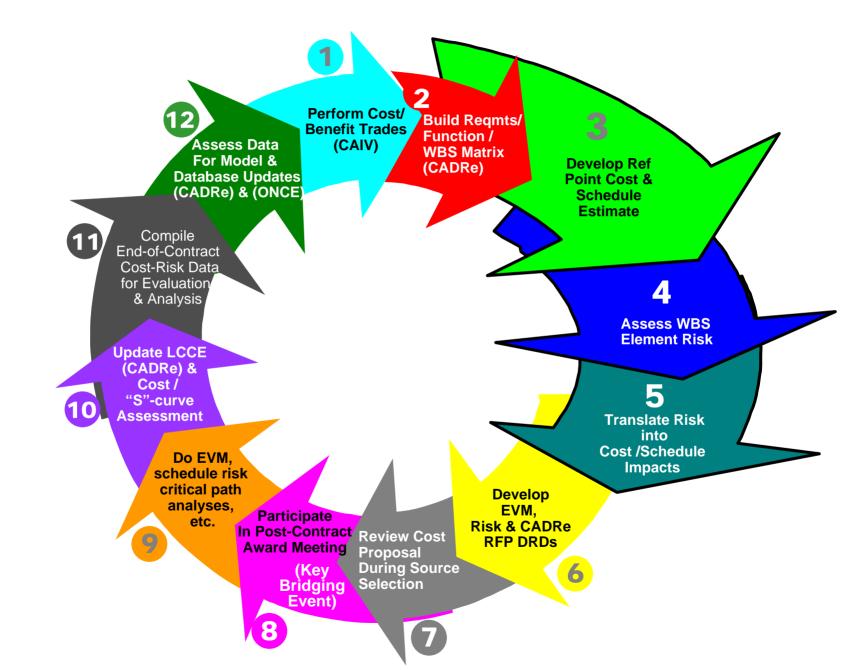
A System of Cost Systems linked together in sequence by the same risks

