

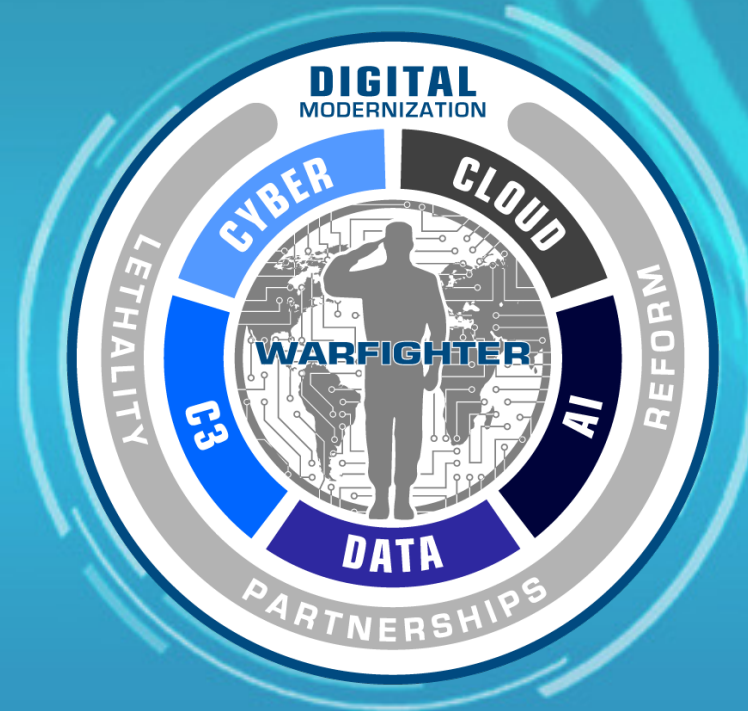
An Overview of the DoD's DevSecOps Reference Design and its Intersection with the Learning Technology Warehouse

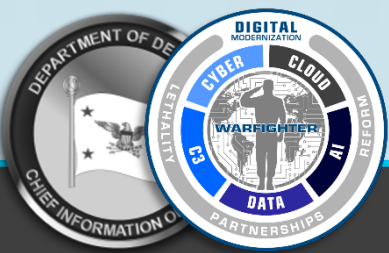
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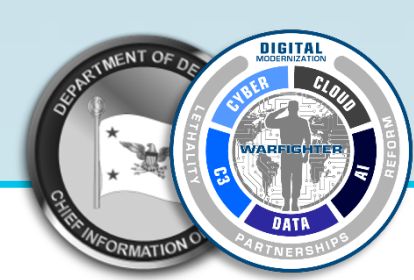


Ability to Fight and Win is Software Dependent

- **New software = new capabilities:** Capabilities of weapons systems and other critical systems are defined by their software
- **Rapidly respond to emerging threats:** Response to emerging threats is increasingly determined by the time required to develop and deploy software to the field
- **Enable innovation:** Modern software practices are critical to effective use of new technologies: cloud computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics, internet of things
- **Challenge:** The current approach to software development is a leading source of risk to DoD: it takes too long, is too expensive, and exposes warfighters to unacceptable risk
- **Need to accelerate:** Improvements in how we acquire software are happening, but adoption has been limited



Software is a foundational component of the modern military



What is DevSecOps?

DevOps

A change in IT culture, focusing on **rapid IT service delivery** through the adoption of agile, lean practices in the context of a system-oriented approach. DevOps emphasizes people (and culture), and it seeks to improve **collaboration between operations and development** teams. DevOps implementations utilize technology — especially **automation** tools that can leverage an increasingly programmable and dynamic infrastructure from a life cycle perspective. (Gartner IT Glossary)

DevSecOps

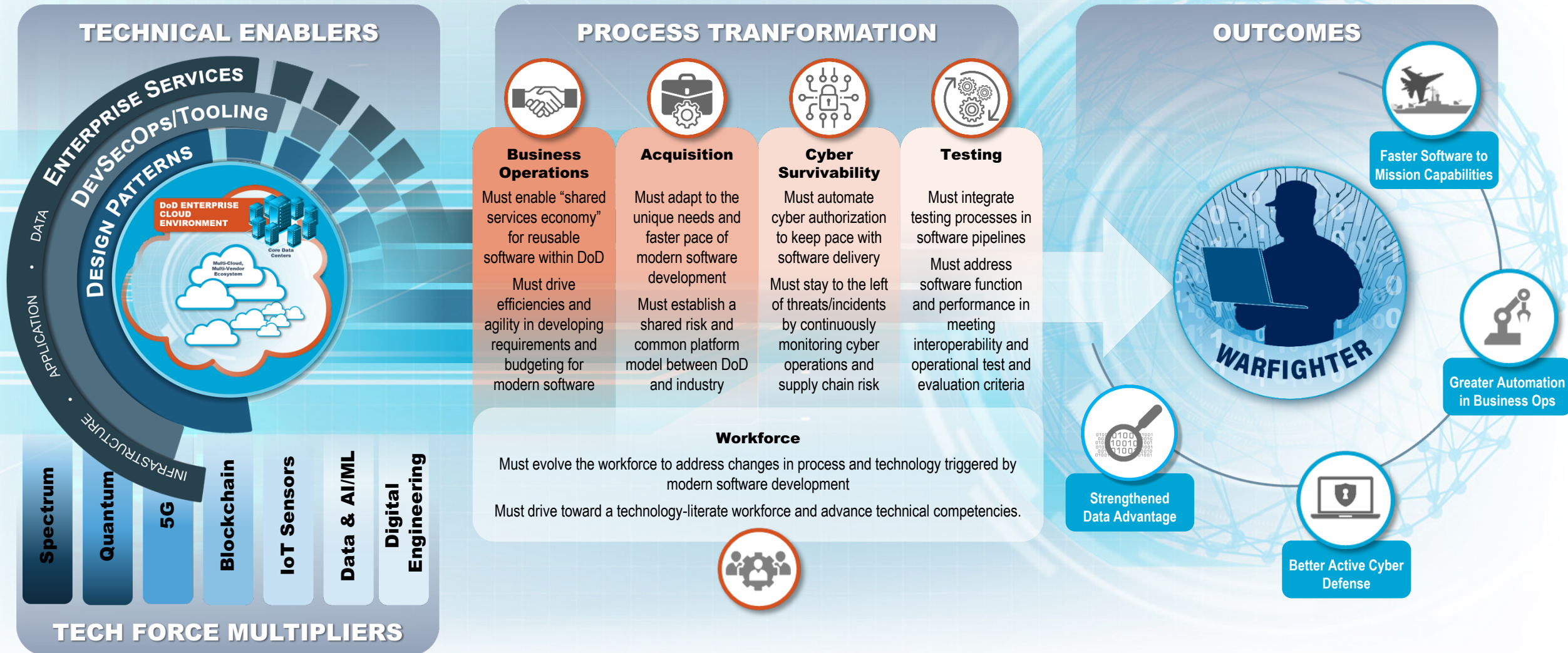
The **integration of security** into emerging agile IT and DevOps development as **seamlessly and as transparently** as possible. Ideally, this is done without reducing the agility or speed of developers or requiring them to leave their development toolchain environment. (Gartner IT Glossary)



