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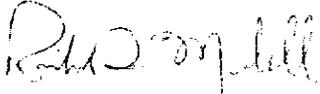
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for DoD Logistics Business
Transactions - Integrated Product Team (IPT) – Expanded

The next meeting of subject IPT will commence at 0800 on June 20, 2001, at the Logistics Management Institute, McLean, VA. The primary focus of this meeting will be to review and comment on the enterprise resource planning (ERP) common enterprise-wide requirements implementation plan. Attached for your review and comment are draft minutes from the April 26, 2001 meeting (Attachment 1). A list of attendees is at Attachment 2. For your convenience, copies of information and briefings provided at the April 26, 2001 meeting are located at http://www.dla.mil/j-6/log-edi/ERP_IPT/default.htm. Points of contact are Mr. George Kingsley, (703) 767-0068, george_kingsley@hq.dla.mil or Mr. Terry Gower, (703) 767-0067, terry_gower@hq.dla.mil.


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Minutes
Adoption of Commercial EDI Standards for
Department of Defense (DoD) Logistics Business Transactions
Integrated Product Team (IPT) -- Expanded
April 26, 2001

Welcome: The meeting commenced with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending. Administrative announcements, a recap of the March 13-14, 2001 meeting, and a review of the agenda were shared with the attendees.

Integrated Data Environment (IDE): The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) IDE concept was presented as an information briefing. The current IDE concept is defined as a shared information capability that enables common interactive business practices between Services, Agencies, and their trading partners. This concept is a departure from the previous DLA IDE concept that primarily focused on situational awareness. The situational awareness phase of IDE was successfully completed. No further situational awareness development work is planned unless a customer is identified and is willing to resource implementation. The briefing concluded with the Chairman suggesting that if anyone would like to further discuss the situational awareness capability or the current DLA IDE focus, they could contact the IPT secretariat.

Anticipated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) implementation policy implications: A representative from the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics & Material Readiness, Logistics Systems Modernization (DUSD(L&MR)LSM) presented an information briefing on their ERP data tenets:

- Develop data mappings and interfaces once and share as a community service
- Capture and maintain data with minimal human intervention
- Provide one authoritative source of data to any bona fide user via a community service
- Ensure most demanding information customer sets standard for data currency, accuracy, precision, and response time

The IPT membership concurred with these tenets. A discussion ensued regarding the general (DUSD(L&MR)LSM) policy direction. The discussion concluded with the Chairman pointing out to the (DUSD(L&MR)LSM) representative the consensus of the IPT membership -- that current direction as it applies to ERPs is limiting and that the focus of the effort and future policy should be expanded to pull in other modernization efforts.

“Plan” overview (objectives/strategy): The Chairman presented an EDI IPT -- Expanded overview briefing. The briefing outlined the redefined mission of the IPT and strategy for achieving the mission requirements. The IPT expansion necessitates the establishment of subgroups to define community requirements in the areas of:

- Data standards/design repositories
- Business rules
- Information exchange services
- Operational repositories

The Chairman defined strawman objectives for the subgroups and stressed that once the requirements were defined, the IPT support group would write the plan/staff with the IPT. A discussion ensued regarding the chartering of the IPT expansion. Concern was expressed that because the original DRID #48 effort had been sanctioned/chartered by the Logistics Information Board (LIB), any additional IPT taskings must also be agreed to by the LIB. The discussion concluded with the Chairman agreeing to staff the expanded IPT charter with the LIB. The briefing concluded with the Chairman identifying the subgroup leadership and moving the IPT into breakout sessions.

Subgroup back briefings:

Data Standards/Design Repositories:

Group requirements:

- Establish metadata repository in accordance with ISO11179, *Specification and Standardization of Data Elements*
 - Capitalize/leverage existing metadata repository services, policies, and documented requirements
 - Repository will be a framework for: elements, definitions, exchange requirements, translations and mappings, new commercial off the shelf (COTS) element requirements, and authoritative sources
- Identify and document community information exchange requirements for data sharing, i.e. World Wide Web (www) capability for sharing information:
 - Lessons learned
 - Associations and vendors – frequently asked questions...problems identified during modernization
- Identify and document metadata requirements to ensure standardization and interoperability between the “big L” (big logistics) functional areas, e.g., acquisition, finance, personnel, transportation, supply, contracting, maintenance, and medical

Group issues:

- Group lacked definitive information regarding SAP and ERP
- Would like to expand effort to be inclusive of the total modernization effort
- Need more expertise/cross sub-group fertilization

Business Rules:

Group requirements:

- Early identification of business process reengineering requirements
- Architectural mechanism to manage end-to-end business process reengineering changes
- Comprehensive review of best business rules development...commercial practices
- Acceleration of business rules change process
- Evaluation of business process opportunities offered by new technologies
- Identification of other business rules development groups
- Evaluation of other groups for functional compatibility with logistics

- Real-time community services utilizing modern electronic business and electronic commerce methods
- Development of a single business rules path and process for “all” inter-component logistics processes
- Adoption of a prioritization and resourcing mechanism for modernizing the logistics business rule process

Group issues:

- IDOC is a proprietary standard and should not be adopted as a universal standard for DoD...Note: Defense Automatic Addressing System Center (DAASC) should continue to process User Defined Files (UDFs)
- Drop ERP and focus IPT on modernization
- Resources – “but” Services and the Defense Logistics Management Standards Office (DLMSO) have the resources today to get started

Information Exchange Services:

Group requirements:

- Universal translation capability
- Quality assurance (data integrity)
- Message auditability and accountability
- Postscript to portable documents format transformation
- Definitive transmission protocols
- Encoding and encryption
- One-time development cost for unique translation and maps
- Evaluation of need for common UDFs
- Process for testing compatibility between and among processes, systems, and Components

Group issues:

- Group lacked full representation from the Services and Agencies
- ERP focus too limiting

Operational Repositories Subgroup:

Group requirements:

- Develop a process for identifying and maintaining a repository requirement
- Develop process for identifying, designating, and maintaining authoritative source repositories
- Capitalize on and leverage current projects to prevent redundant analysis – Example: United States Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) data table project
- Develop a process that ensures data and cross-mapping tables are accessible
- Develop a process for maintaining data quality and integrity
- Develop an operational repositories change management process

Group issues:

- Consideration should be given to combining this sub-group with the Data Standards/Design Repositories sub-group

- ERP development may not have matured to the point that it can be fully exploited from a modernization perspective - consideration should be given to expanding the IPT to cover all logistics modernization

Review of open issues/wrap-up: The meeting adjourned with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending. He stressed that requirements outlined above would be staffed with the IPT and the first cut implementation plan would be distributed in time for review prior to the next meeting (June 20, 2001).

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