Closing The Loop Of The Digital Thread





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F-35 is Re-Inventing Aerospace Programs

This Program is Different.....



...VERY Different

Different in Everything We Do

- International Partnering
- Prime Contractor & Partners
- Multi-Service Platform
- Manufacturing Concept
- Commonality Across Versions
- Industrial Participation
- Communication
- Best Value Replaces Offset



Environment – Radically Different Production Requirements



Next Generation Affordable Fighter



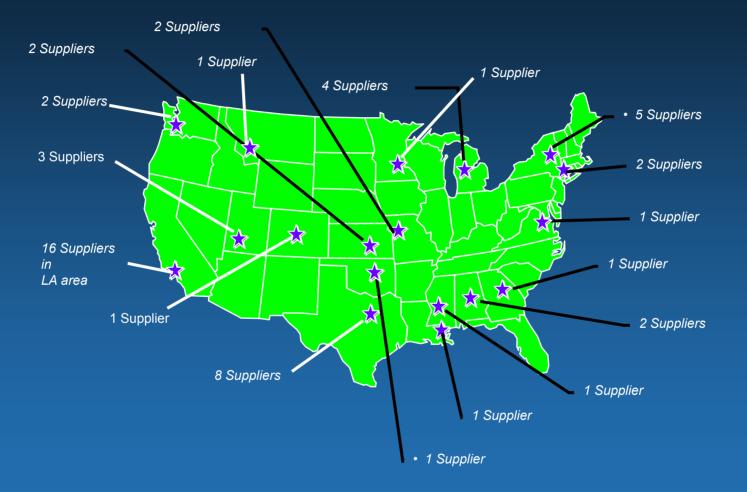
F-35 Rate Production System
1 Day Takt Time
JIT/Point of Use Delivery
Standard Work Instructions
Mixed Model Assembly Line

5 Month Assembly Span

- Standard Work for every task
- Snap Together vs. Hand Crafted
- Moving line in Final Assembly
- Predictable Supply Chain
- Predictable Detail Part Dimensional Control
- Product Designs Must Be Tolerant of Manufacturing Process Variations
- Supplied Parts Must Meet Assembly Requirements
- Processes Must Be Capable and Stable



JSF Airframe Domestic Suppliers



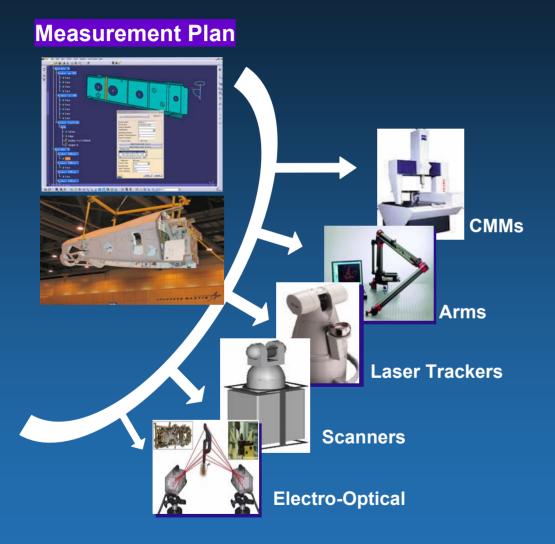


JSF Airframe International Suppliers





Global Standardization Challenge



Design

- Standardize Tolerances
- Standardize Datum Schemes
- Standardize KC Definition
- Standardize Inspection Plans

