

Alcyonix (www.alcyonix.com) would like to inform you about the recent publication that should interest you if your organization uses (or will use) the CMMI and is involved not only in development but also acquisition of products and service. As this is the case for most organizations, we believe that this report should capture your attention. It is a description of a series of amplifications focused on the acquisition discipline. In the CMMI, amplification is an explanation or interpretation of a specific practice for a specific discipline. The report therefore becomes a helpful guide to examine your acquisition practices or to deploy improved practices based on the ones described in the kind of addendum to CMMI. Even if the report, just like the CMMI does, describes the "What" and not the "How", it constitutes a precious tool for any acquisition process improvement initiative. Also, this publication is a good illustration of the way the SEI will drive the evolution of the CMMI, with its current four disciplines (SE/SW/IPP/SS). The SEI will ask any new discipline proponent to first verify if amplifications on existing practices would suffice to cover the specific aspects of the new proposed discipline. You will see in the report that the authors suggest mainly amplifications to existing CMMI Process Areas but also the addition of 2 Process Areas. Indeed, we could see this as a big change request for the coming version 2 of CMMI that is planned for the end of 2005. Finally, this report probably represents the end of the SA-CMM. To follow...

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Abstract:

Building on relevant best practices extracted from the Capability Maturity Model[R] (CMMI) Framework, this report defines effective and efficient practices for government acquisition organizations. Acquisition best practices are focused inside the acquisition organization to ensure the acquisition is conducted effectively, and outside the acquisition organization as it conducts project monitoring and control of its suppliers. These best practices provide a foundation for acquisition process discipline and rigor that enables product and service development to be repeatedly executed with high levels of ultimate

acquisition success.

This report contains the acquisition practices that should be performed by government acquisition organizations acquiring systems and/or services. These practices, however, can also be used by non-government organizations to improve their acquisition practices. This report does not contain prescribed implementation approaches for achieving acquisition best practices. Instead, the proven content of the CMMI Framework is used as a base and amplifications specific to the acquisition process are added.

Questions related to CMMI process areas are provided in the appendix to help managers and executives understand the acquisition organizations documented acquisition practices and the consistent application of those practices. Descriptions of implementation details can be found in the source documents listed in the bibliography.