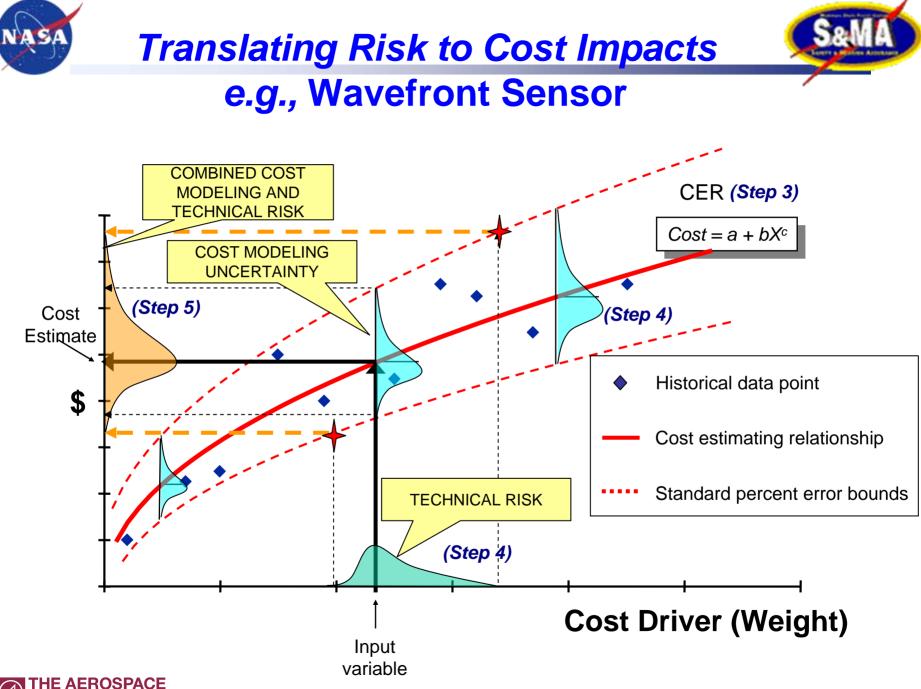






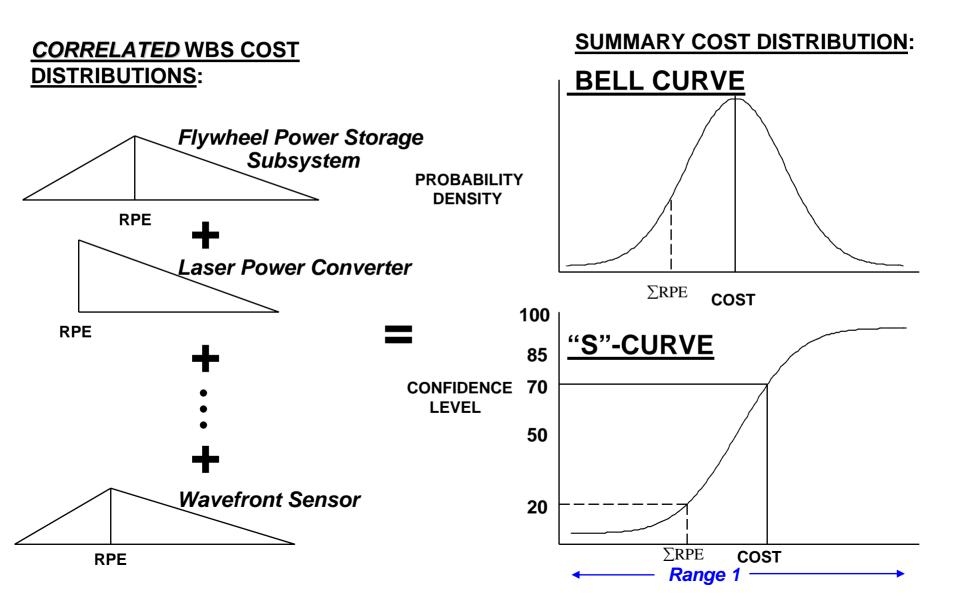


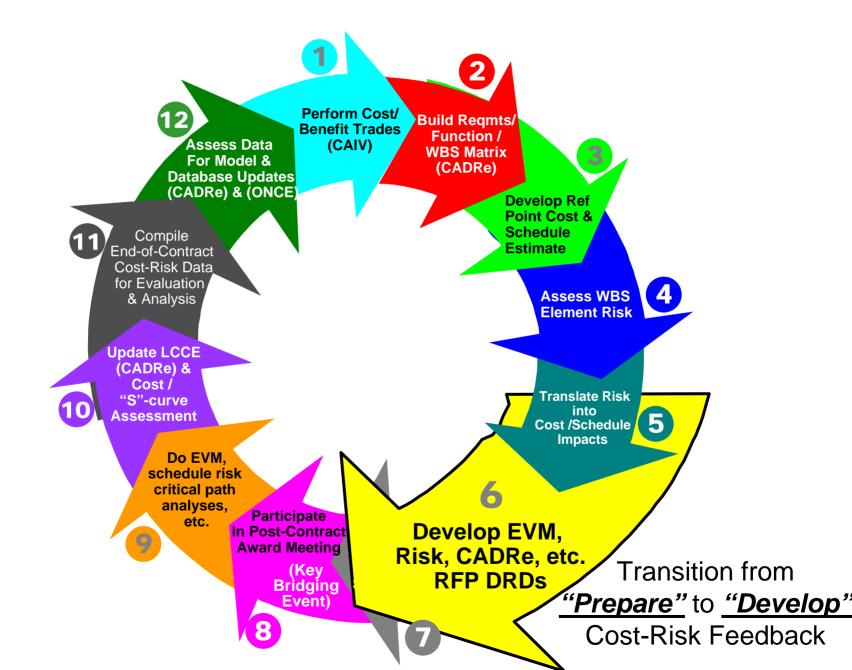
















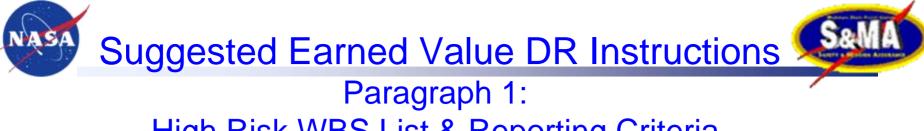


### (DRDs Addressed & Interrelated)

### EVM Report (Cost Performance Report)

- Identify high and medium risk WBS elements for monthly reporting
- Standardized Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)
- Financial Management Reporting (533M&Q)
- Risk Management Plan & Reports
- PRA Plan and Reports
- Project Integrated Master Schedule
- Cost Analysis Data Requirement (CADRe)
  - Equivalent to a combination of the Cost Analysis Requirements Description (CARD); Life Cycle Cost Estimate (LCCE); and, Cost Estimating Data Collection DRDs

- Interrelated



High Risk WBS List & Reporting Criteria

1. Earned value insight (BCWS, BCWP, ACWP on Format 1 and narrative status on Format 5) for the following high risk WBS elements shall be provided every month regardless of variance percentage levels until the system program office (SPO) informs the contractor otherwise:

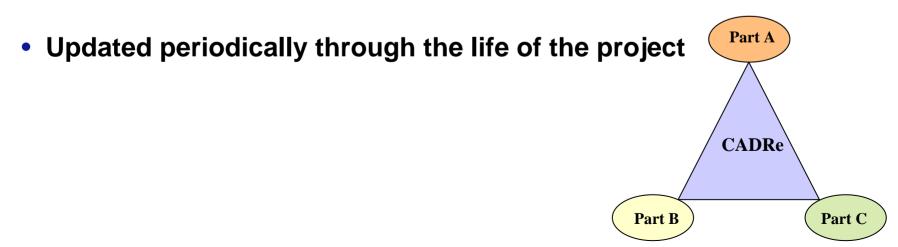
(List High Risk WBS Elements here)

