



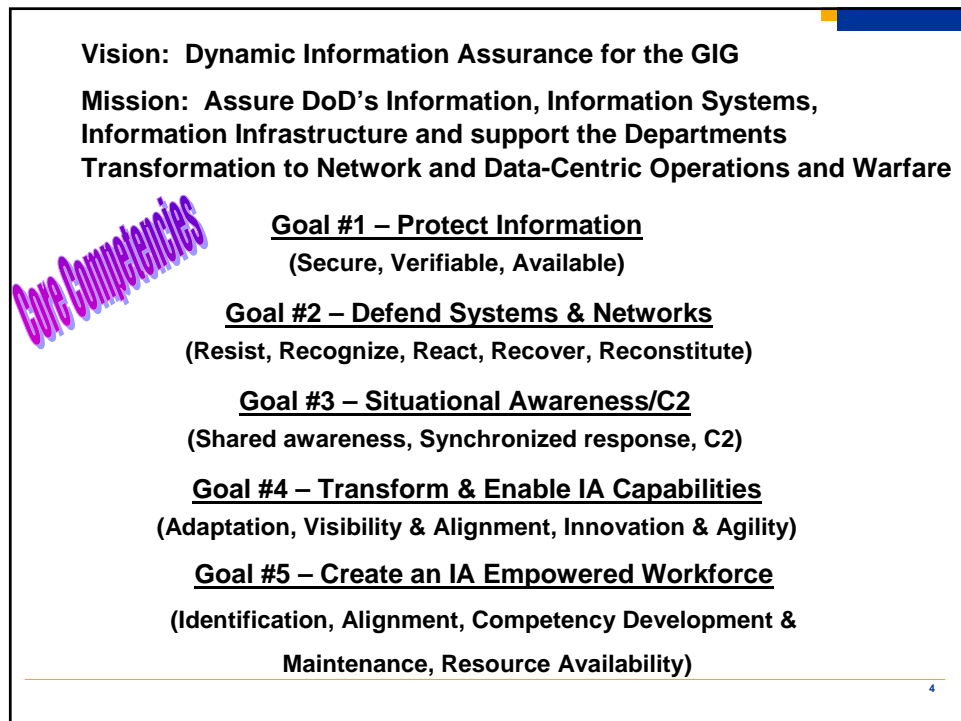
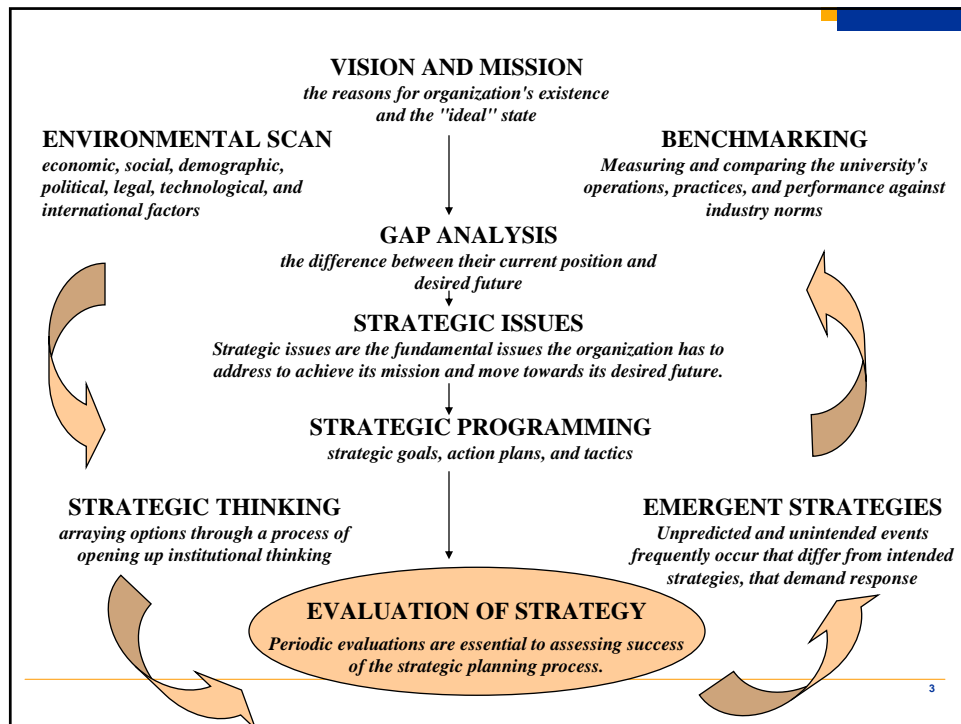
# **DoD's Approach to IA Metrics**