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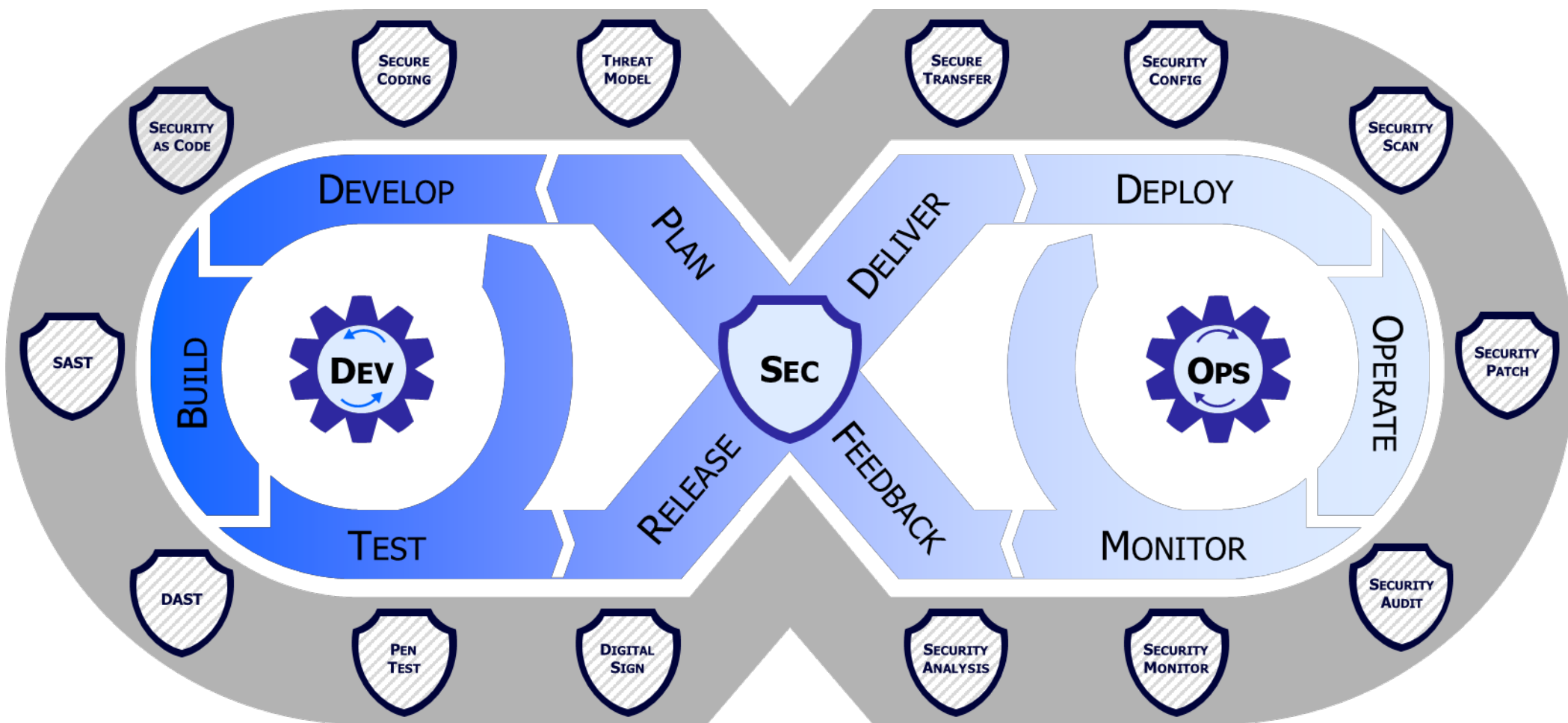
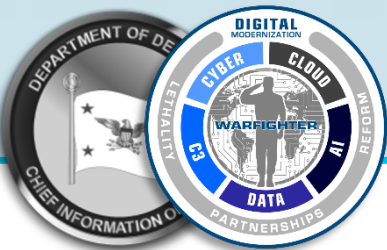
DOD SOFTWARE MODERNIZATION

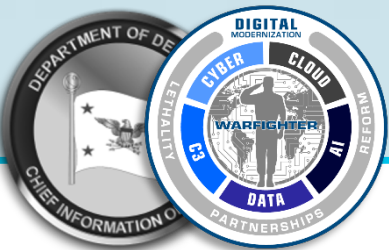
Resilient Software Capability at the Speed of Relevance



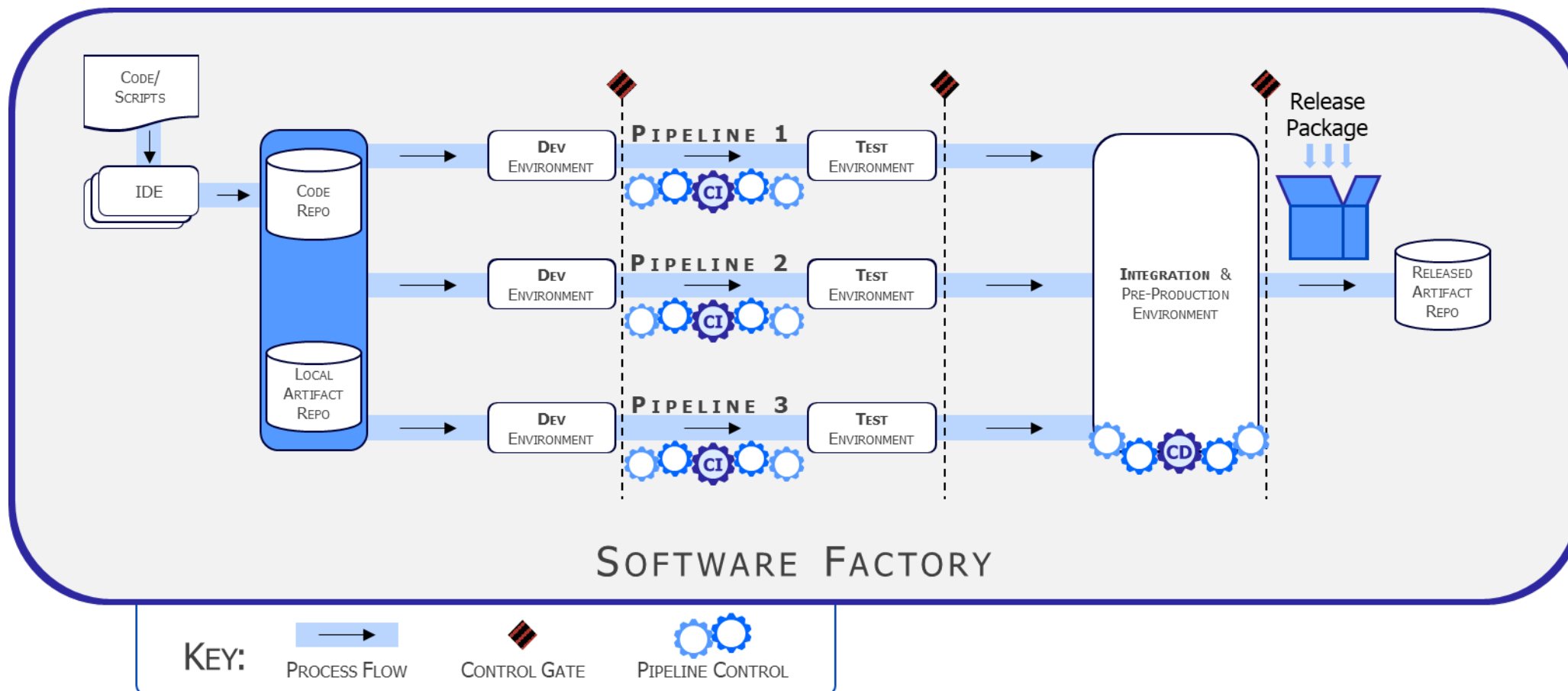
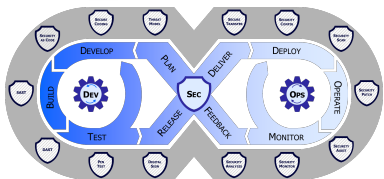
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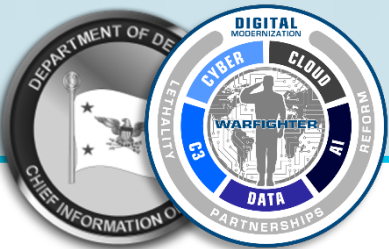
DevSecOps Infinity Diagram



