

Introduction: How to Use the M&Q BoK

The Department of Defense (DoD) Manufacturing and Quality (M&Q) Body of Knowledge (BoK) is a compilation of best practices and lessons learned for completing M&Q activities across the DoD system acquisition life cycle. The office of the Executive Director, Systems Engineering and Architecture (ED, SE&A) prepared the BoK and will update the work periodically to reflect current policy, guidance, tools, and best practices. This document does not supersede DoD policy, guidance, or law.

The BoK details M&Q activities throughout the system life cycle but is not intended to be read from end to end. DoD Engineering and Technical Management (ETM) practitioners and managers may refer to the BoK to find information relevant to the phase of the program they are working on. Within a specific phase, the user may focus on the section and tasks that apply (with appropriate tailoring) for the M&Q activities the program is conducting.

The BoK chapters cover recommended M&Q activities and tasks during each acquisition life cycle phase to meet DoD Instruction (DoDI) 5000.02, Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework.

The BoK includes 6 chapters:

- Chapter 1: Pre-Materiel Development Decision (Pre-MDD)
- Chapter 2: Materiel Solution Analysis (MSA)
- Chapter 3: Technology Maturation and Risk Reduction (TMRR)
- Chapter 4: Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD)
- Chapter 5: Production and Deployment (P&D)
- Chapter 6: Operations and Support (O&S)

Each chapter focuses on the DoDI 5000.02 activities and program documentation required for that phase. Each chapter uses the following format:

- **Introduction:** Discusses the objectives of that phase to allow the user to understand the environment and requirements.
- **Manufacturing and Quality Objectives:** Discusses roles, goals, and objectives of program M&Q during this phase.
- **Threads:** Twelve threads or topic areas include discussions of major M&Q functions based on the “5 Ms” (Manpower, Machines, Materials, Methods, Measurement); Manufacturing Readiness Level (MRL) criteria; and DoD-unique M&Q-related functions not found in industry (i.e., DoD acquisition system, defense contracting system, and surveillance system). The 12 threads are labeled with letters A through L as follows:
 - A. DoD Acquisition System
 - B. Defense Contracting System
 - C. Surveillance System
 - D. Technology and Industrial Base

- E. Design
- F. Cost and Funding
- G. Materials Management
- H. Process Capability and Control
- I. Quality Management
- J. Manufacturing Workforce
- K. Facilities
- L. Manufacturing Management and Control

Each thread includes several **Activities** represented by gray boxes in the corresponding chapter figure (Figure 1). Activities are numbered A.1, A.2, A.3 . . . B.1, B.2, B.3, etc. The BoK includes the following for each activity:

- Activity overview description
- **Tasks** that M&Q personnel could be expected to support or lead.
- **Tools** such as checklists, templates, and samples available to M&Q personnel intended to help them to accomplish these tasks.
- **Resources** including guidance documents, handbooks, manuals, instructions, memos, etc., that provide direction to M&Q personnel for tasks identified in the gray box.

Example: Figure 1 shows Threads, Documents, Activities, and Reviews for the EMD Phase.