## ***Feeding Leaderships Information Needs***

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### **Discussion Points**

- **Metrics in Perspective**
  - Key Principles; Aligned to goals
  - Enterprise vs organization
  - Quantitative vs qualitative
- **Where we are today**
  - Technical; Quantitative
- **Pilot Methodology**
  - Strategic Execution
  - Operational
- **Next Steps**
  - Operational metrics development
  - Issue Guidance (Assessment Teams/FISMA)
  - Communications & Collection Mechanisms

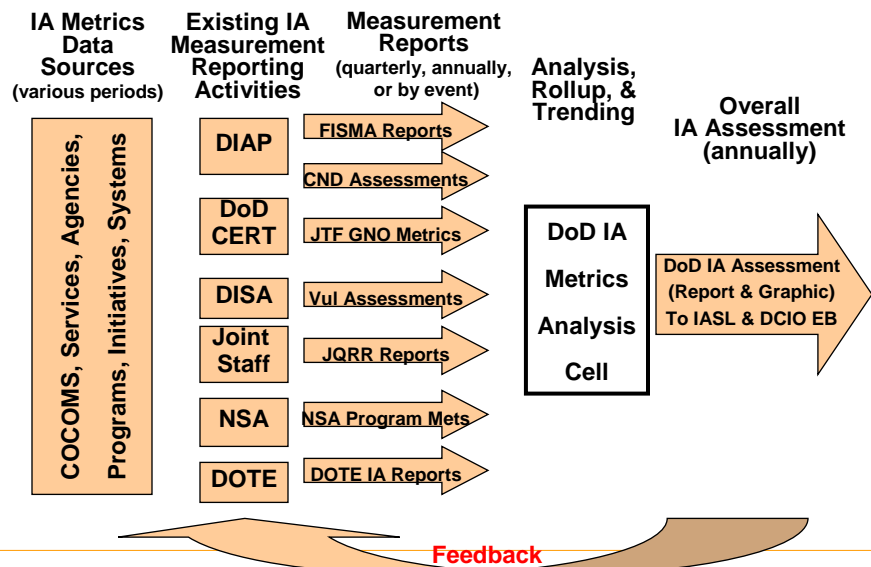


## Goals of the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of Metrics Initiative

- What is being collected today
  - who's doing what?
- Evaluate 'quality' of metrics aligned to objectives
  - Will the metrics we collect today meet the needs of the seniors?
- Generate Increased Awareness
  - Initial assessment
  - Warning Order

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## Methodology



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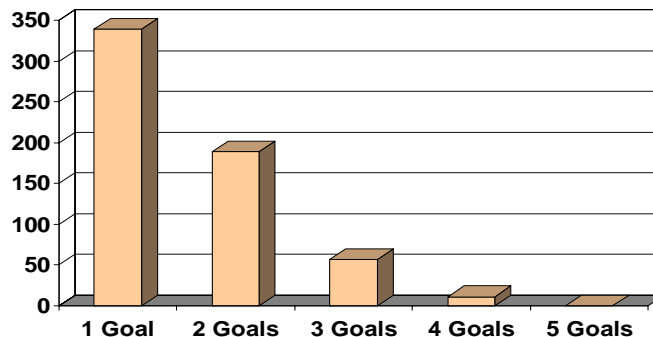
## IA Metrics Working Group Results

- Collected, Documented, Categorized over 700 metrics from existing metrics efforts across the DoD
  - JTF-GNO, DISA, NSA, JQRR, & DOTE metrics
  - FISMA and CND Assessments
- Analyzed the knowledge needs for assessing each goal area of the strategic plan
- Analyzed the existing metrics from two perspectives:
  - Which ones supported our knowledge needs to assess our progress towards our goals
  - What is the quality of each metric... based on solid data? or more subjective?
- Aligned & assessed if adequate for our needs
- Here is what we discovered:
  - Over 200 existing metrics weren't 'good metrics' for our purposes
  - We have a lot of gaps in our current knowledge base