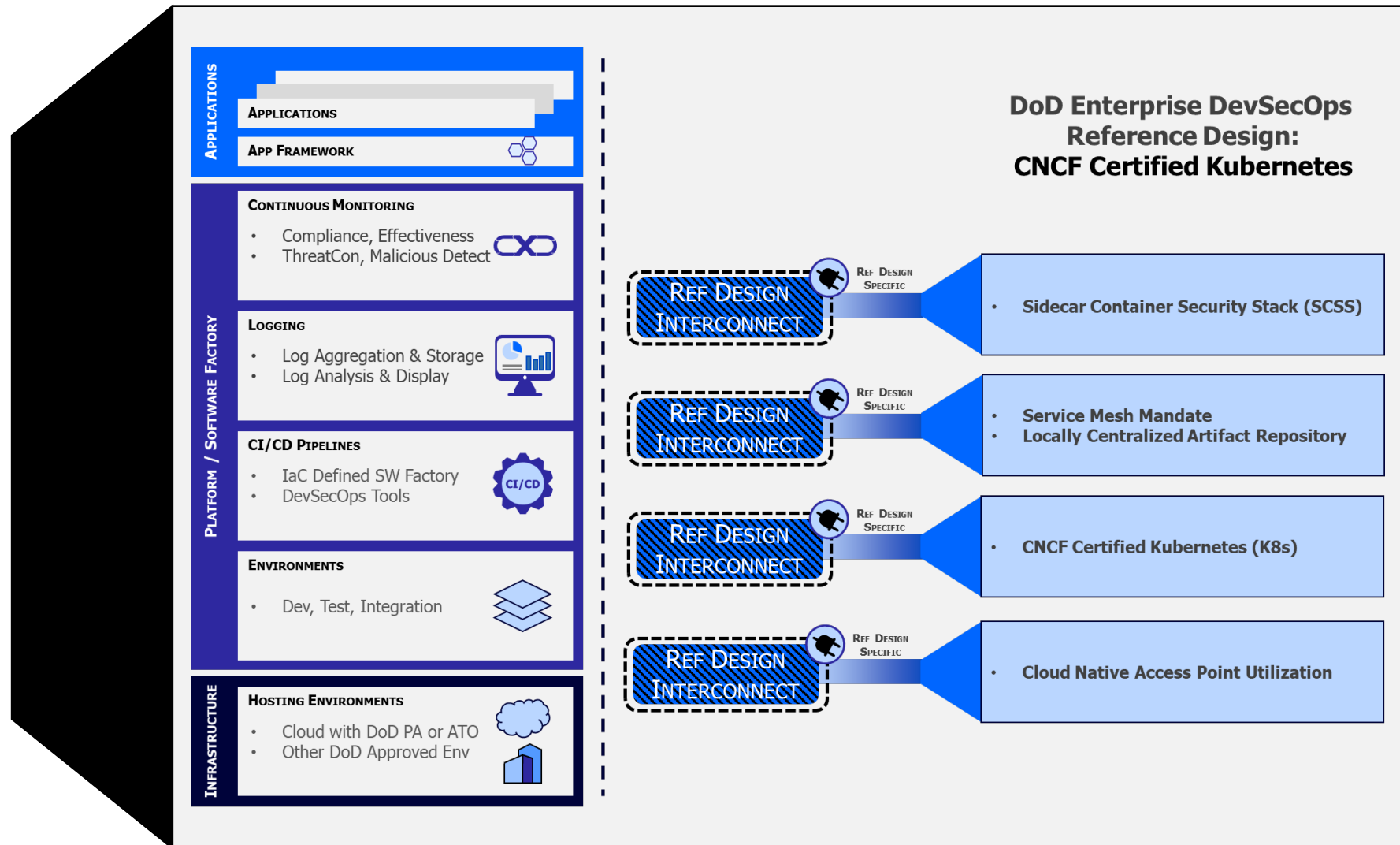
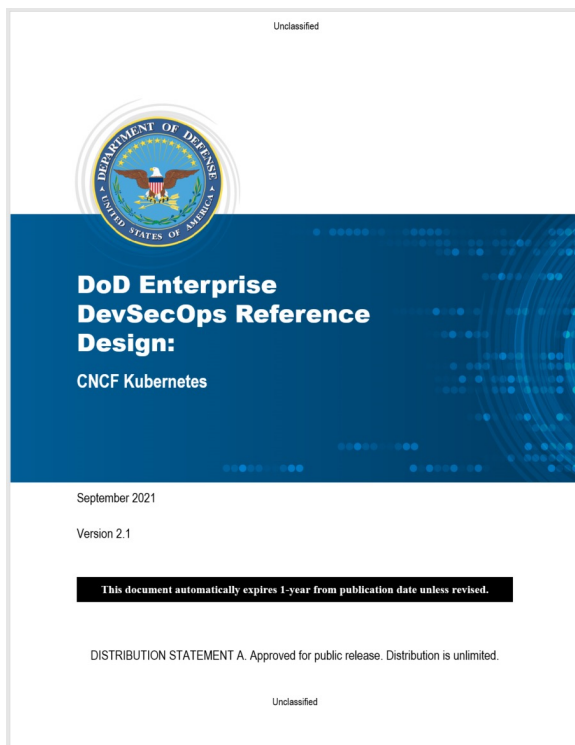


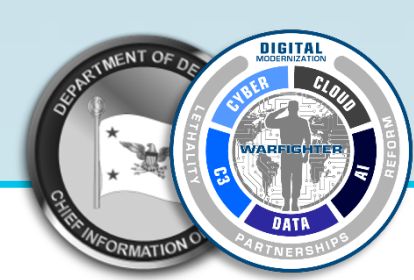
Role of the DevSecOps Software Factory





Zero Trust and Baked-in Cybersecurity





DevSecOps Advances Cybersecurity

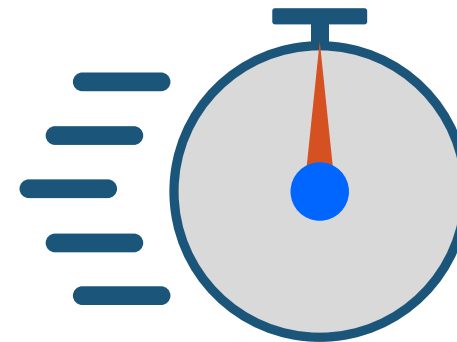
- Defensive Cyber Operations
- Continuous Monitoring
- Secure Software Supply Chain

Security



NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE!