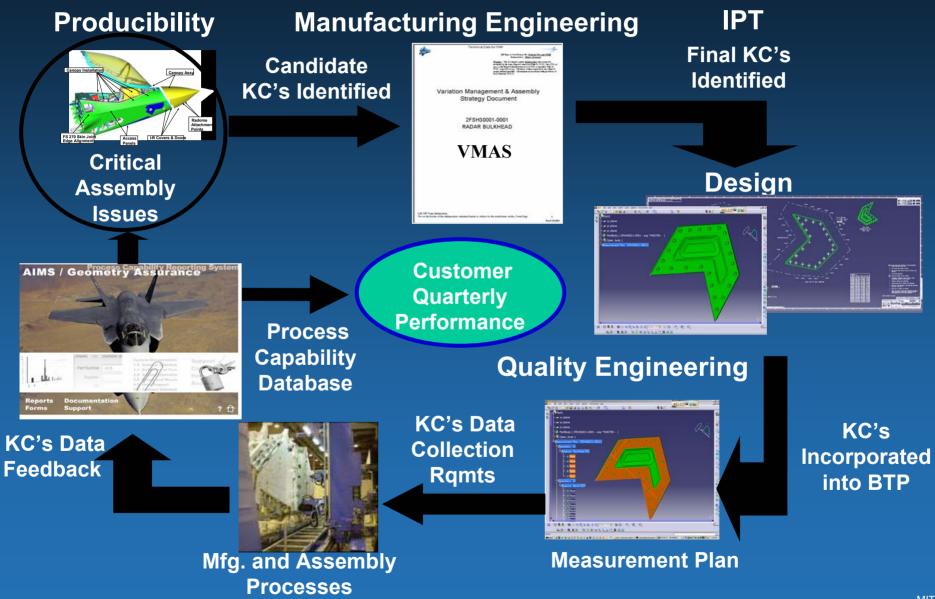
Supplier

- Communication
- Standardize Inspections
- Performance Assessment

Quality

- Standard Reporting & Metrics
- Standardize Supplier
 Feedback
- Influence Design & Source Selection

Airframe KC Selection/Management Process

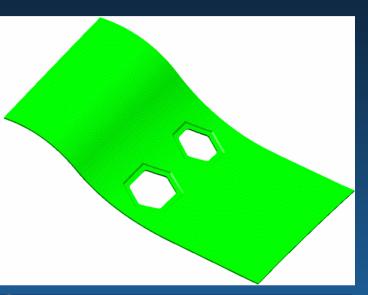


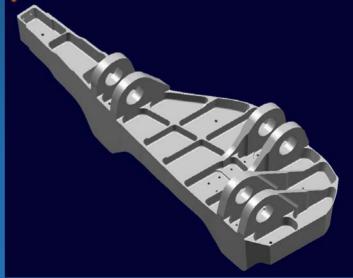


Challenge – Parts Must Meet Assembly Requirements



- Dimensional Integrity
- Many of the disruptions in the Assembly process are a direct result of part feature not meeting dimensional requirements.
- A complex part can have thousands of dimensional requirements, but how do you communicate what is important at Assembly?



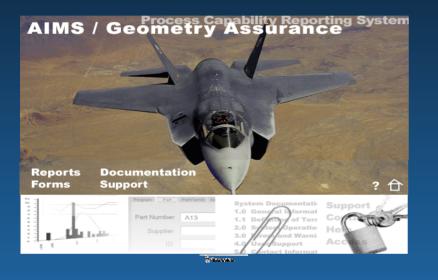




Step 1 – Define and Understand Process Performance



Enterprise Process Capability Database



- Selected the AIMS suite developed by Boeing & Metronor
- Provides the ability group by Part Family, Part Number, Part Feature, Process, Program, and Supplier
- Reporting function provides basic
 management information type reports
- Reports are accessed via the Web

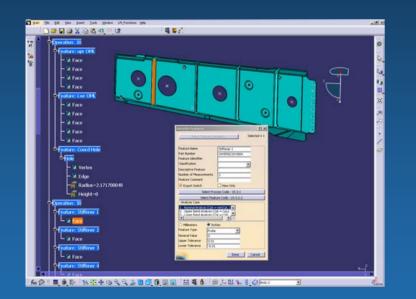
Collaboration — One Set of Shared Information