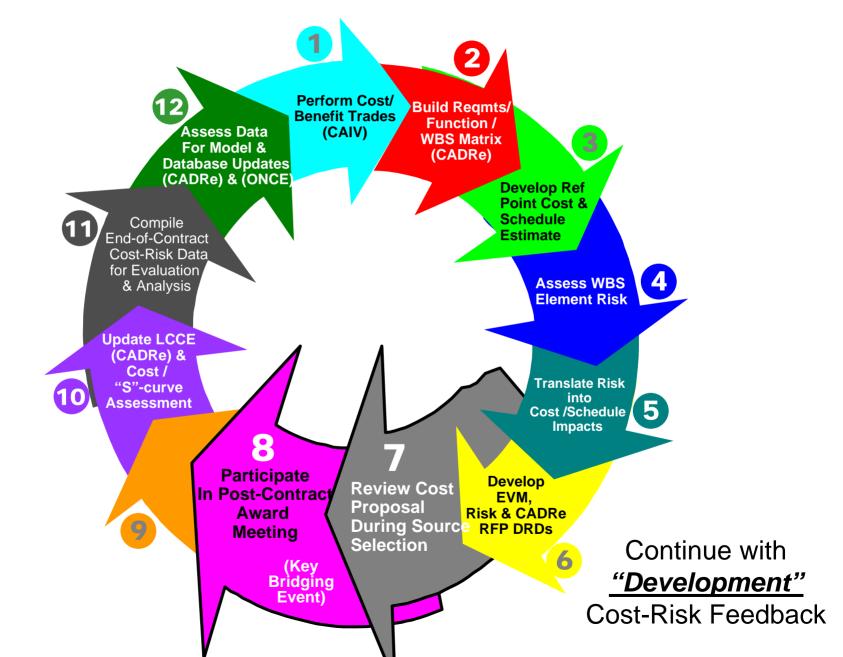
If WBS elements, other than those identified here, begin to experience variances exceeding 10% due to technical risk for two consecutive months, the contractor will inform the Program Manager and a consensus reached on adding them to the group of high risk WBS elements identified for monthly cost performance reporting and analysis purposes.

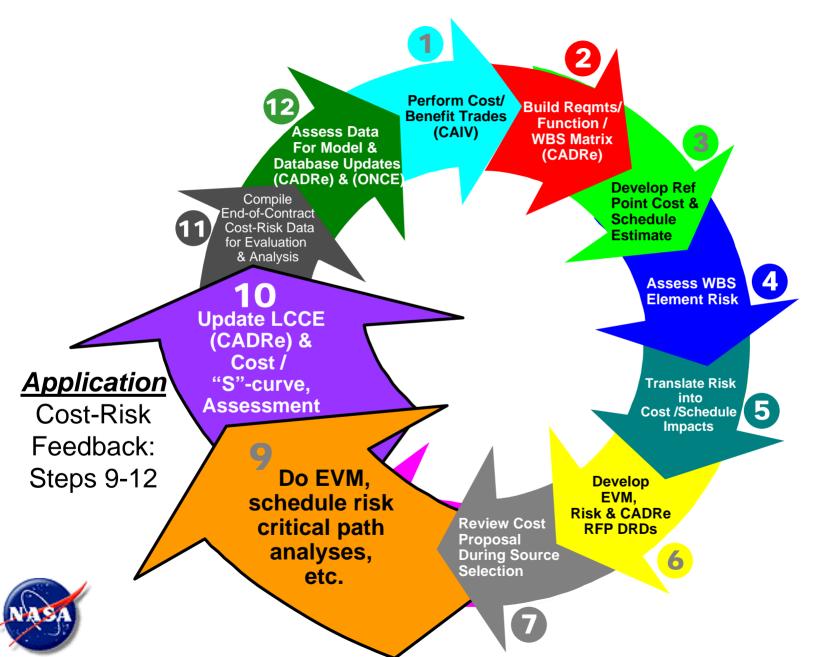
All other WBS elements shall have earned value (BCWS, BCWP, ACWP) reported at level 3 of the WBS to satisfy observing and monitoring requirements according to acquisition reform guidelines.

