



Cost Management Steering Group (CMSG)
Meeting Summary and Actions
20 May 2015, Pentagon, PPBC Conference Room (3C349)



Principal Attendees (In Person): Mr. Mullins (ALT), Mr. Barth (CE), Mr. Cramer (IE&E), Ms. Cruz (M&RA), LTC Fields (USARNG), Dr. Steinrauf (G1), COL Sarnecki (G3/5/7), Mr. Hagler (G4), Mr. Mathews (G6), Ms. Kolesar (G8), Mr. Austin (OCAR), Ms. Avery (ACSIM), MG Nichols (OBT), Mr. Miller (USACE).

(VTC/Telecom): Mr. Graham (FORSCOM), Ms. Helmerson (TRADOC), Ms. Goodyear (AMC), COL Lamb (USARPAC), COL McConachie (USAREUR), Mr. Bocker (MEDCOM), Ms. Weaver (ATEC), Mr. Williams (IMCOM).

Meeting Summary:

The CMSG Chair welcomed all members, thanked them for their participation, and reiterated the mission and objectives of the CMSG. After opening remarks, agenda topics were reviewed and discussed, starting with action updates from the 2nd QTR FY15 meeting: The CMSG will act as the Study Advisory Group (SAG) for the Army Standard Labor Time Tracking (ASLTT). Army Cost Management Strategic Implementation Plan (CMSIP) WG will present its final draft during the next CMSG for publication decision. After the action updates, the DASA-CE stated he wanted input from the CMSG on developing the Army Financial Management Optimization Line of efforts 2c: Standardize Business Practice and Processes – Cost Management and 6 Establish Army Cost Framework. The majority of the discussion during the CMSG revolved around the “Top Ten” Cost Management (CM) Challenges developed from the CMSG members. DASA-CE stated he wanted to begin incorporating CM training into non-financial training centers and courses throughout the Army. In addition, USACE gave an overview of CM functions including labor tracking inside the Corps of Engineers Financial Management System (CEFMS) and IMCOM discussed cost and performance goals including better utilization of GFEBs.

Actions:

- CMSIP WG – (Lead, DASA-CE): Finalize the Army Cost Management Strategic Implementation Plan and present at next CMSG for decision.
- CM Training – (Lead, DASA-CE, OBT): Develop options to improve CM training and incorporate CM training in Civilian and Military education for all specialties and at all levels.
- Cost Managed Organizations (CMO) – (Lead, DASA-CE): Present initial CMO concept at next CMSG.

Way Ahead:

The next quarterly CMSG meeting will take place on 12 August 2015 (T). Members are encouraged to provide topics and/or presentation requests to DASA-CE at least two weeks in advance of the next meeting.