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| Level | Focus | Key Process Areas | Result |
| Optimizing | Continuous Process Improvement | Organizational Innovation and Deployment  Causal Analysis and Resolution | Highest Quality /  Lowest Risk |
| Quantitatively Managed | Quantitatively Managed | Organizational Process Performance  Quantitative Project Management | Higher Quality /  Lower Risk |
| Defined | Process Standardization | Requirements Development  Technical Solution  Product Integration  Verification  Validation  Organizational Process Focus  Organizational Process Definition  Organizational Training  Integrated Project Mgmt (with IPPD extras)  Risk Management  Decision Analysis and Resolution  Integrated Teaming (IPPD only)  Org. Environment for Integration (IPPD only)  Integrated Supplier Management (SS only) | Medium Quality /  Medium Risk |
| Managed | Basic Project Management | Requirements Management  Project Planning  Project Monitoring and Control  Supplier Agreement Management  Measurement and Analysis  Process and Product Quality Assurance  Configuration Management | Low Quality /  High Risk |
| Initial | Process is informal and Adhoc |  | Lowest Quality /  Highest Risk |