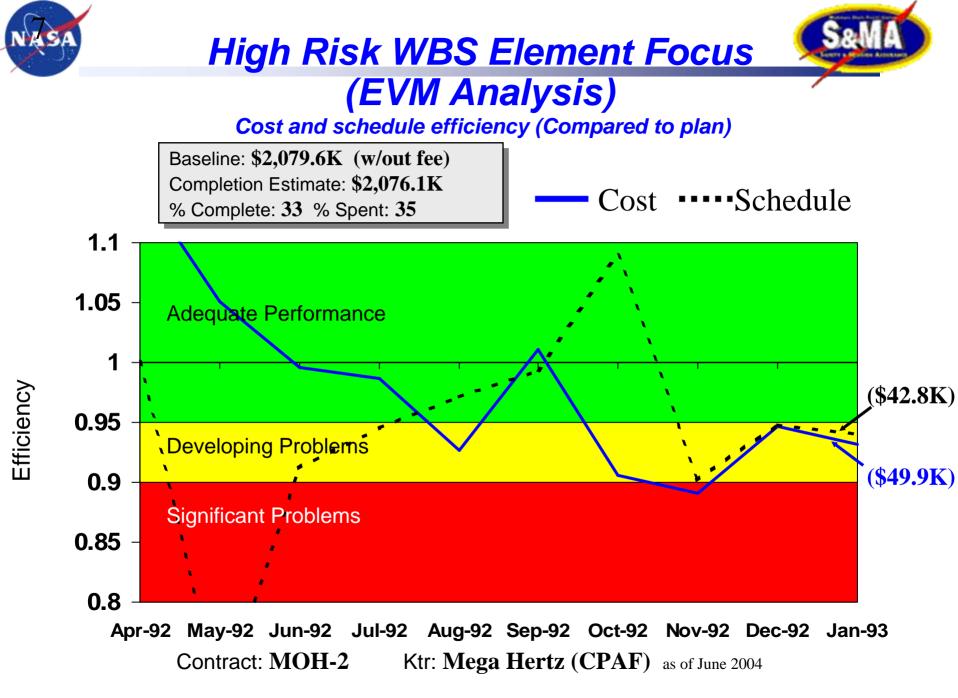


- Part A
  - Includes some traditional CARD information, (streamlined due to NASA product lines)
  - Includes identification of where risks may affect costs
- Part B
  - Contains technical cost driver and programmatic data in tabular form
- <u>Part C</u>
  - Integrates the Life Cycle Cost Estimate (detachable)
  - LCCE Includes impact of risk on cost by WBS element











NPR 9501.3 Earned Value Management Implementation on NASA Contracts



In Accordance With (IAW), NPR 9501.3 Earned Value Management Implementation on NASA Contracts, CHAPTER 4. Earned Value Management Pre-contract Activities, Paragraph 4.6 **EVM Links to Risk Management** states the following:

"Throughout the execution of the contract, the Project Manager <u>shall</u> ensure that the results of all analysis based on EVM are linked to the Risk Management Plan of the Project (as applicable). Any cost and/or schedule <u>risks</u> being managed by the Project Manger should rely on the results of EVM analysis to track, manage, and mitigate the <u>risks</u>."



### **3 DIMENSIONS OF EVM**





<u>**RISK</u>**: A measure of the potential inability to achieve overall program success within defined <u>cost</u>, <u>schedule</u> and t<u>echnical</u> **constraints**. Risk consists of two components: (1) The probability (or likelihood) of failing to achieve a particular outcome; and (2) The consequences (or impact) if failing to achieve that outcome.</u>





#### **Concepts of Earned Value Management (EVM)**

□ Earned Value Management is a tool that allows both government and contractor program managers to have <u>visibility</u> into technical, cost, and schedule progress on their contracts.

□ The implementation of an Earned Value Management System (EVMS) is a recognized function of program management.

EVM ensures that cost, schedule and technical aspects of the contract are truly integrated.

EVM facilitates the Continuous Risk Management (CRM) Process.

□ EVM can be implemented on in-house projects as well as prime contractor projects.





#### Management Needs

❑ A fundamental requirement of the acquisition and/or modifications of major systems is <u>insight</u> into the program/project's progress for program management purposes.

□ The implementation of an Earned Value Management System (EVMS) on selected contracts within applicable government programs ensures the program manager is provided with program/project cost and schedule performance data which:

(1) Relate time-phased budgets to specific contract tasks and/or statements of work (SOW)

(2) Indicate work progress

(3) Properly relate cost, schedule and technical accomplishment

(4) Are valid, timely, and auditable

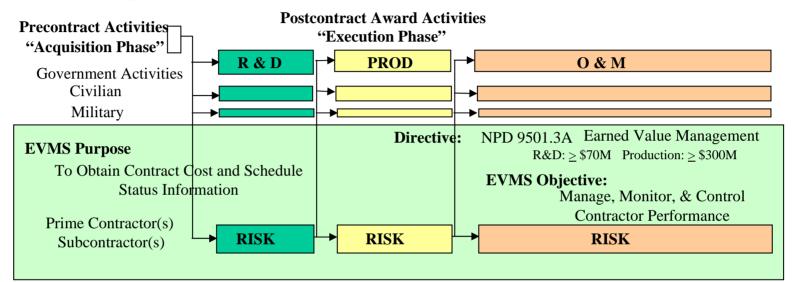
(5) Supply managers with information at a practical level of summarization

(6) Are derived from the same internal earned value management systems used by the government/contractor to manage the contract.





