

Orbital Supplier Management

"Increasing Executional Performance In Today's Economic Storm"



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Present Aerospace Supply Chain Situation

Global Economic Stress

- New Government Policies
- Customer Uncertainties
- Debt and Financing Challenges
- FX Effects

Downward Pressure from Primes

- Hedging Developmental Investments
- Competitive Pricing
- New Technology Requirements
- Accountability

Upward Pressure from Commodity Producers and Distributors

• Parts is Parts

ITAR/Regulation Situation

- Limits Transparency for Restricted Suppliers
- Increases Lead Time



The "Pinch Effect"

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Source: SSC BIWG



Aerospace Industry Challenges

- Fewer Order Opportunities
- Increased Competition
- Transition from Prime Contractors to Subcontractor
 - Pushing Authority/Responsibility Downward

- Compressed Development Schedules
- Downsizing/Mergers & Acquisitions
- Competitive Pressures to Reduce Internal Costs

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Retention of Workforce Experience and Skills





Widening Risk Gap

The "Crunch Effect"

Top Aerospace Supplier Management Issues



Aerospace Supply Chain Concept

Outsourcing SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Often Higher Technological Solution than In-House
- Cost Effective Product Solutions
- Liquidated or Hedged Development and Production Risks
- Capped Development Costs

OPPORTUNITIES

- Technology Expansion Through R&D
- Partnerships and Alliances
- Early (Supplier) Design Verification
- On-Site Presence at Supplier's Facilities

WEAKNESSES

- Reduced Schedule Control
- Loss of In-House Capability
- Limited Flexibility to Accommodate Changes & Set Priorities
- Loss of Lower-Level Process
 Controls
- Increased Indirect Costs

THREATS

- Disclosure of Intellectual Property
- Erosion of Key Technologies
- Competitive Threats Through Merger or Acquisition
- Parts and Materials Controls

SubTier Infrastructure Issues

Tier 2 (and Lower) Outsourcing w/o Maintaining Core Design Competency or Developing Sub-tier Supplier Technical/Management Capability to Apply to Supplier Oversight:

- Inadequate Technical Oversight of Suppliers (Initial Designs/Changes)
- Supplier Insight is not Very Deep and There is Very Limited Capability to Perform Critical Process Audits/ Verifications
- There is Minimal Supplier Pedigree Verification

Consolidation Within Certain Commodities

- Work is Moved to "Manufacturing Centers of Excellence" Without Consideration for Technical Support for Unique Designs
- Risk of Problems Tied to Changes in Trained Operators and Undocumented Steps/Details in Assembly Documents and Changes in Equipment are Not Identified or Mitigated
- Key Production Capability Moving Off Shore (Suppliers that Primarily Manufacture to Class 3 PWB Standards are Becoming Hard to Find)

Basic Design Issues With COTs Parts, Materials and Processes are Not Consistent Aerospace Applications

- Long Term Storage Considerations (Material Compatibility, Service Life)
- Part Level Selection is not Mil, No Provisions for PEM Qualification, Part Screening (PIND), etc.
- Heritage Space Designs do not Include BIT/FDIL Features Required for Aerospace System Health Status
 Monitoring and Logistics Operation
- · Counterfeit Parts Mitigation, Parts Obsolescence, Heritage Verification

Countermeasures

Leverage Total Spend/Business at Suppliers

- Larger Primes will Prevail
- · Consider Combined "Bundled" Procurements

Make Supplier Accountable for their Performance

- Monthly Report Cards
- · Supplier Executive Knowledge and Involvement
- Tie Critical Items to Incentives or Penalties

Key Quality Flow Downs

- Notification of Changes to Processes
- Test Failure Notification
- MRB Approval/Approval of Non-Conformances
- Traceability Requirements
- · Parts, Materials, and Processes/Certificate of Compliance
- Requirements for Approval of Changes in Supplier's Design
- Obsolete Parts Prohibited
- Procurement from an OEM/Authorized Distributor

Risk Mitigation Planning

Identify Opportunities Early in Value Stream



Strategic Supplier Development Implementation

Map Product Life Cycle from the Beginning

• Develop a Value Stream Map for the Product

Segregate the Product Life Cycle Phases:

- Requirements Definitization
- Design & Development
- Fabrication & Assembly
- Test Verification and Validation
- Delivery & Product Support

Identify the Risks Associated with Each Product Phase

Weigh the Risks in Three Dimensions: Probability, Severity and Relevance Within the Value Stream

Identify Mitigation Tasks for Each Risk

Perform System Trade Studies to Prioritize the Mitigating Tasks and Rank in Terms of Value - Trade Studies Need to be Completed Prior to PDR

Implement High-Value Mitigation Tasks

Goal: 70% of the Risk Mitigation Tasks are Completed Before Completion of the Fabrication & Assembly Phase



Supplier Risk Reduction Example

Risk Registry

ID	Risk Description	Impact	Probability	Status/Comments
1	Late Hardware Deliveries	3	5	Program Schedules Experience Continual Erosion
2	Hardware Test Failures	4	4	Supplier Has Experienced Several Test Failures
3	Failure Review Board Process	4	3	Multiple FRB's Need Strong Supplier Leadership and Process for Quicker Closure
4	Supplier PM/Technical Lead Workload	3	3	Multiple Programs and Multiple FRB's Overload Key Personnel Impacting Schedules and Timely Reports
5	Production Flow Improvements	3	3	Test Flow Limited by Test Stations in Use Across Projects. FRB's Impacting Test Station Availability

Risk Summary



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Risk Reduction Plan



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The Ultimate Supplier Management Progression



Summary

The Economic Situation is Not Improving

Competitive Pressures will Increase

Active Countermeasures are Required

- Leverage Your Spending at Critical Suppliers
- Hold Suppliers Accountable for Their Performance
- Risk Mitigation is Essential for Success
- Process Control and Adequate Training are Mandates
- Don't Forget About the Quality Assurance Organization

Strive to Build Collaborative Relationships at Strategic Suppliers

• Ultimately: Supplier "Self-Actualization"



Only 7% of companies today are effectively managing their Supply Chain. However, these companies are 73% more Profitable than other manufacturers. - Deloitte & Touche study, October 2003