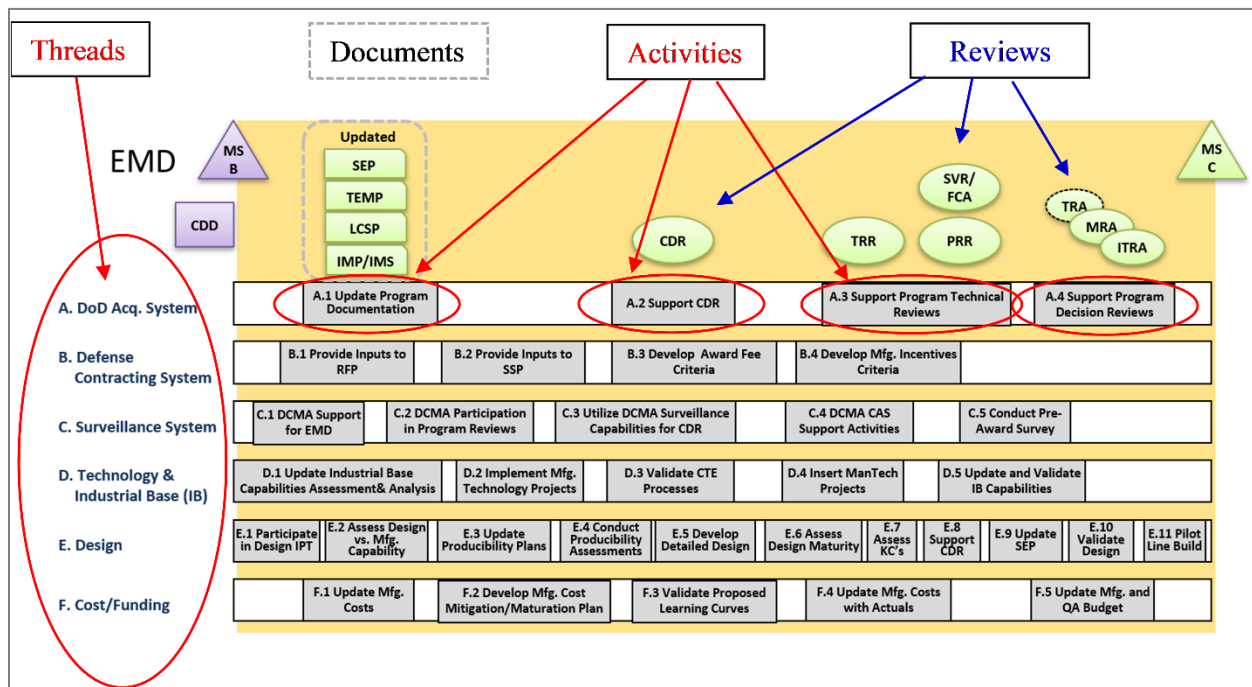
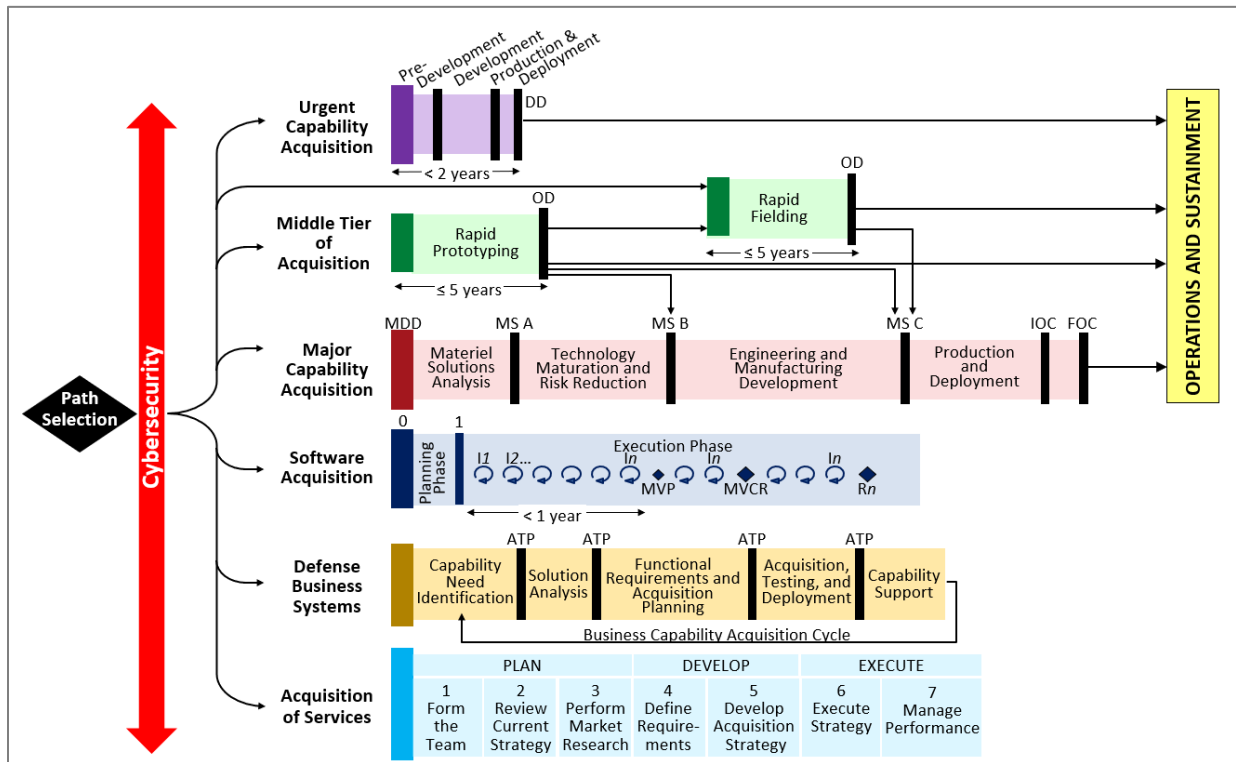


Figure 1. Sample Activity Chart

Adaptive Acquisition Framework (www.aaf.dau.edu)

This BoK follows DoDI 5000.02, Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF), and for the most part will describe M&Q activities for the path labeled Major Capability Acquisition (MCA). This path includes a comprehensive and systematic approach for applying M&Q best practices; however, the M&Q BoK best practices are applicable to the alternative AAF pathways as well. AAF pathways are depicted in Figure 2.