Speed



DoD Learning Enclave

Putting DoD's DevSecOps Reference Design into Practice

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About the ADL Initiative

PROGRAM:

[Advanced Distributed Learning \(ADL\)](#)

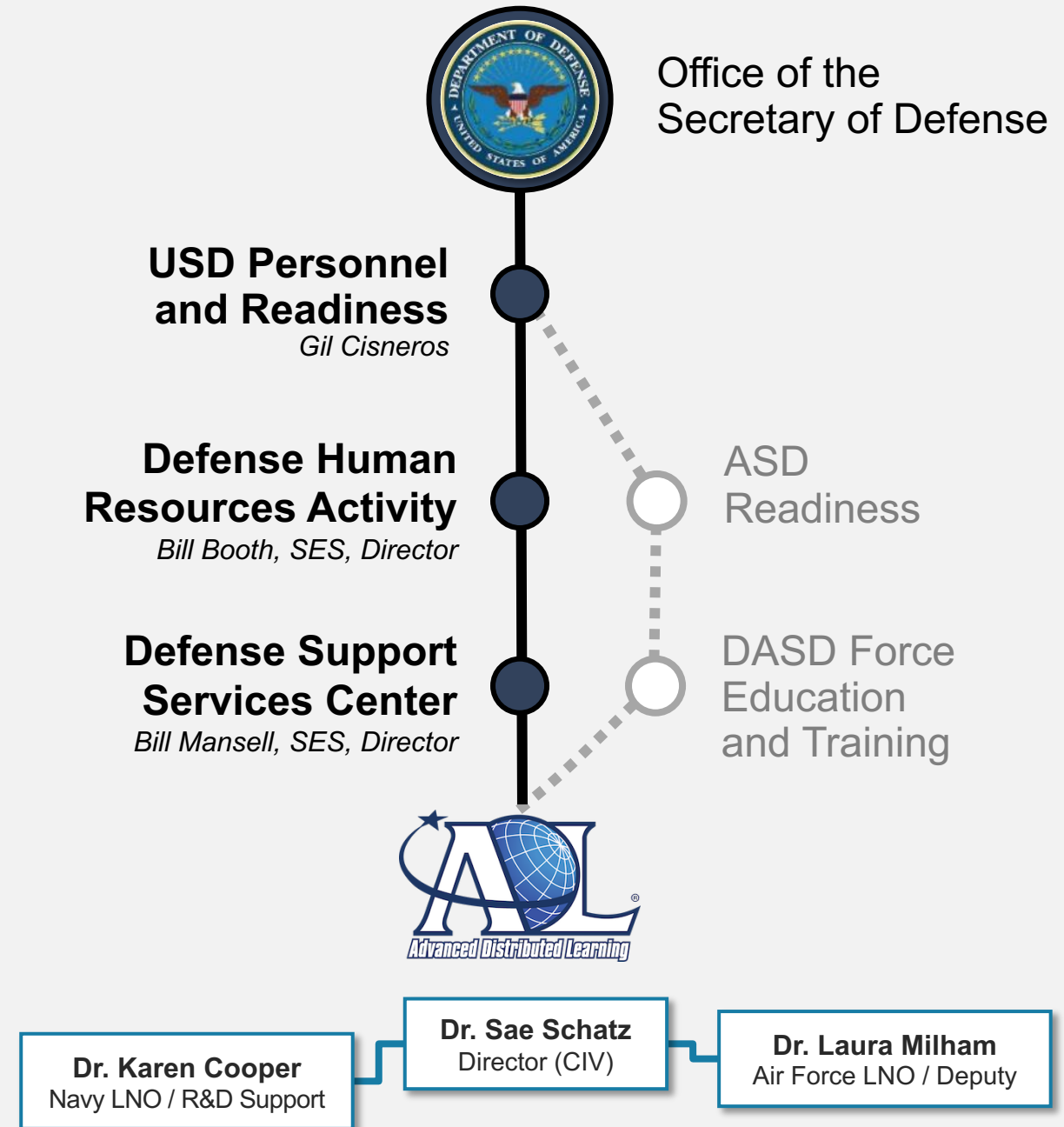
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[Sae Schatz, Ph.D.](#) (CIV)

PURPOSE:

Facilitate interoperability and promote best practices for Distributed Learning (DL)...

DoDI 1322.26: “The ADL Initiative is the principal steward for researching and facilitating the implementation of DL standards, specifications, and emerging technologies for DoD Components.”

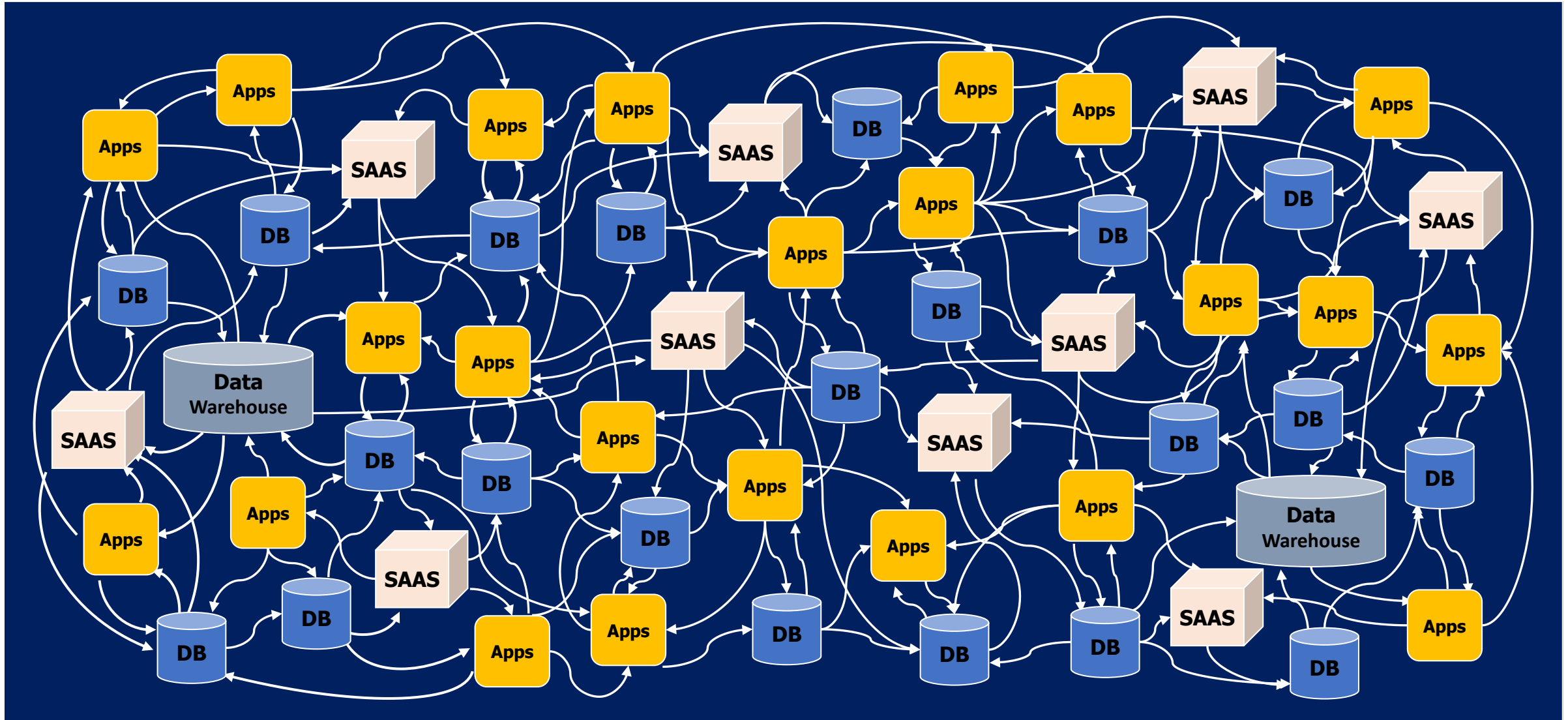




Agenda

1. Overview of Connected DLE Systems
2. DLE Software Factory (It's not just Buzzword Bingo)
3. Moving Forward with the DLE FOC
4. Future Work
 - Conformance Testing
 - Standards Based
 - Learning Technology Warehouse
 - On-demand Accessibility