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## Metrics Overlap Across IA Goals

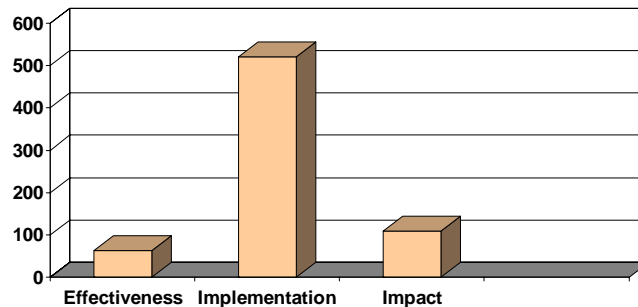
- Over half of existing metrics apply to only one IA Goal
- Only ~10% of existing metrics apply to more than two IA Goals
  - Should result in reasonably clean relationship between changes in metrics and progress towards reaching Goal



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## Effectiveness versus Implementation Metrics

- Most existing metrics are implementation metrics
- Candidate metrics sources to consider for increasing number of effectiveness metrics:
  - Incident metrics from JTF GNO
  - Red team result metrics
  - Vulnerability assessment results



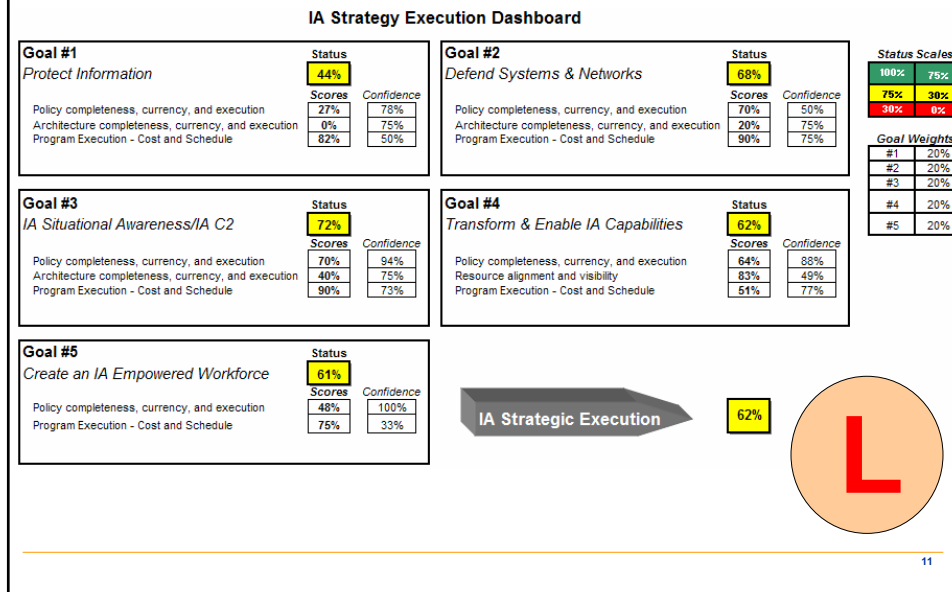
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## Some Insights...

- DoD is really good at implementation metrics; not so good at outcome & really not good at linkages
- Senior leadership does not spend enough time identifying what is important to mission success or does not communicate it effectively to providers
  - Need to identify what is important to them
  - Need repeatable ways to communicate & track
  - Need dedicated investment in management of the process
- Bottom up → quantitative, standards driven, tool based implementation of collection mechanisms
- Top down → qualitative, simplified, yet tied to 'real data'
- Do not have a good understanding of risk & no good way to frame investment decisions in terms of risk to mission, function, forces
- Really complicated; not enough time spent on analysis

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## Results (preliminary) – Enterprise Summary



## DoD IA Program – Leadership Responsibilities

**“Operate today, plan for tomorrow,  
invest for the future & guide the transformation”**

**-Minimize Risk to Mission-**

**Requires:**

1. Understanding of the operational environment (*operations*)  
-what should I invest in now to mitigate risk to operations?
2. Knowledge of gaps between as-is and to-be (*strategy*)  
-what investments do I need to make for tomorrow?
3. Assumed Risk (today vs. tomorrow) (*risk mitigation*)  
-what are the tradeoffs in terms of risk to mission?