#### Can We Meet Program Requirements With Existing Resources?



#### Where Are the Risks?

Type of Data Required to Answer Fundamental Questions?

- Gov't Statement of Work (RFP)
- Contractor's Proposal
- Organization Breakdown Structure (OBS)
- Contract Work Breakdown Structure (CWBS)
- Work Packages/Planning Packages (WPDs)
  - Scope of Work (Technical Content)
  - Budget (Cost) CAM's Estimate Methodology
  - □ Time Phased (Resources Scheduled Over Time)
- Control Account Plans (EVM Milestones)
- Schedules (Logic Network/Gantt Charts)
- **Other Program Documents (WBS Dictionary, Milestone Dictionary, etc.)**

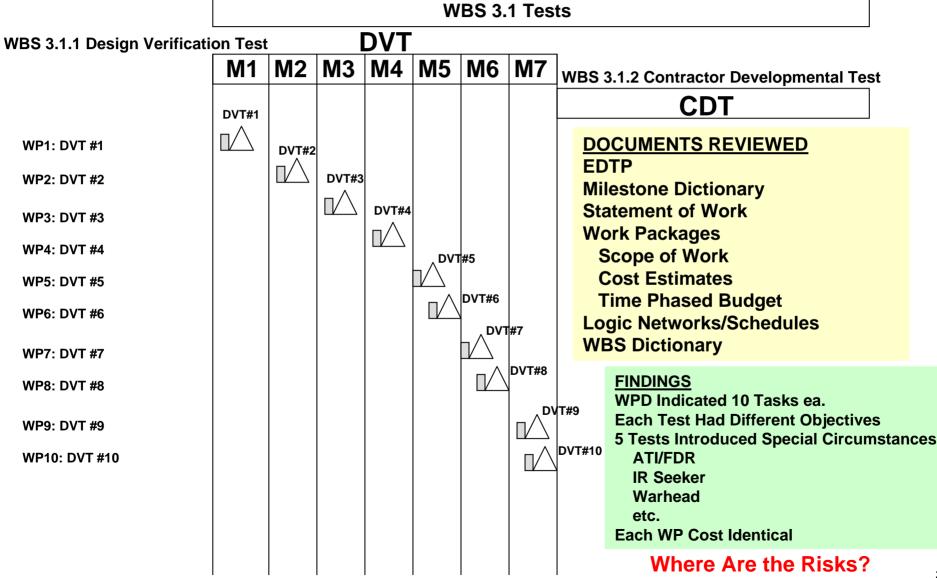






#### **Can We Meet Program Requirements**

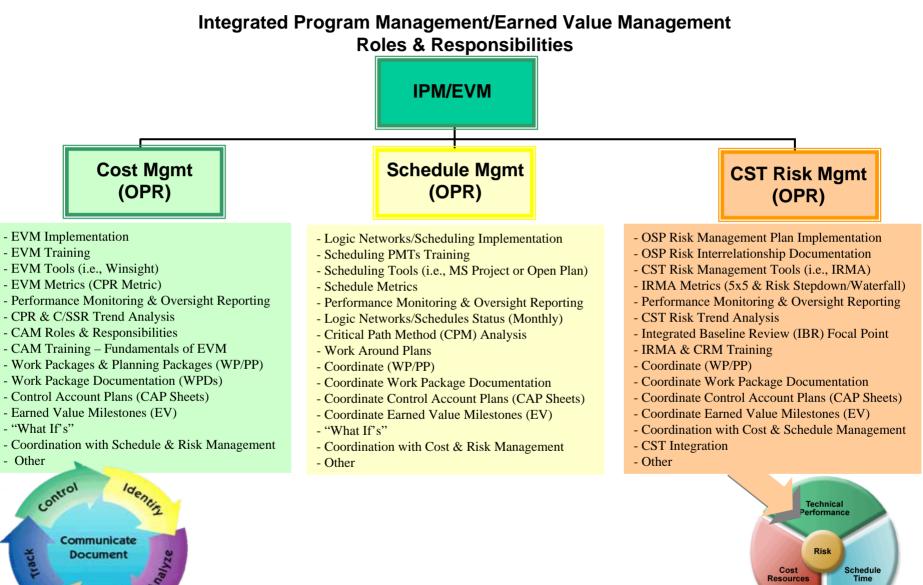
With Existing Resources?