Current Landscape of Training and Education



TLA – Related Resources



Publication

**Modernizing Learning:
Building the Future
Learning Environment**
2019; Schatz, S.;
Walcutt, J.; ADLnet.gov



Video

Reimagine Education
2021; Schatz, S.;
ADLnet.gov



Podcast

**The Future Learning
Environment with
Sae Schatz**
2021; Schatz, S.;
LeadingLearning.com



Publication

**2019 Total Learning
Architecture Report**
2020; Gordon, J.; Hayden,
T.; Johnson, A.; Smith, B.;
ADLnet.gov



News

**Building the Infrastructure
for DoD Digital Learning
Modernization**
2020; ADLnet.gov



News

**DoD Reform Effort Puts
Digital Learning Systems
at the Forefront**
2020; ADLnet.gov



Webinar

**ADL-DAU Sandbox: TLA
and Competency-Based
Learning Demonstration**
2021; ADLnet.gov



Project

**Total Learning
Architecture**
2021; ADLnet.gov



Publication

**Total Learning
Architecture:
IDA Report 2020**
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Fletcher, J.D.; Morrison, J.;
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GitHub

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2021; GitHub.com/adlnet

Enterprise Digital Learning Modernization (EDLM)

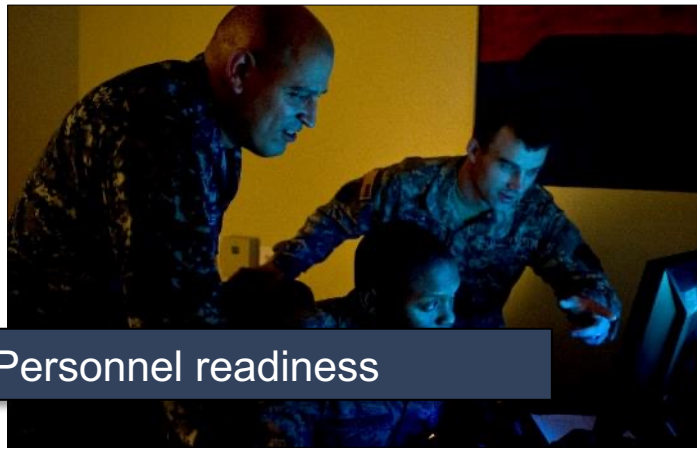
EDLM's Goal: Acquire and deliver DoD digital learning more effectively and cost-efficiently. This requires improvements to (1) acquisition and sustainment processes and (2) modernization.

Why?