Source: DoD Instruction 5000.02, Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework, January 23, 2020

Figure 2. Adaptive Acquisition Framework Paths

For example, under the AAF, a program may have an Urgent Capability Acquisition (UCA) and may have less than 2 years to provide a solution to the Warfighter, or the program may be involved in a Middle Tier of Acquisition (MTA) approach focused on rapid prototyping or rapid fielding. If so, users can see how these efforts are aligned with the MCA process in Figure 2 and use those BoK chapters to identify and accomplish required tasks and activities.

In addition to DoDI 5000.02, the following associated policies provide information for the paths:

- DoD Instruction 5000.74, Defense Acquisition of Services
- DoD Instruction 5000.75, Business Systems Requirements and Acquisition
- DoD Instruction 5000.80, Operation of the Middle Tier of Acquisition
- DoD Instruction 5000.81, Urgent Capability Acquisition
- DoD Instruction 5000.85, Major Capability Acquisition

- DoD Instruction 5000.88, Engineering of Defense Systems
- DoD Instruction 5000.89, Test and Evaluation

With any acquisition model, the program office should include M&Q personnel on the technical Integrated Product Team (IPT) and to support M&Q activities and tasks, many of which are support tasks for activities that control specific acquisition areas. For example, M&Q personnel do not have authority to sign contracts, but they should be involved in submitting M&Q input for consideration. This BoK serves as a framework for identifying and accomplishing the tasks and activities. It is up to the individual program office or acquisition organization to tailor this BoK for their application.

Manufacturing and Quality Planning

M&Q planning, control, and management activities represent an important and central effort that begins early in the life cycle (Pre-Materiel Development Decision (MDD) and/or Materiel Solution Analysis (MSA) phases) and continues throughout the life of a program through Operations and Support. Although planning is discussed in detail in each chapter, Figure 3 provides key elements of M&Q planning activities in relation to overall program life cycle activities.