Step 2 – Standardize the Measurement Process



Measurement Plan



- Define a measurement approach to ensure that a part is measured the same way no matter where it is built
- Focus attention on Key Characteristics and assembly integration
- Require actual measurement result data to be sent in ahead of the part
- This allows us to efficiently populate a Process Capability Database
- Improves communication between design & build



Step 3 – Manage the Process to Improve

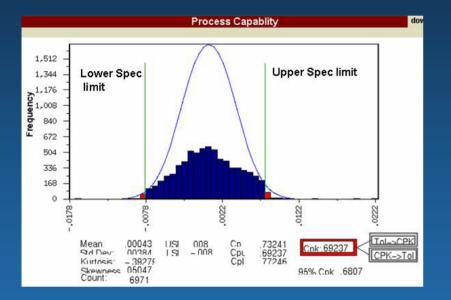


- Manage the processes proactively "Information Rich not Data Rich"
- The Supply chain is a process; not just a subcontract management task
- Inspection/verification must be managed like any other process

Stable and Predictable Supply Chain



Key Characteristics Data Usage



- Updates Machining Design Standard
- Trade study support for reducing designed in shim gap
- A-1 troubleshooting/problem resolution
- Reconciling Loss Function estimates with actual performance
- Getting initial insight to Supply Chain capabilities
- Data is available to support Corrective & Preventative action tasks for both Suppliers and Internally

More than simply a data collection exercise



Detail Part Process Capability Metrics - KC's



Supplier: All Process: Multi-Axis Machining Product Family: Detail Parts Material: Aluminium/Ti Date: March 2005

					Data cce: AIMS	Database ()3 / 2005
Ref	Key Characteristic	Tolerance	Range	Actual % Points Passed	Ср	Cpk	Status
1.	KC Feature A	0.016	0.0388	99.27%	.73	.69	
2.	KC Feature B	0.020	0.0304	92.7%	.62	.48	
3.	KC Feature C	0.016	0.0246	93.4%	.65	.39	
4.	KC Feature D	0.020	0.0104	100%	1.68	1.54	
5.	KC Feature E	0.020	0.0165	100%	1.15	.82	
6.	KC Feature F	0.016	0.0159	100%	.85	.84	
7.	KC Feature G	0.020	0.0114	100%	1.51	1.1	

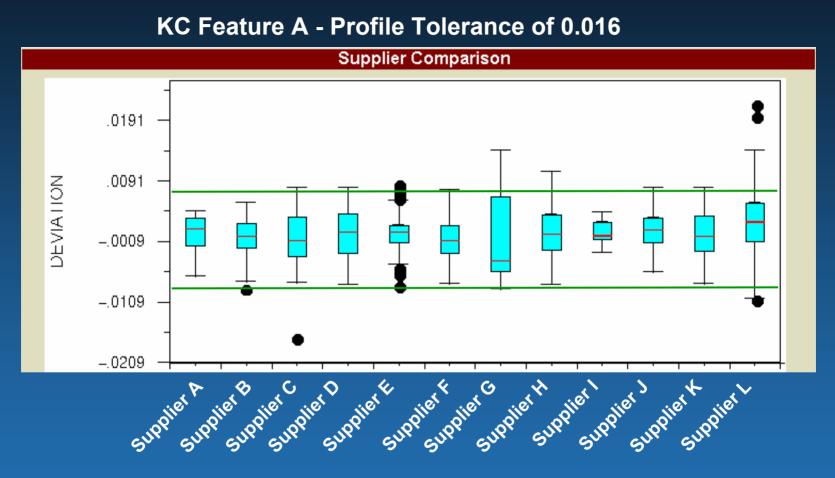


Corrective / Preventive Action

- Get Process Control Documents in place to identify process improvements
- Program to Nominal



KC Feature - Supplier Comparison



The Green line are Specification limits

Who do You want to support Your Moving Assembly Line?



Questions

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