\$485M+ annual spend

Realizes cost and time savings



Personnel readiness

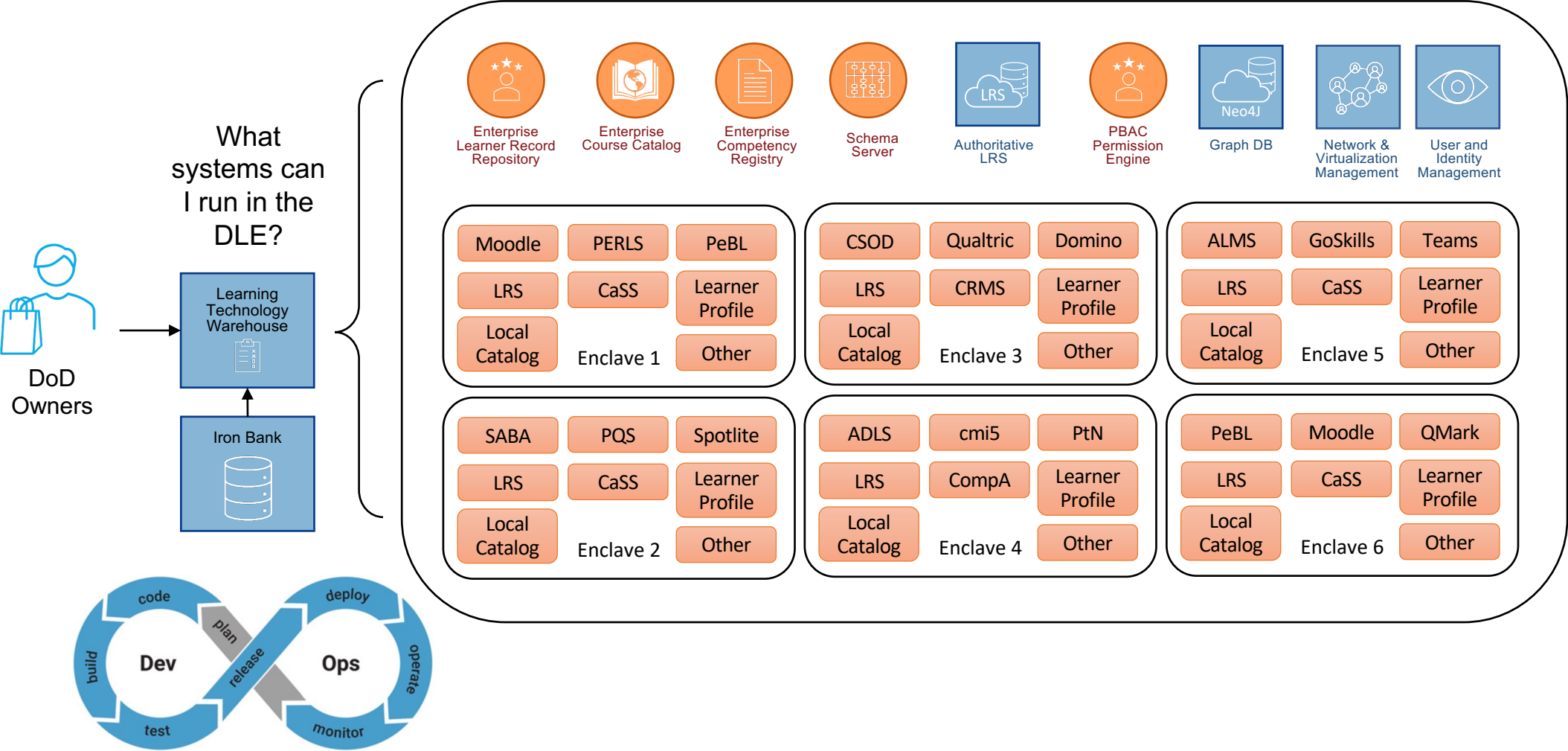
Meets growing operational demands



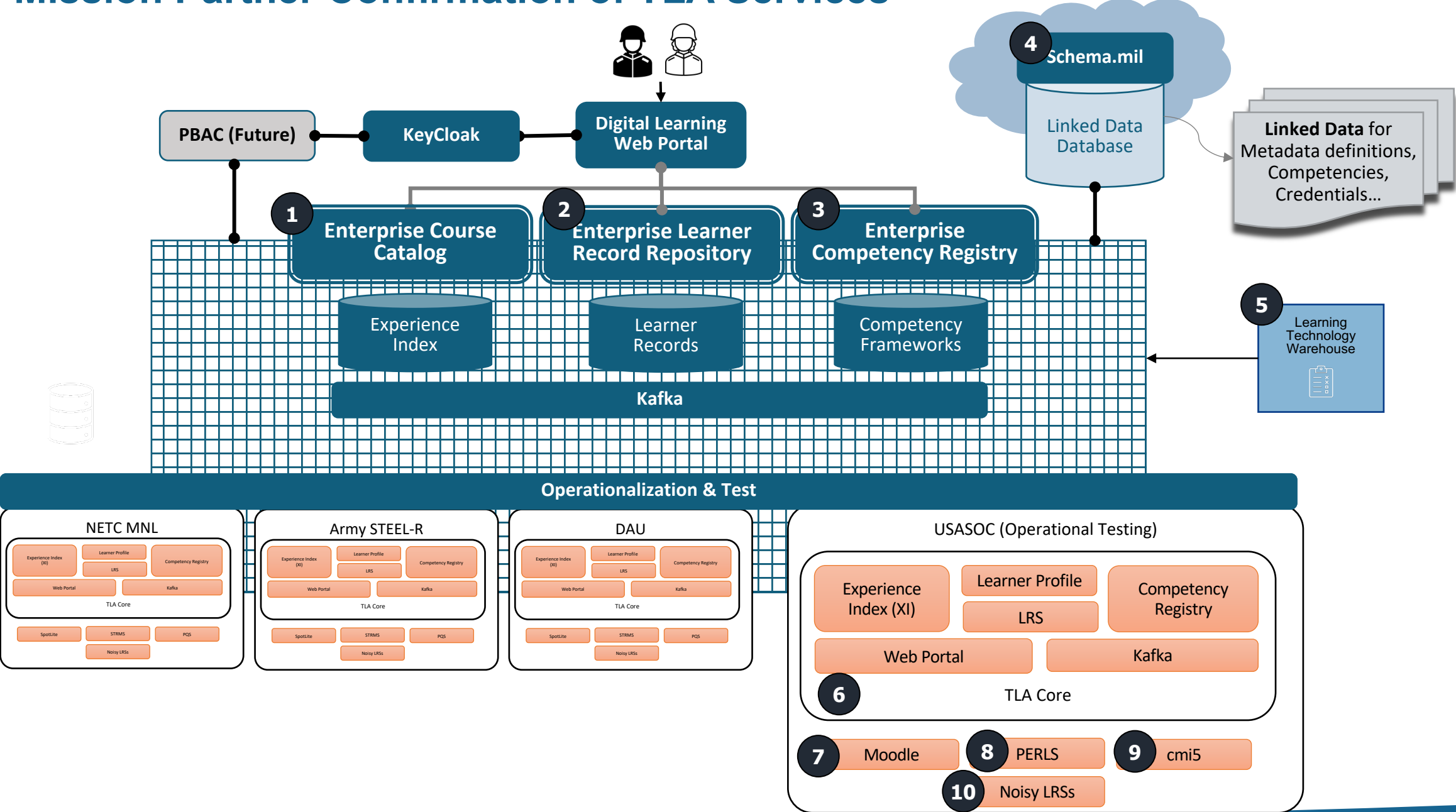
Modernization

Implements policy guidance

DoD Learning Enclave (DLE): Overview of Connected Systems



Mission Partner Confirmation of TLA Services



DoD Learning Enclave (DLE): Systems

Enterprise Systems:

- Enterprise Course Catalog - Deloitte
- Enterprise Learner Record Repository - Deloitte
- Competency and Skills System - ADL
- Linked Data and Schema Server - Deloitte
- Learning Technology Warehouse – Float / PT

Learning Activities:

- TLA Core – ADL
- Moodle Course Management System – ADL
- PERLS Microlearning Platform – Float / PT
- Cmi5 Player – ADL
- LRS – ADL

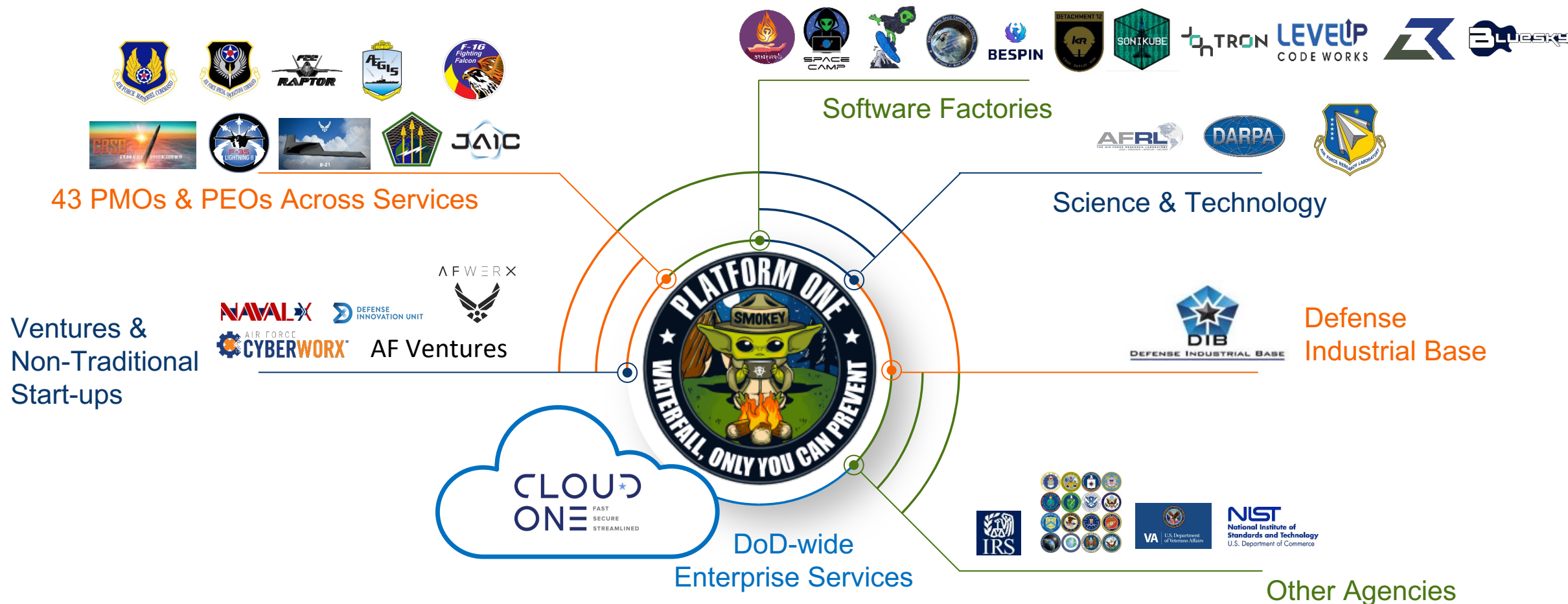
External Systems:

- xAPI Profile Server
- LRS Conformance Test Suite
- Cmi5 Conformance Test Suite
- DataSim



