

File 20100419.1500: Notes from Kim Frey's 5.0 certification status meeting today at 1430:

Currently, the Beta 2 testing schedule exceeds the Period of Performance (POP) of the contract. They are working on a contract mod to get it extended long enough to finish Beta 2. Budget, especially for travel, is extremely tight, but they need to add in a trip to TRANSCOM, outside St Louis, if they intend to upgrade the system at STRATCOM. TRANSCOM has an RMIG, and that software (WinDDS) must be upgraded at the same time or things will break. The project manager was not too happy to hear this, but she appreciates hearing of the necessity for the trip and will schedule it in.

Beta 1 IV&V team reports that they will finish on 23rd April and submit their report by 30th April. Major milestones are:

- Beta 1 IV&V testing complete: 23rd April 2010
- Beta 1 test report released: 30th April
- Formal test report response: 18th May
- RM 5.0 regression test complete: 18th June
- Government regression test complete: 9th July
- Beta 2 installation begins: 12th July
- Beta 2 completes: 6th August
- Final Beta 2 test report: 13th August
- Authority to field: 20th August

For the next round of regression testing, one lesson learnt from last time was that Beta 1 typically would not accept any test results that the IV&V team did not personally witness. This time the developer are building IV&V witnessing directly into the test plan, scheduling particular people to witness particular sets of tests, so that there will be no unanticipated overlaps.

Budget is tight—the project manager is explicitly asking everyone to look for any efficiencies possible. If anyone sees any activity planned that is not necessary, please sing out. Where they really got bit last time was when a contract shuts down before all the money on that segment has been spent. It makes it not possible to complete the activity.

References