FSP Management Plan Path Forward



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Outline

Philosophy

Boundary conditions and constraints DOE O's & G's, software process & SQA **FSP** management plan and strategy What was proposed?

Current planning status

Next steps





Philosophy

- FSP must have process and formality
 - Adapt/adopt constraints from standards, regulations, best practices
- **FSP** must accommodate, motivate, and facilitate applied R&D
 - Simply re-factoring, re-designing, and re-implementing existing legacy software base won't cut it
- FSP's principal product is quality predictive software and the answers and insight provided by that software

Embrace Microsoft model: "release software early and often"

FSP must be open, inclusive, and embrace the fusion community to succeed

What can be learned, e.g., from CCSM?

- An active and open communication plan is needed
- FSP must leverage existing and past programs as well as motivate new programs
- FSP must have focused deliverables and well-defined requirements to succeed





DOE O 413.3A Provides a Reference Point CD-1 and CD-2 Requirements

CD-1

- **Conceptual design report**
- Acquisition strategy
- Preliminary PEP
- **General Project Director**
- **Establish Integrated Project Team**
- Conduct a design review of the conceptual design
- Project data sheet
- Environmental documents
- Security vulnerability assessment report
- Initial cyber security plan
- Preliminary hazard analysis report
- **Quality assurance plan**



- Preliminary design report and design review
- Establish performance baseline and conduct validation review
- Updated PEP
- Employ an EVMS
- Independent cost assessment and review
- **Quality assurance plan**
- Updated project data sheet
- Environmental documents
- Security vulnerability assessment report
- Updated cyber security plan



Adapting the DOE 413.3A Process to FSP

- Many of the CD-1 and CD-2 requirements can be constructively adopted for a R&D software project; others do not easily map
 - Tailor those requirements for a scientific software project during the FSP planning and definition phase
 - Draw upon proven and documented approaches such as those used in the CMMI (more later)

Be aware of and prepared for "Lehman-like" review scrutiny

- Basis of scope, cost schedule; funding profile & budget; critical path; risks and contingency management; basis of design and design review; IPT; technology readiness; contract readiness; project controls; quality controls & assurance; PEP, documentation of lessons learned
- Of particular importance: standing up and executing an IPT to maintain communication of progress, issues, and actions with key stakeholders (OFES/ASCR)





FSP Definition and Planning Products What was proposed? All elements (and more) of a PEP

Management Plan

- Q409 initial draft: Q110 final
- Strategic Plan
 - Q409 initial draft; Q110 final
- Integration and Outreach Plan
 - Q110 initial draft; Q210 final
- Risk Management Plan
 - ♦ Q210 initial draft: Q310 final
- Requirements Management Plan
 - Q310 initial draft: Q410 final
- Program Tracking Plan
 - Q410 initial draft: Q111 final

- Change Management Plan
 - Q111 initial draft: Q211 final
- Quality Management Plan
 - Q211 initial draft; Q311 final
- Implementation Plan
 - Q311 initial draft; Q411 final
- Joint FES/ASCR MOU & "CD-O"
- Infrastructure Plan
- **Project Execution Plan (PEP)**
 - Strategic Plan
 - Implementation Plan
 - **Risk Management Plan**
 - **Quality Management Plan**
 - **Management Plan**





FSP Management Plan

- Formal approved document that defines how FSP is executed, monitored, controlled
 - A condensed version of the PEP and the Implementation, Tracking, and Change Control Plans
 - Defines the approach used by the FSP team to deliver on products and milestones
 - Agreed upon and approved by the FSP team, participating institutions (PPPL, etc.) and DOE
- Typically covers the management of scope, schedule, finance, quality, resources, communications, change, risk, and procurement
- **G** Focus on management organization and responsibilities
- Articulate the Integrated Product Team (IPT) role and responsibility
 - DOE Program Managers (OFES/ASCR), DOE Federal Project Director (PAO), FSP Director/Deputy Director, FSP Program Managers, appropriate institutional (PPPL) line management, other relevant program management (e.g., ITER)
- Basic philosophy: Manage the FSP as a collection of annual projects, with project scope and deliverables adequately covered by hierarchical milestones





FSP Strategic Plan

- **Overall direction, policy, work areas in next 10-15 years**
- Strategy and deliverables to accomplish stated objectives and goals
- Defines WBS and management team members and responsibilities
- Details principal program elements, their strategies, and performance indicators
- Include L1 milestones and top 10 risks
 - L1 milestone: 1-2 annually, FSP level
 - Ex: demonstrated simulation capability
 - L2 milestone: ~\$1-5M per milestone; FSP element level
 - Ex: formal FSP software release
 - L3 milestone: <\$1M per milestone; FSP sub-element level</p>
 - Ex: document, report
- First draft in Sep, "final" in Dec 2009
 - FSP workshop forthcoming to vet proposed plan with larger community





FSP Strategic Plan Mission and Vision

□ Mission ("reason for existence")

 Deliver an integrated simulation capability for magneticallyconfined fusion plasmas that is properly validated against toroidal experiments in regimes relevant for producing practical fusion energy.