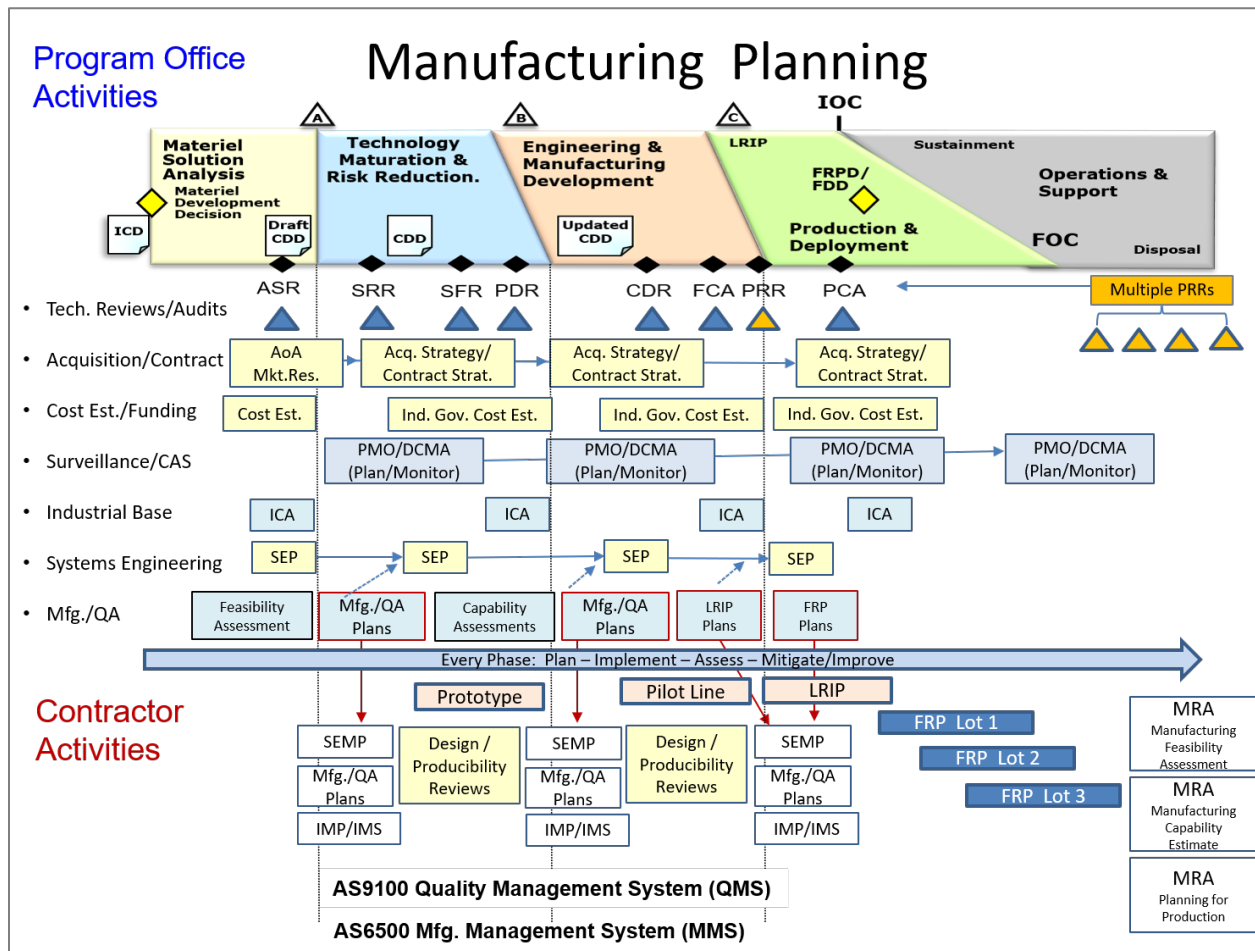


Figure 3. Typical Manufacturing and Quality Planning Activities

Most activities begin with the need to identify requirements, risks, and gaps, followed by planning activities. The top-most planning document is the Acquisition Strategy, and numerous documents feed into the Acquisition Strategy to include the Contracting Strategy and the Systems Engineering Plan (SEP). M&Q strategies should be a component of the SEP. Plans are then evaluated and updated on a recurring basis, usually just before a milestone decision.

Once the plans have been developed and the requirements handed off to the contractor in the form of a contract, then the detailed planning and execution occur. The contractor is responsible for the execution of the program and in planning for success. The government Program Management Office (PMO), along with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) or other contract surveillance organizations and engineering support activities, is responsible for oversight and management of the acquisition. Risk assessment and mitigation is an ongoing effort that should be conducted throughout the system life cycle. Key references for DoD M&Q planning and management approaches include: MIL-HDBK-896, Manufacturing Management Program Guide; SAE Standard AS6500, Manufacturing Management Program; and Quality Management Systems standards ISO 9100 and/or AS9100. In addition, MRL criteria and assessments are a best practice for identifying and mitigating M&Q risks across the system life cycle. As a best practice, DoD ETM practitioners and managers should become familiar with these fundamental planning and management approaches.

Tools and Resources

DoD tools and resources are available from many sources. Most should be available through open web-based links, but some may require a “.mil” address or a Common Access Card (CAC), or they may be available only to users in a specific community. Commercial tools and resources should be available to everyone but may require the organization to purchase a user’s license/rights (e.g., ISO 9001 Quality Management System industry standard). In many cases, commercial resources and tools have been identified as a best practice. The M&Q BoK lists these tools for reference only; DoD does not necessarily endorse these resources or the publishing organizations. In addition, this document may reference a source for a specific tool (i.e., Pareto Chart), but there may be other widely available sources for this tool or for similar tools.

Sections labeled “Tools and Resources” are provided throughout the document chapters. The following section includes a summary of key references and links by publisher or topic. A more comprehensive list of references is included in Appendix B.

Key Manufacturing and Quality Body of Knowledge References and Resources

Department of Defense (DoD) Issuances, Directives Division <https://esd.whs.mil/DD/>

- DoD Directive 5000.01, The Defense Acquisition System
- DoD Instruction 5000.02, Operation of the Adaptive Acquisition Framework
- DoD Instruction 5000.80, Operation of the Middle Tier of Acquisition (MTA)
- DoD Instruction 5000.81, Urgent Capability Acquisition

