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About Enterprise SPICE

The process community recognized the need for an integrated standards-based enterprise process assessment model and requested an international activity to develop such a model. The initiative was first proposed and discussed at SPICE 2006 conference in Luxembourg and formally launched at SPICE 2007 conference in Seoul, Korea.

A call for participation resulted in the community signing up to support the project in various roles (e.g. advisory board member, author, reviewer, and assessor). Over 120 project team members from 31 different countries participated in developing the Enterprise SPICE integrated process assessment model for enterprise processes (Enterprise SPICE process assessment model).

The Enterprise SPICE project is hosted by the SPICE User Group, and it is governed by a 15 member Advisory Board voted in by the project stakeholders every two years. The Advisory Board has reserved seats for representatives from various geographical regions, for the SPICE User Group, and for the SPICE Academy. The Enterprise SPICE project is guided by the Enterprise SPICE strategy, which identifies goals, objectives and activities, and is led by an International Project Leader who coordinates several authoring teams. A charter governs the working of the Advisory Board.

The Enterprise SPICE process assessment model was developed and released in review cycles. In 2008, the project team developed the draft process reference model, providing a description of the proposed architecture/high-level relationship of processes, the names, purposes, and outcomes for those processes, and a list of the sources and references integrated to develop each process. All process reference model review comments were adjudicated, and accepted comments were included in the next major review cycle which provided a draft process assessment model. This 2009 release of the process assessment model elaborated the process reference model with indicators (base practices and work products), a new section on relationship notes, plus a detailed mapping table for all processes indicating the sources and references integrated at the purpose, outcome, and base practice level. All comments were adjudicated by the project team and approved comments are reflected in *Enterprise SPICE® An Integrated Model for Enterprise-wide Assessment and Improvement, Technical Report – Issue 1*, The Enterprise SPICE Project Team, September 2010. This document which provides an integrated process capability assessment model for enterprise processes is based on that Technical Report.

The public website for information about the Enterprise SPICE project is: www.enterprisespice.com.

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Introduction

This document provides an integrated process capability assessment model for enterprise processes (process assessment model) that integrates and harmonizes selected process models and standards into a single enterprise improvement model. By bringing together best practices from several disciplines and several models and standards into a comprehensive improvement model, this document provides an efficient effective mechanism for assessing and improving processes deployed across a typical, large or small, enterprise.

This document provides the following benefits to stakeholders:

- **Single Unified Model:** the model integrates practices from the widely recognized standards and sources of best practice; no need to use many separate standards and models concurrently - they are consolidated into a single unified model
- **Pick and Choose:** select from the model those areas relevant to your business needs
- **Authoritative:** provides best guidance available drawn from widely recognized standards and sources, with detailed mapping tables tracing each practice to sources if further information is desired/required
- **Comprehensive:** addresses a broad, and expanding, range of disciplines
- **Synergized:** the sources are integrated, harmonized, and synergized; each source contributes important perspectives
- **Reduced Costs:**
 - Training on one model, not several
 - Improvement using one model, not several, leading to simultaneous improvement vs. all sources; compliant processes address best practice from multiple standards concurrently
 - Avoids duplication of effort
 - Appraisals vs. one model, not several, leading to simultaneous multiple ratings/ certification if desired, assuming required assessment practices are followed
- **Enhanced Effectiveness via Integrated Guidance:**
 - For all levels from enterprise to team processes
 - For large or small business units
 - Across disciplines for multidisciplinary teams
 - Aligns business and technical processes
 - Across all product and service life cycle phases/activities
 - Improvement initiatives can be aligned across the enterprise
- **Conformity Assessment:** conformity assessment services from accredited bodies.

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This document can be used by any enterprise or organization that seeks to improve its business performance in an integrated way. Both large and small enterprises can use the model and reap the benefits outlined above. Individuals can use the model to get an overview of best practices and to understand how various standards and models fit together.