



Cost Management Steering Group (CMSG)
Meeting Summary and Actions
8 December 2015, Pentagon, OAA Conference Room (2D667)



Principal Attendees (In Person): Mr. Ramsey (CE), Mr. Angers (M&RA), Ms. Casciaro (AAA), BG Wojtecki (USARNG), COL Sarnecki (G3/5/7), Ms. Murry (G4), Ms. Page (G8 PA&E), Mr. Daniels (G8 FD), BG Komar (OBT), Mr. Walsh (USACE), Mr. Welch (ABO), Mr. Miller (FO), Mr. O'Neil (MEDCOM), Ms. Pendrick (ALT).

(VTC/Telecom): Mr. Pfoitzer (CIO/G6), Mr. McGhee (FORSCOM), Ms. Helmeron (TRADOC), Ms. Goodyear (AMC), Ms. Provines (USARPAC), Mr. Staley (USAREUR), Ms. Jimenez (ATEC), COL (P) Gingrich (IMCOM), Mr. Henry (USARC), Ms. Laden (USARCYBER).

Meeting Summary:

Mr. Michael Ramsey, Acting DASA, Cost & Economics and CMSG Chair welcomed all members and thanked them for their continued participation. After opening remarks, agenda topics were reviewed and discussed, starting with action updates from the 4th QTR FY15 meeting. The Cost Management Strategic Implementation Plan (CMSIP) metrics working group will reconvene in January 2016 to create CMSIP metrics for CMSG review during the next quarterly meeting. The Study Advisory Group (SAG) on Army Standard Labor Time Tracking (ASLTT) (a CSMG responsibility) considered for approval the ASLTT Study Plan. An additional week of staffing was approved, followed by an approval cycle (paper only) to clarify scope of the overall effort (e.g. General Funds only or expand to include Working Capital Fund). The Army Cost Framework (ACF) was discussed in the context of establishing an enterprise cost management process. DASA-CE discussed using the CMSG to oversee ACF effort and help guide the prioritization of Army cost management projects as well as sharing best practices. DASA-CE will release a new Army-wide tool within the Army Cost Management (ACM) Portal in Jan 2016 that will provide a workflow process for Army Cost Models that will reside in Army systems. Cost Managed Organizations (CMO) pilots will begin in Feb 2016 with ATEC and MEDCOM and will review best practices with the CMSG at the next quarterly meeting. 2nd QTR CMSG proposed member topics included: (1) the review and update of the Cost Benefits Analysis Review Board (CBARB) process to help senior leaders make informed decisions, and (2) in conjunction with the Army Business Council (ABC), the CMSG was asked to review the process of validating costs in Army Problem Statements for Defense Business Systems. In closing, the chair thanked everyone for participating and stressed the need to continue working cost model requirements through the Army Cost Framework with Army stakeholders.

Actions:

- ASLTT WG – (Lead, DASA-CE): Staff and update study plan to address SAG issues.
- CMSIP WG – (Lead, DASA-CE): Create draft CMSIP metrics for 2nd QTR meeting.
- Army Cost Model Workflow Tool SOP – (Lead, DASA-CE): Create SOP including rules for vetting cost model requirements to CMSG.

Way Ahead:

The next quarterly CMSG meeting will take place in March 2016 (T). Members are encouraged to provide topics for discussion. Following meetings will continue to be focused on shaping Army CM policy, strategy, and needs around the Army Cost Framework and best CM practices across PPBE to inform leadership decisions.