- DoD Instruction 5000.84, Analysis of Alternatives
- DoD Instruction 5000.85, Major Capability Acquisition
- DoD Instruction 5000.88, Engineering of Defense Systems
- DoD Instruction 5000.89, Test and Evaluation
- DoD Instruction 5000.93, Use of Additive Manufacturing in the DoD
- DoD Instruction 5000.94, Use of Robotic Systems for Manufacturing and Sustainment in the DoD
- DoD Instruction 5000.60, Defense Industrial Capabilities Assessments
- DoD Handbook 5000.60-H, Assessing Defense Industrial Capabilities
- DoD Instruction 5000.73, Cost Analysis Guidance and Procedures
- DoD Directive 5105.84, Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation
- DoD Directive 4200.15, Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Program
- DoD Directive 4400.01E, Defense Production Act Programs
- DoD Manual 4140.01, DoD Supply Chain Materiel Management Procedures

Defense Acquisition University (DAU) www.dau.edu

- DAU Guidebooks and References <https://aaf.dau.edu/guidebooks/>
- Acquisition Notes (AcqNotes) www.acqnotes.com
- Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) <https://aaf.dau.edu>
- Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) www.acqnote/acquisitions/analysis-of-alternatives
- Market Research www.acqnotes/acqnote/acquisitions/market-research
- Acquisition Strategy (AS) Process/Guidance https://ac.cto.mil/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/PDUSD-Approved-TDS_AS_Outline-04-20-2011.pdf
- Systems Engineering Plan (SEP) Outline <https://ac.cto.mil/erpo/> (Engineering Guidance tab)
- DoD Risk, Issue, and Opportunity (RIO) Management Guide for Defense Acquisition Programs <https://ac.cto.mil/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2017-RIO.pdf>
- Logistics Assessment Guidebook www.dau.edu/tools/t/logistics-assessment-guidebook

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) www.dcma.mil

- DCMA Policies <https://www.dcma.mil/Policy/>
- DCMA Instructions <https://www.dcma.mil/Policy/>
- DCMA-INST 204, Manufacturing and Production
- DMCA-INST 205, Program Support
- DMCA-INST 207, Engineering Surveillance
- DMCA-INST 309, Government Contract QA Surveillance Planning
- DCMA-INST 401, Industrial Analysis
- DCMA-INST 3401, Defense Industrial Base Mission Assistance

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (DFAR) Supplement <https://www.acquisition.gov/dfars>

- DFARS 252.204-7012, Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting
- DFARS 252.246-7007, Contractor Counterfeit Electronic Part Detection and Avoidance System
- DFARS 252.246-7008, Sources of Electronic Parts
- DFARS 252.242-7004, Material Management and Accounting System (MMAS)
- DFARS Subpart 242.7200, Contractor Material Management and Accounting

Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Website www.dla.mil

- DMSMS Guidebook, SD-22 <https://www.dsp.dla.mil/Programs/DMSMS>
- ASSIST (Database of specifications and standards) <https://assist.dla.mil>
- ASSIST Quick search <https://quicksearch.dla.mil/qsSearch.aspx>
- DoD 4140.01, Supply Chain Materiel Management Regulation www.dla.mil

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) <https://www.acquisition.gov/>

Manufacturing Readiness Levels (MRLs) www.dodmrl.org

- MRL Assessment Criteria Matrix www.dodmrl.org
- Interactive MRL Users Guide (MRL Assessment Criteria) www.dodmrl.org
- MRL Deskbook www.dodmrl.org
- MIL-HDBK-896, Manufacturing Management Program Guide www.dodmrl.org

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) www.nist.gov

- NIST 800-82, Guide to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security
- NIST 800-171, Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organizations
- NIST Manufacturing <https://www.manufacturing.gov>

Office of the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) www.cape.osd.mil

OSD Manufacturing Technology (ManTech) Program Office <https://www.dodmantech.mil>

OUSD(R&E) Systems Engineering and Architecture (SE&A) <https://ac.cto.mil/engineering>

Relevant Government Publications (Available via Web/Internet Search)

- DoD 4245.7-M Manual, Transition from Development to Production, 1985
- NAVSO P-3687, Producibility Systems Guidelines, 1999
- MIL-HDBK-766, Design to Cost
- MIL-HDBK-727, Design Guidance for Producibility, 1984

Standards, Specifications, and Standards Organizations

- ASSIST (Defense Logistics Agency Database of Specifications and standards) <https://assist.dla.mil>
- ASSIST Quick Search <https://quicksearch.dla.mil/qsSearch.aspx>
- SAE International www.sae.org
- International Organization for Standards (ISO) www.iso.org
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) www.ieee.org
- *Note:* Many specifications and standards can be accessed at <http://everyspec.com/>

Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)

- Technology Readiness Assessment Deskbook www.acqnotes.com
- Technology Readiness Assessment Calculator www.acqnotes.com
- Technology Readiness Assessment Guide (Best Practices) (Report GAO-20-48G) www.gao.gov