

File 20100729.1257: Notes from the RM 5.0 CT&E telecon, 1000 EDT 29 July 2010:

Present on the call were Dennis Bowden, RM programme office; Larry Sampson, Unified Cross Domain Management Office (UCDMO); Larry Brown, Lockheed Martin; Kevin Miller, Lockheed Martin; Ian McGlothlin, Lockheed Martin; Dan Nichols, UCDMO; Charissa Robinson, NSA I173; Kevin Gallicchio, NSA I733; Dave Oshman, NSA I173; Dan Griffin, US Navy SPAWARSYSCEN-Pacific; Maureen Branch; Corinne Castanza, DNI CAT; and myself.

Charissa from NSA I173 will send out the final CT&E regression test report from SSC Charleston by close of business tomorrow. Dan Griffin just got back from STRATCOM and reports that all is going well; they will be ready for UCDMO to arrive and for ST&E to begin next week. Larry Sampson then asked if there were any additional comments on the report.

Kevin Gallicchio reported that the latest patch received from the vendor was tested. It successfully corrected both [redacted] and [redacted] issues.

Dennis Bowden asked a question about the body of evidence he is assembling: is there an equivalent to the unclassified SharePoint server where all of these documents can be posted so that people who only have access to JWICS or SIPRNET can read them without having to email files around all the time? Larry Sampson replied that there is a classified server and space would be set aside soon.

Regarding the schedule, on Monday next the Beta 2 phase officially begins with ST&E at STRATCOM. Geoff McGarrigle from RMPO will be there; Rob Drake from DIA will be there; Russ Savage and Kori Phillips from the developer will be there. Don Flint and Corinne Castanza from DNI CAT will arrive the week of 16th August.

The first few SABI installations after ST&E at STRATCOM will have the hardest time getting through the CDTAB and DSAWG process, observed Dennis Bowden. We shall have to look hard at the body of evidence for those first sites. Charissa Robinson asked about the patches called for in the POA&M: SABI sites will have a very different configuration from STRATCOM [Editorial note: STRATCOM is essentially a TSABI site] but will not every change listed in the POA&M have to be tested? Dennis Bowden replied that the POA&M will come with a single common patch CD for all sites; all sites will have to be updated per the POA&M, so all will have to be tested for all POA&M-changed functionality.

Kevin Miller is going to wait for Kevin Gallicchio's final report before making the final developer updates to the POA&M. That report will come out next week.

Charissa Robinson will be doing a Test Readiness Review (TRR) for CDTAB in September. In preparation for that, she is looking at the entire body of evidence that they have created, RDAC and RMF.

Dennis Bowden: It is the position of the Radiant Mercury Programme Office that the first few SABI sites can proceed with the first certified RM 5.0 software version in advance of the POA&M patch, although possibly with a higher risk assessment. Charissa Robinson replied that it is an accreditation decision; it cannot be made without a risk assessment. Corinne Castanza noted that she is finishing up for DNI CAT a complete list of findings, annotated with the latest developer responses and NSA replies to the response, consistent with both risk assessments, for the body of evidence used to create the report. Charissa Robinson concurred that NSA I173 will do the same.

Will it be possible for Dennis Bowden or another Programme Office representative to attend the CDTAB? Charissa Robinson will try to get an invitation to the CDTAB, although the CDTAB does not usually entertain visitors. Dennis Bowden observed that IV&V is more likely to be invited, since they are totally independent of Lockheed Martin, but IV&V may not be available this CDTAB because of scheduling conflicts. Charissa Robinson said that because this is the first time for a new CT&E standard, it is possible that others might be able to get an invitation to CDTAB. She will check on it.

Paul Ozura has on his to-do list to check over all the old items on the findings list, to verify that no findings have been forgotten and that all software changes have been tested, for example the [redacted]. Kevin Miller described the fix for that issue, which is a procedural change only and entails no code changes.

Dan Nichols requested a sidebar with Dan Griffin and Dennis Bowden at the CDMO Conference, the week after next.

Call ended 1025 EDT with the observation that because STRATCOM will be testing next week, there likely will not be a classified hotwash telecon next week, but there may be an unclassified one. Larry Sampson will send out an announcement early next week.

After the telecon, Larry Brown noted that this was the best meeting yet. It looks like it is actually going to happen.

Kevin Miller brought up the fact that the Legal department of Lockheed Martin should be consulted regarding source code changes to the COTS software that Eric developed in the process of fixing the SNMP problem (three JAR files). Those changes should be released back to the community.

References