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Schedule

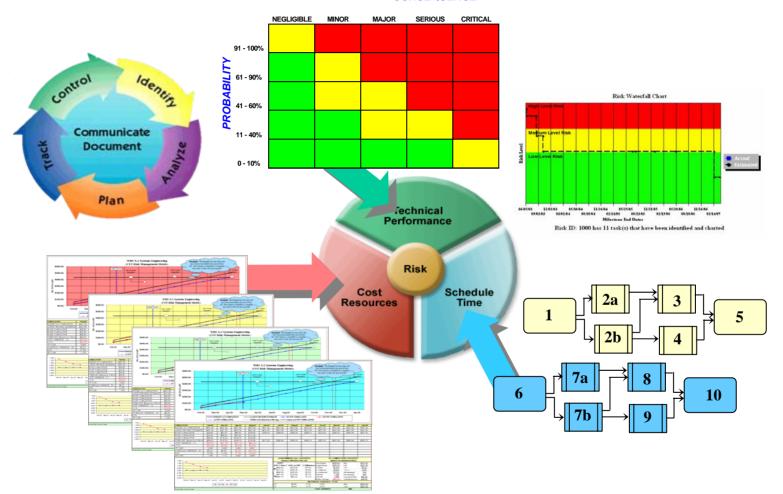
Time

Cost Resources



### **Risk Management Metrics**





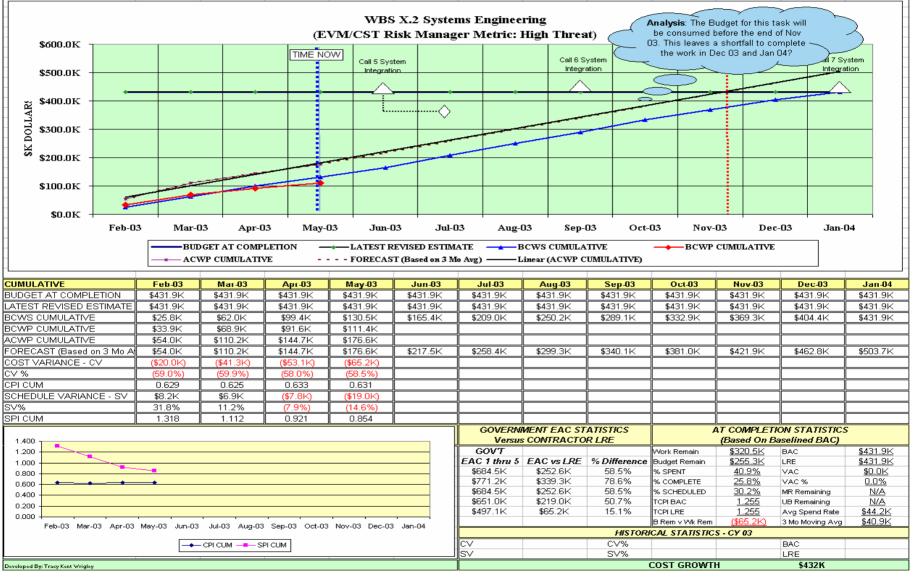
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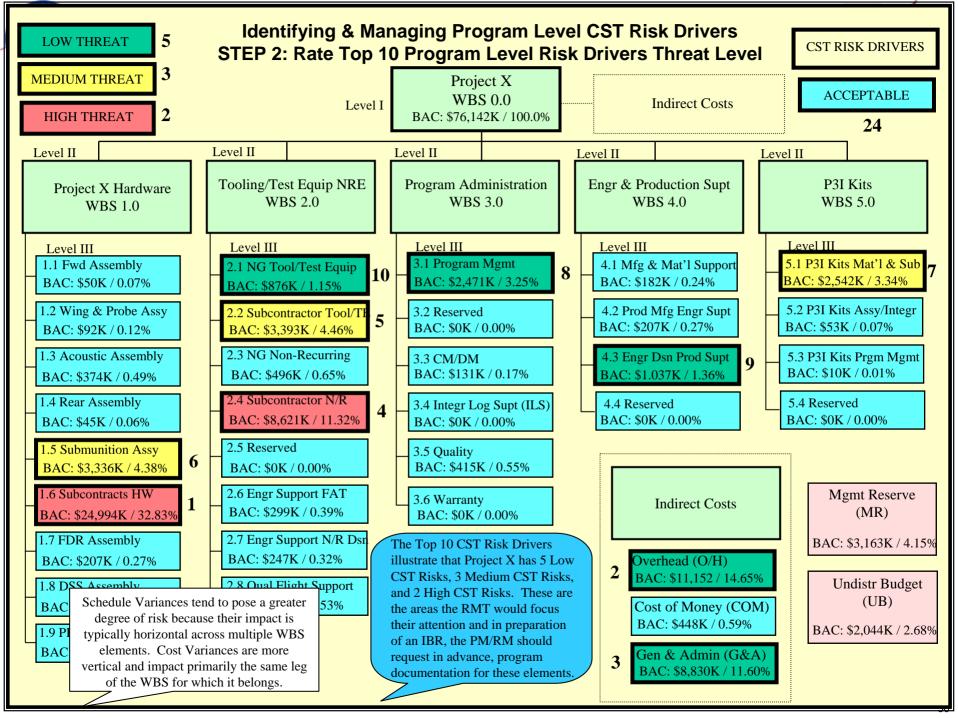
### **Risk Management Metrics**