□ Vision ("the goal; where FSP is headed")

Confidently predict toroidal magnetic confinement fusion device behavior with comprehensive and targeted science-based simulations of nonlinear coupled plasma phenomena in the core, edge, and wall region on time and space scales required for fusion energy production.





FSP Strategic Plan A Draft Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)



The final and most appropriate WBS will likely evolve during the FSP definition and planning phase as a result of discussions with clients, customers, and users.





FSP Strategic Plan Milestones

- Philosophy: manage by milestones
 - You only improve what you measure, so measure the right thing
- □ Milestones associated with each WBS level
 - Level 1 (L1) WBS
 - L1 milestones (reportable to DOE)
 - 1-2 annually
 - Level 2 (L2) WBS
 - L2 milestones (reportable to FSP Director, PAC, PPPL)
 - 1-2 annually
 - Level 3 (L3) WBS)
 - L3 milestones (reportable to FSP Program Element Manager)
 - 1-5 annually
 - A typical year
 - 1 L1 milestone, 8 L2 milestones, 25 L3 milestones
- □ All milestones are defined and documented >1 year from due date
 - SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely
 - L1 milestone definitions and metrics are formally reviewed externally at least 1 year from due date
- L1 and L2 milestones are formally reviewed
 - L1 external review committee (DOE + SMEs); L2 FSP review committee (FSP + PAC)





FSP Strategic Plan Milestones

- L1 (WBS Level 1)
 - Ex: Demonstrated simulation capability
 - ♦ FY12 ??; FY13 ??
- L2 (WBS Level 2)
 - Software Architecture & Integration
 - Ex: Formal FSP software release
 - Validation & Assessment
 - Ex: Documented assessment of latest FSP software release
 - Applied Math & Advanced Algorithms
 - Ex: Solver library or application kernel release and integration
 - Physics Components
 - Ex: Component release & integration; demonstrated simulation capability
 - Science-Driven Applications
 - Ex: Application-specific (e.g., disruptions) component integration and demonstrated simulation capability

L3 (WBS Level 3)

Report, document, software commit to repository, simulation result, etc.



FSP Strategic Plan Risks (Arbitrarily-Ordered Incomplete List)

- 1. Distributed team building too difficult
- 2. Insurmountable integrated code numerical and algorithmic issues not observed in prototypes
- 3. Components are inadequate in breadth and depth of required physical model
- 4. V&V and UQ for integrated computational models too difficult
- 5. Difficulty in recruiting, training, and retaining required staff
- 6. Inability to acquire appropriate and adequate validation data
- 7. Inability to balance short-term deliverables with longer-term exploratory R&D
- 8. Inadequate participation, buy-in, and collaboration from the fusion community
- 9. Inability to implement and execute appropriate project management practices
- **10.** Inability to secure adequate HPC capacity and capability (leadership) resources
- 11. Balancing professional development of FSP staff against FSP deliverables
- 12. Ensuring FSP application developers retain "code ownership" and its associated visibility within a larger community software tool
- **13.** Inability to evolve FSP software products into *the* fusion community software
- **14.** Inability of DOE stakeholder program offices to agree upon and support a consistent and mutually-beneficial FSP scope and implementation
- **15.** Inability to retain necessary FSP funds amid competing DOE missions and priorities
- **16.** Inadequate participating institutional commitment to staff deployed on FSP
- 17. Inability to accurately estimate software development costs and schedule and maintain software scope
- 18. Development cannot maintain pace with time scale of changing requirements





FSP Integration & Outreach Plan

- Product delivery and responsiveness of FSP to key stakeholders
- □ How FSP integrates & coordinates with other US Programs
- Approach for interaction & coordination with integrated modeling efforts abroad as well as with international facilities
- Integration of program elements within FSP and synergy with OFES/SciDAC
- □ Whole team input; focused writeup