## Today's Vulnerabilities

*-systemic vulnerabilities -*

### Perimeter Security

Policy (ports & protocols)  
Technology (IDS, firewalls...)  
Patch Management  
Configuration Management  
Password Management

### Remote Access

Wireless Services  
VPN connections  
dial-up access  
dual-use laptops

### Protecting Critical Servers

Domain Controllers  
Legacy applications  
Integrated UNIX/Windows  
domain authentication

### Data Management

“hard & crunchy on the  
outside, soft & gooey on the  
inside”

### Social Engineering –

“100% effective”

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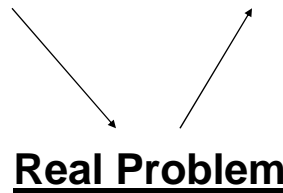
## Guess What?...

**SOFTWARE VULNERABILITIES OUTPACE CAPABILITIES TO REMEDY THEM:** Microsoft issued 40 security patches for IE and 13 security patches for Outlook during the course of 15 months AND In 15 months there were 261 listed vulnerabilities for Microsoft O/S. 92 were vulnerable to user action; 169 vulnerable to network aware code exploits

**CURRENT IAVM PROCESS IS NOT EFFECTIVE:** Patches existed for 12 of 14 worms analyzed in that exploited network aware code.

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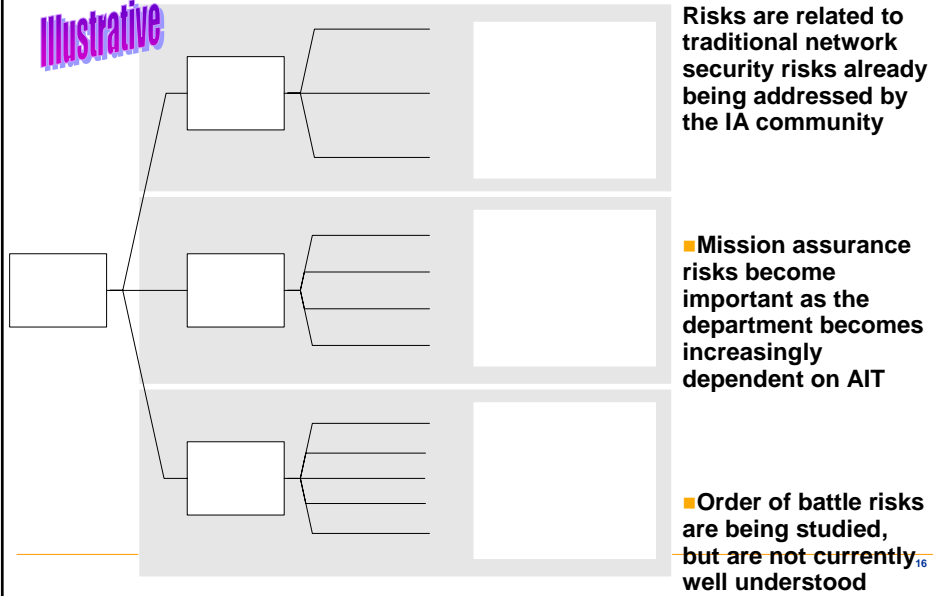
## Cost – Risk - Benefit



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## RFID Security Taxonomy: Three Areas Of Concern

*Illustrative*





### Core Principles for a Successful Executive-Level Metrics Program

- Measures of progress (metrics) must be tied to specific goals that are important to management.
- Staff should understand the importance of the goals and the role of the metrics in accomplishing them- help them to become excited about the metrics.
- Executive-level metrics should be understandable to management.
- Metrics are indicators that the goals are being achieved - they are not themselves the goals.
- It's important to find good metrics - bad metrics can impede progress towards the goals (outcome & goal focused)
- Metrics will likely change as progress is made towards the goals.
- Tracking metrics requires gathering and analyzing data periodically (quarterly) - establish efficient mechanisms to do this.
- Different parts of organizations will require varying levels of detail - try to establish executive level metrics that are rollups or extracts from lower level metrics. Lower level organizations should own the metrics at their level.

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KISS

**Keep it Simple, Staff!**

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## ***On strategy...***

**If you don't know where you want to go, all directions are equally good**



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## ***On metrics...***

**We truly understand only those things we can measure. - Isaac Newton**

**If you aren't keeping score, you are only practicing. - Anonymous**

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