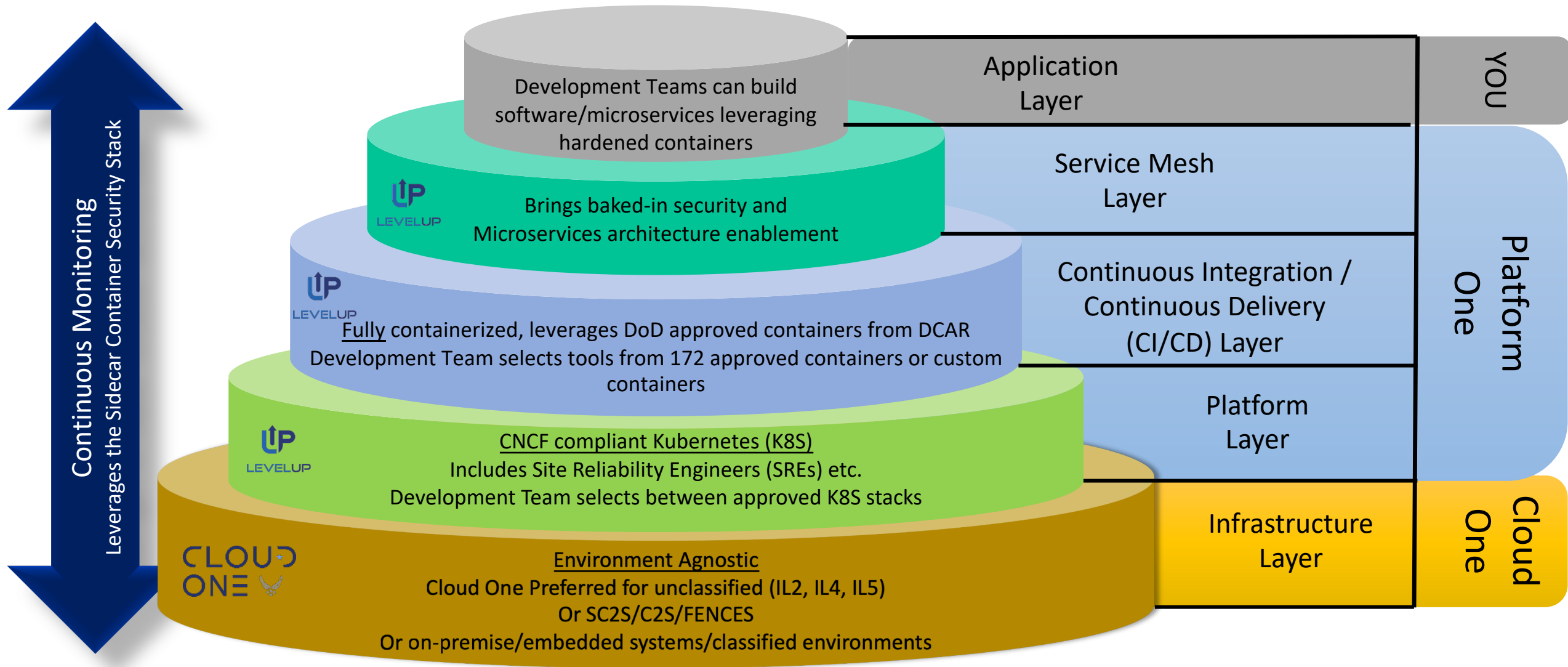
Software Environment

Multiple Innovation Hubs – One Platform





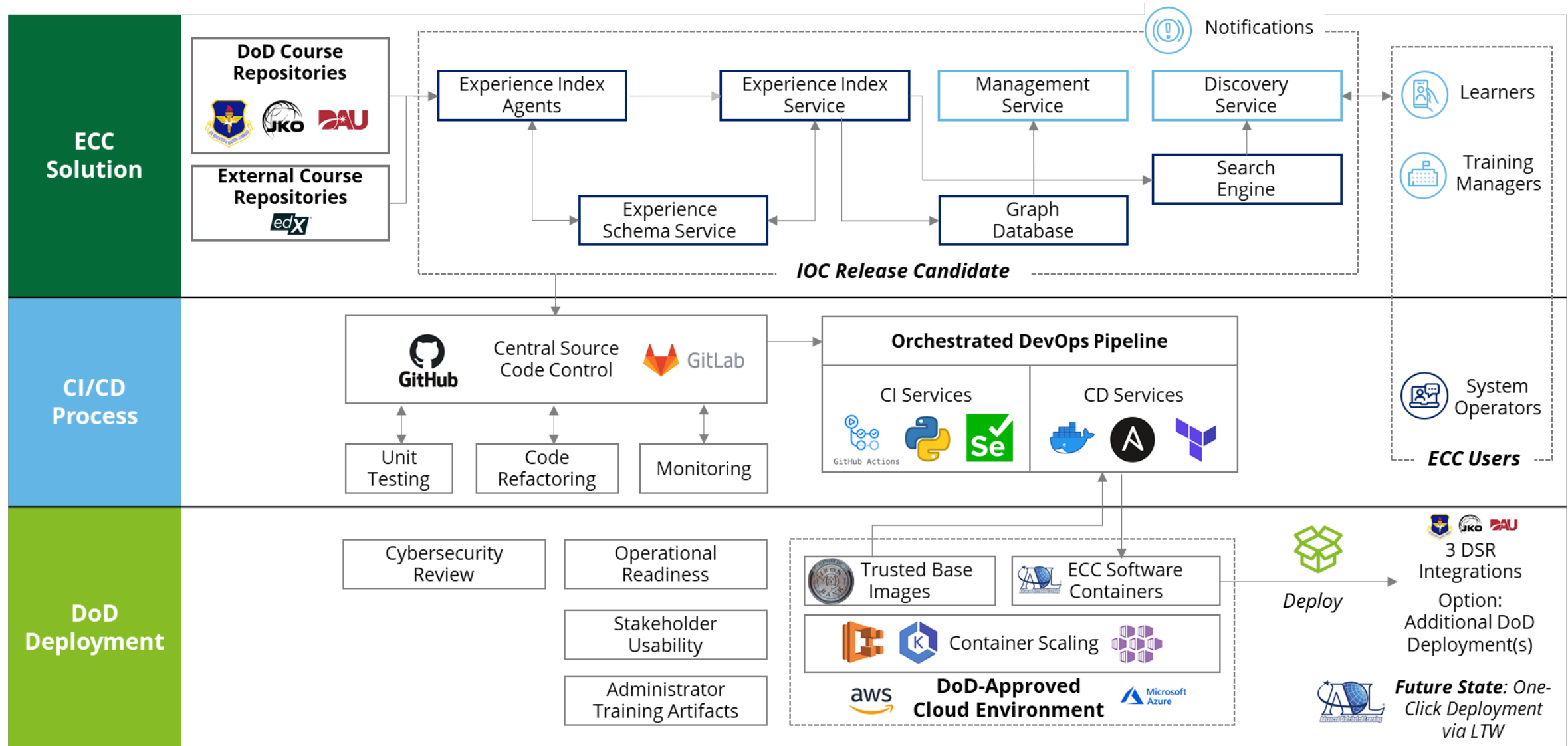
Understanding the DevSecOps Layers



Integrity - Service - Excellence

ECC IOC Summary

Deloitte.





DoD Learning Enclave (DLE): Major Tasks

- Onboarding
- Commit Source Code to Platform One GitLab Repo
- Integrate Source Code with Iron Bank Containers
- Container Hardening & Vulnerability Testing
- Refactoring to address any Identified Vulnerabilities
- Container Hardening Approval Process
- Certificate to Field
- Establish Dev and Test in IL2
- Establish Production Environment in IL4

Major Milestones:

- Onboarding
- IOC software integrated with Iron Bank Containers
- Validated Containers (GitLab CI Pipeline)
- Container Hardening Approval Process Submission
- Approved Certificate to Field
- Deployed Systems

