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For effective and efficient application of ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 on defense programs, additional application requirements are needed. ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 is written in a general manner to address all types of systems and different modes of application. Thus, it does not have requirements specific to the use by defense projects that facilitate effective implementation of an acquirer-supplier agreement, such as use in defense contracts.

This standard implements ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 for application on defense programs, providing the defense-specific language and terminology to help ensure the correct application of acquirer-supplier requirements for a defense program. This standard includes the expected/required outputs and associated attributes.

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1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This standard establishes the requirements for systems engineering activities to be performed on projects of the United States (US) Department of Defense (DoD) and other defense agencies across the entire system life cycle, including the planning, acquisition, modification, and sustainment of defense systems. It provides the foundation for systems engineering within the context of ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288¹ and the acquisition environment of DoD and other defense agencies at all levels of system hierarchy. This standard provides detailed requirements for the application of the life cycle processes, activities, and tasks of ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 for use on any defense system and includes the effective integration of agreement processes, technical processes, technical management processes, and essential specialty engineering requirements.

1.2 Purpose

This standard provides requirements for the application of ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 for defense systems engineering needs. This standard implements ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 for use by DoD organizations and other defense agencies in acquiring systems or systems engineering support. While primarily supporting the

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acquirer-supplier agreement mode, this standard also can be used to support the other modes: use by organizations, projects, and process assessors. This standard provides the basis for selection, negotiation, agreement, and performance of necessary systems engineering activities and delivery of products, while allowing flexibility for both innovative implementation and tailoring of the specific systems engineering process(es) to be used by system suppliers, either contractors or government system developers, integrators, maintainers, or sustainers.

1.3 Conformance

1.3.1 Intended usage

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1.3.2.1 Full conformance to outcomes

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ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015 2.2.2 “Full conformance to tasks” shall apply.

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The agreement between the acquirer and supplier shall include the systems engineering requirements based on the tailoring (or other adaptation) of the requirements of this standard to address the program situation.

The assessment of the supplier is based on the compliance to the agreement. The agreement shall include the means by which compliance will be determined (which may include accomplishment of outcomes, completion of tasks, or delivery of outputs).

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IEEE Std 15288.2™-2014, IEEE Standard for Technical Reviews and Audits on Defense Programs.²

ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015(E), Systems and software engineering—System life cycle processes.³

SAE/EIA-649-1 (2014), Configuration Management Requirements for Defense Contracts.⁴

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3.1 Definitions

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allocated baseline: The approved requirements for a product, subsystem or component, describing the functional, performance, interoperability, and interface requirements that are allocated from higher-level requirements and the verifications required to demonstrate achievement of those requirements, as established at a specific point in time and documented in the allocated configuration documentation. (SAE/EIA-649-1).

baseline: (A) *noun:* A formally controlled and maintained set of data that serves as the basis for defining change. (B) *verb:* To establish and approve a set of data. (Adapted from SAE/EIA-649-1.)

NOTE—This standard uses the noun form of baseline to refer only to configuration baselines managed by the configuration management process, including the functional baseline, allocated baseline, and product baseline. It does not refer to other baselines used in DoD such as the acquisition program baseline.⁶

configuration item: Any system element or aggregation of system elements that satisfies an end use function and is designated by the acquirer for separate configuration control. (Adapted from SAE/EIA-649-1.)

functional baseline: Describes the system's performance (functional, interoperability, and interface characteristics) and the verification required to demonstrate the achievement of those specified characteristics. (SAE/EIA-649-1)

NOTE—The functional baseline is directly traceable to the operational requirements contained in the initial capabilities document or equivalent document.

product baseline: Describes the detailed design at a specific point in time, for production, fielding/deployment, and operations and support. (SAE/EIA-649-1)

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