

Program Management

JHNA provided support to OUSD AT&L Director Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E) Systems Engineering with program management, technical support, and oversight of all aspects of Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) program performance. These efforts included government Program Office and Prime Contractor performance evaluation, systemic root cause analysis and recommendations for improvement in all evaluation areas of the Defense Acquisition Program Support (DAPS) methodology including all aspects of Program Management such as acquisition strategy, program budget and phasing, staffing, contracting, statutory/regulatory compliance, contracting, and management methods and metrics. They also included evaluation of technical planning and execution of requirements management, technical baseline control, software development, and design verification. Independent design verification evaluations were conducted and coordinated with Director Developmental Test and Engineering (DDT&E) on Test and Evaluation Strategies (TES), Test and Evaluation Master Plans (TEMP), and associated correlation with the program Technical Development Strategy (TDS).

JHNA incumbents received multiple personal commendations and praise from DDR&E Systems Engineering management for exemplary performance on over 30 major program reviews in the last two years. In 2010 DDR&E Systems Engineering management expanded JHNA participation in Program Management oversight to include development of Integration Risk Assessment (IRA) criteria, metrics and leading indicators to supplement DAPS based program assessments and to function as program self assessment and progress monitoring tools. Pilot program implementation of JHNA developed program management tools is anticipated in FY 2011.