FSP Requirements Management Plan

- Seek input from 3 sets of people
 - Clients (pay for product development)
 - Customers (pay for product)
 - Users (use the product)
- Requirements address 4 questions
 - Why? (business requirement)
 - What? (functional requirement)
 - How? (design requirement)
 - How well? (quality requirement)
- Process includes elicitation, analysis, specification, and validation
- Requirements must be unambiguous, testable, correct, in scope, modifable, feasible, traceable, and *not* a solution
- Envision a hierarchy of documents in a "bulleted list" form (B.1, B.2, F.1, F.2, D.1, D.2, ...; Q.1, ...)
 - Emulate existing useful and actionable documents
 - Start at the high (FSP) level
- At least one requirements review annually
- Define set of clients/customers/users and questions and collect Q&A input over Q1 & Q2 FY10





FSP Software Lifecycle Model

Envisioned to follow a staged-evolutionary delivery model

- A model for software development with good risk management (Best Practice)
- Get the full application with basic capability into the users' hands quickly
 - Initial capability is simple and not full-featured
 - Follow-on delivery incrementally increases features
- Offers quick user feedback and exercises the full software framework quickly
- An ideal way to incorporate independent assessment and validation
 - Each release triggers a formal and documented assessment
 - Defines range of applicability for the FSP software and informs the next FSP software release with updated requirements, feature enhancement requests, and identification of bugs/issues
 - An effective best practice model used in the DOE NNSA ASC Program
 - Success depends on a good component (object) decomposition





Other FSP Plans

Program Tracking Plan

- Process for tracking progress
- Define its performance measures (L1/2/3 milestones)
- Rollup process for conducting internal and external reviews

Change Management Plan

- Formal process by which the approved baseline plan can be changed (scope, schedule, or budget)
- What changes constitute "large", therefore requiring higher approval?

Quality Management Plan

- Includes V&V and SQA plans
- How is the quality of FSP products assured and controlled
- Definition of explicit and measurable performance metrics for each FSP product





SQA Constraints & Regulations Used in certain DOE Programs: applicable to FSP?

Various standards and guidelines exist – applicable?

- + 10 CFR 830: Nuclear Safety Management
- DOE O 414.1C: Quality Assurance
- Is there an OFES equivalent to the NNSA Weapon Quality Policy (QC-1)?
- DNFSB Recommendation 2004-1
- Others: ISO, IEC, IEEE, MIL, FIPS, NIST
- **Software developed** @ various DOE Labs
 - Are there institutional-specific requirements and regulations to be aware of (e.g., LANL "LIRs")?
- Take away: FSP must have a quality management plan (including SQA) regardless of regulations (or lack thereof)
 - Software guiding "ITER shot decisions" must have SQA pedigree





Software Process Improvement

There is a business case

 Improved software requirements, efficiency and productivity of software teams, software reliability, management of software safety, and reduction of defects and rework

Leverage existing knowledge/experience base

- PMBOK in the Project Management Institute (www.pmi.org)
- Capability Maturity Model for Software (SW-CMM) (http://www.sei.cmu.edu/cmm/)
- Capability Maturity Model Integrated (CMMI) (http://www.sei.cmu.edu/cmmi/)
- Software Engineering Institute (http://www.sei.cmu.edu/)
- Construx (http://www.construx.com)

Example CMMI Process Areas

- Project management assurance: project planning, project monitoring and control, supplier agreement management, risk management
- Engineering assurance: requirements development, technical solution, product integration, verification, validation
- Support assurance: configuration management, product and process quality assurance, measurement and analysis, decision analysis and reduction, organization environment for integration, causal analysis and resolution





FSP Implementation Plan

- "Who does what when"
- The set of objectives that need to be accomplished along the way to achieve stated goals
- Product descriptions or all FSP program elements, sub-elements, projects
 - Yearly planned activities and deliverables for each product (L2/L3 milestones)
 - Decreasing fidelity in outyears
- Milestone co-dependencies are defined
- Explicit timelines and resources associated with each activity are defined
 - Probably need to use a PM tool like Primavera Enterprise (and a "PMP person")
- The IP is the hardest and last deliverable
 - All FSP activities and efforts will have been articulated, planned, resourceloaded, and ready for execution





Next Steps

- Communication plan for FSP team members, fusion community, stakeholders
 - Mailing lists, common repositories, telecon schedules, face-to-face meeting schedules
 - For broader community: web site (fsp.org), FAQ, bulletin board, blog, wiki?

Coordinate and schedule community involvement

How many (and what) extended FSP workshops do we have?

- Develop timeline and deliverables for each FSP program element during this planning phase
 - Who does what when
 - Will find inconsistencies & overlaps that need to be worked out
 - Assess where contingency funds might be useful, needed