#### **Can We Meet Program Requirements**



#### Where Are the Risks?<sub>29</sub>







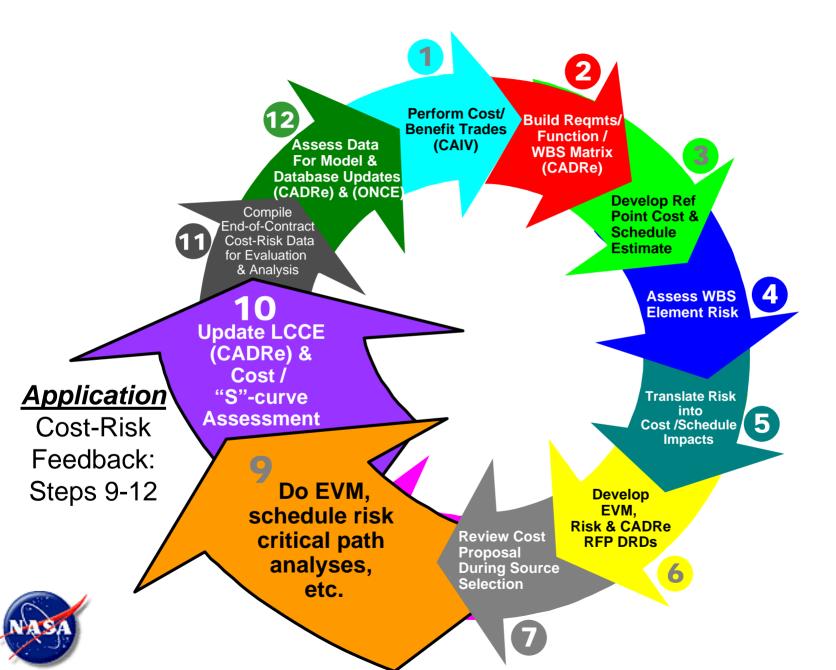
□ EVM instills a disciplined approach to cost, schedule, and technical development via the Work Breakdown Structure (WBS).

EVM ensures that cost, schedule and technical aspects of the contract are truly integrated.

Data derived from EVMS provides <u>insight and visibility</u> into contractor's progress for program management purposes (trend analysis, forecasting, early warning signs, trigger mechanism, etc.).

□ EVM is a Risk Mitigation Step at the Program Level designed to reduce risk on complex programs.

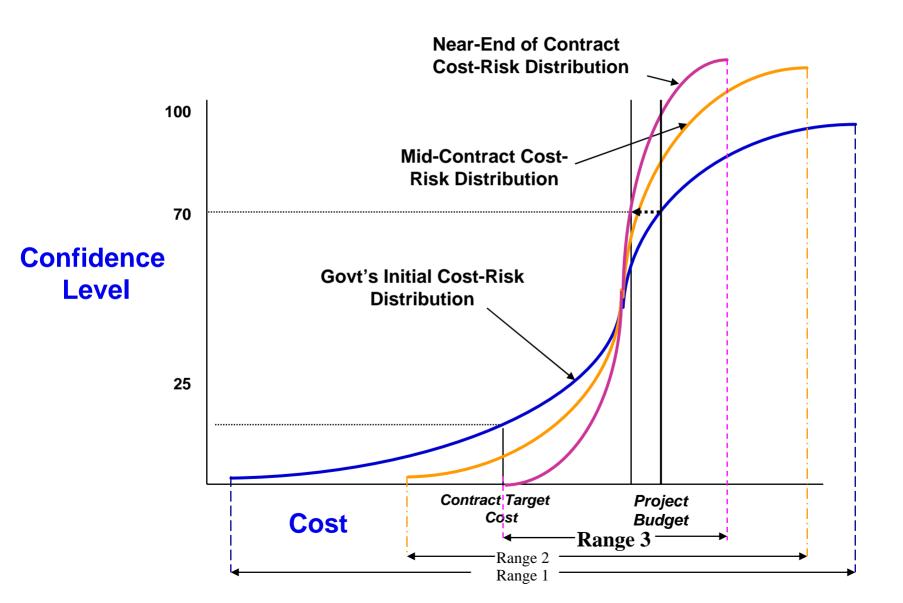
□ EVM is a sound business practice.



