

File 20101109.1116: Notes from Systems Engineering meeting at 1100 this morning:

The SABI community is still holding boards; RM 5.0 is on the UCDMO list which is all that some managers care about, but in fact there is a large difference between approved transfer solutions that appear side by side on the UCDMO list; RM and TMAN are both on the list, but TMAN is TSABI only and will never be able to touch more than half the customers that RM serves; nevertheless on the UCDMO baseline they look identical. 'It is a broken system' according to the developer; not even really sure how they are on the list. SABI has one more meeting in November, but it will not be the last one.

[Not for WAR] Jim Quinn's meeting last week had a slide up about reorgs at lower levels. One box showed both RM and TMAN in it—he said those two programmes had very good synergies. Jim Quinn also talked about pushing to make higher numbers; C4ISR had 10 percent growth in revenue last quarter, on track to a billion dollars this year. None of the other divisions exceeded 3 or 4 percent.

The F-35 has had some cost issues, as everyone is aware; the entire company is on a sprt of probation because of it. The great push for CAM training last year was a direct result; auditors found that CAMs were not adequately trained. Mr Christensen is now the CAM for infrastructure; Kevin is no longer CAM, as it was not reasonable for him to go to the training.

At the present time, the RM developer is under Bryan Rollins and TMAN is under Mike Warden, and because they are under different umbrella organisations, TMAN has felt safe to say bad things about RM at every opportunity, as they do so constantly. The RM developer does not bad-mouth TMAN; the RM developer does not know enough about TMAN to feel confident in doing so. A planned reorganisation by Jim Quinn (LM VP) will likely soon place RM and TMAN under the same umbrella; that will make it much harder for TMAN to bash RM because the RM developer will be able immediately to respond. RM has a much better and more widely known reputation amongst customers; TMAN is almost unknown in the collateral and IC community.

The developer has a lot of installation activity going on for new TSABI sites and preparing for initial SABI accreditations. Lots of hardware coming in; porting to new Crystal servers. These are MIL-SPEC 810F hardened for the most severe vibration environments, i.e., helicopters.

At the 4th UCDMO conference, the US government indicated how CDS developers should move away from Mandatory Access Control (MAC) to something new called Multi-Category Security (MCS).

Raytheon this week acquired Trusted Computer Solutions (TCS), a CDS vendor in competition with the RM developer. TCS, in my experience, is a customised configuration of a COTS MLS workstation with Microsoft Office applications installed in the partitions and virtual network interfaces on the physical ports.

## References