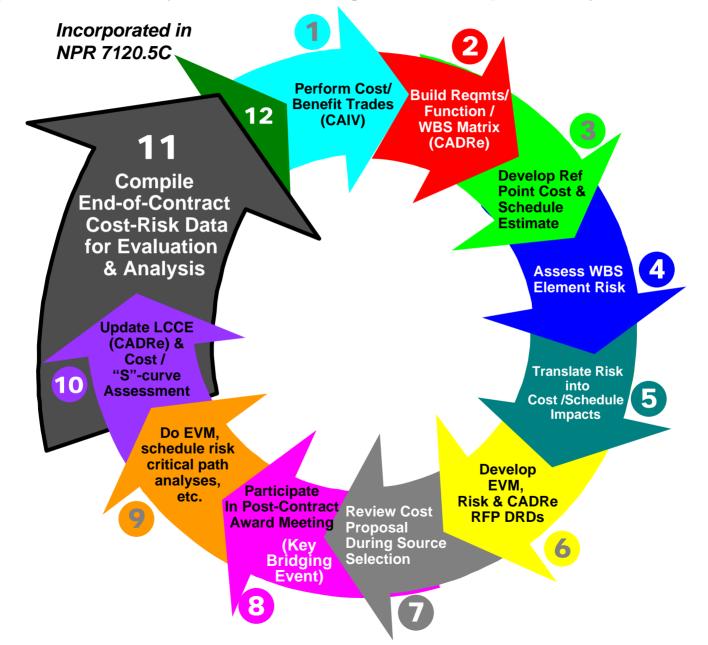




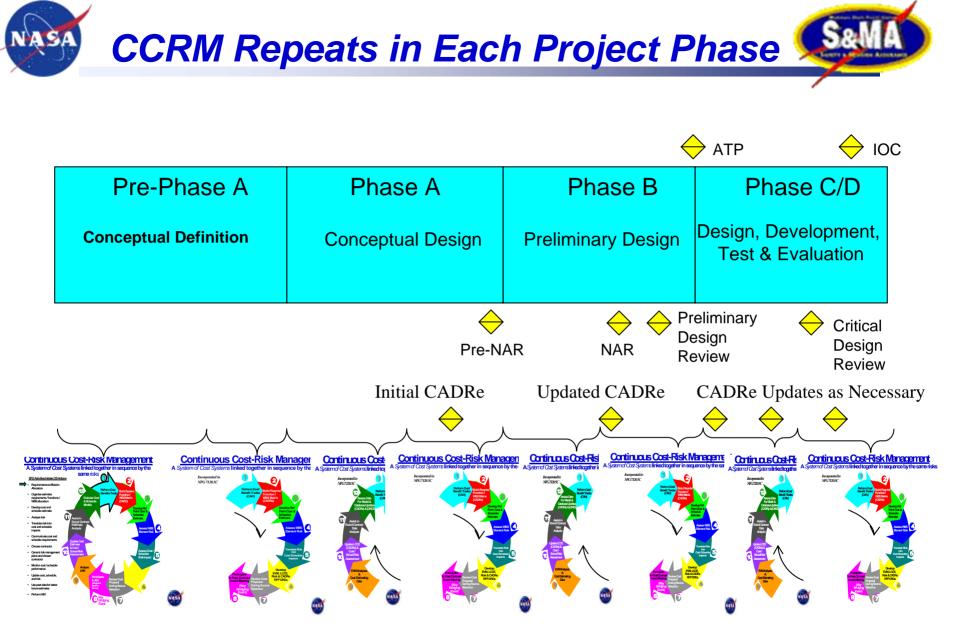
**Update Contract "S"-Curve Over Time** 



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# How Do We Implement the CCRM and the CADRe?





- ✓ Brief the NASA Mission Directorates and Agency PMC
- ✓ Institutionalize CCRM into the draft NPR 7120.5C
- Expand on "how to's" in the Cost Estimating Handbook
  www.ceh.nasa.gov
- Brief to NASA Center leadership, S&MA project managers and cost analysts
- Establish "Center CCRM/CADRe Champions"
  - Recommend/provide tools (e.g., NAFCOM; ACEIT; Crystal Ball; @RISK)
- Put CADRe, EVM, PRA, Risk Management, Technical Performance Measurement, Schedule Risk DRDs in RFPs and assist in drafting them
- Directly assist project offices in implementing each step of the CCRM
- Hire a SETA/FFRDC to augment NASA personnel for training, DRD writing and implementing on projects
- > Benchmark project management teams in their CCRM capability
  - Rate against CCRM criteria
  - > NAR teams could implement
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