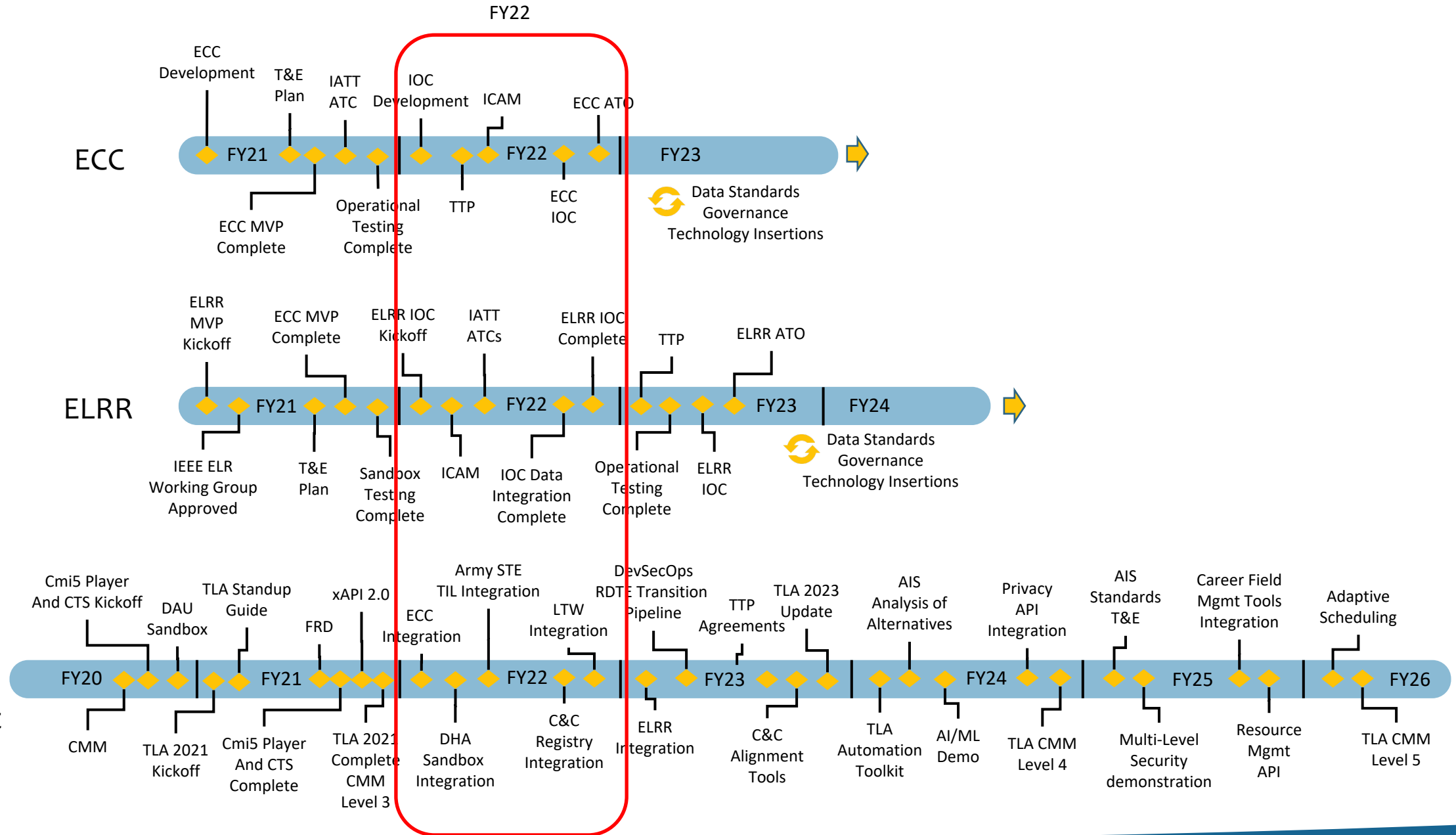
DLE IOC Implementation – POA&M

DoD Shared Services for Learning Technology	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S
End-user Learning Technologies (LOE1)												
• Learning Management System (Moodle)		◆			◆		◆		★			
• Microlearning app (PERvasive Learning System)			◆				◆		◆			
• cmi5 Player (Added capability to LMS)			◆					◆		◆		
TLA Core (Interoperable Data Services)												
• Total Learning Architecture Core (e.g., Kafka, Data)					◆				◆		◆	
• Schema Server for Linked Data		◆			◆		◆					
• Learning Technology Warehouse			◆				◆		◆			
Enterprise Course Catalog (LOE2)												
• ECC IOC application		◆			◆		◆				★	
Enterprise Learner Record Repository (LOE3)												
• Learning Record Store		◆		◆		◆			★			
• ELRR Prototype Application			◆			◆		◆				
• Competency and Skill System				◆				◆		◆		

DLE IOC CI/CD Milestones. (◆ = *other milestones*, ◆ = *Certificate to Field*, ★ = *Initial Use*)

Maturation Timeline

Learning
Services
Environment



DLE FOC Considerations for Moving Forward

Defense-wide Reciprocity

- Collaboration with the Cloud Computing Program Office
- Collaboration with DoD CIO (e.g., ICAM, Zero Trust, DevSecOps Reference Design)
- Collaboration with DoD stakeholders – Integrated Program Team

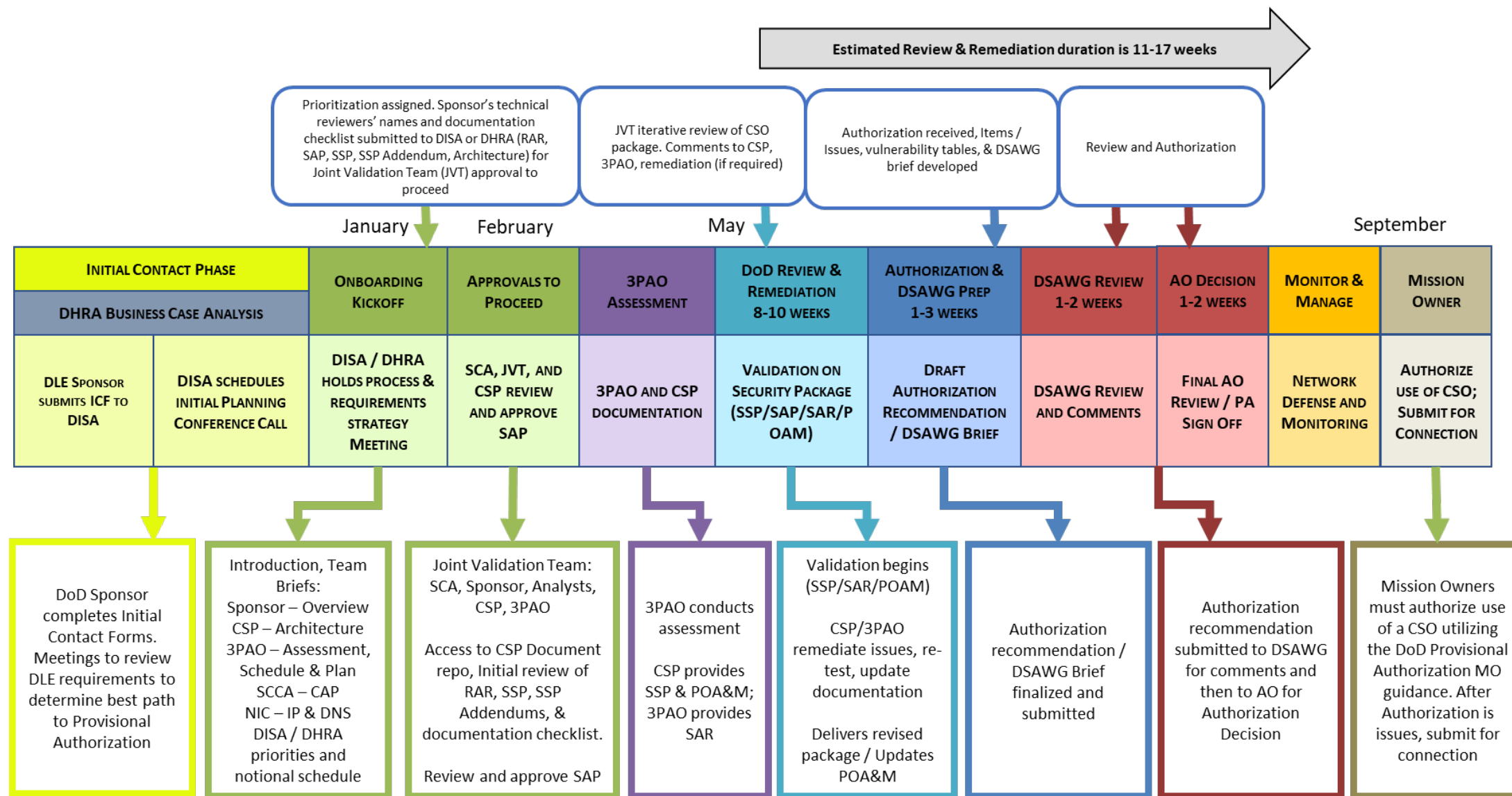
Analysis of Alternatives

- Fast Track ATO, Traditional ATO, Continuous ATO?
- Cloud Agnostic Tools and CSP Native (e.g., Big Bang / DoD Cloud IaC, or a Collection of CI/CD pipelines?)
- What's the best strategy moving forward for DoD?
- Lifecycle Costs / Configuration Control Board / Governance

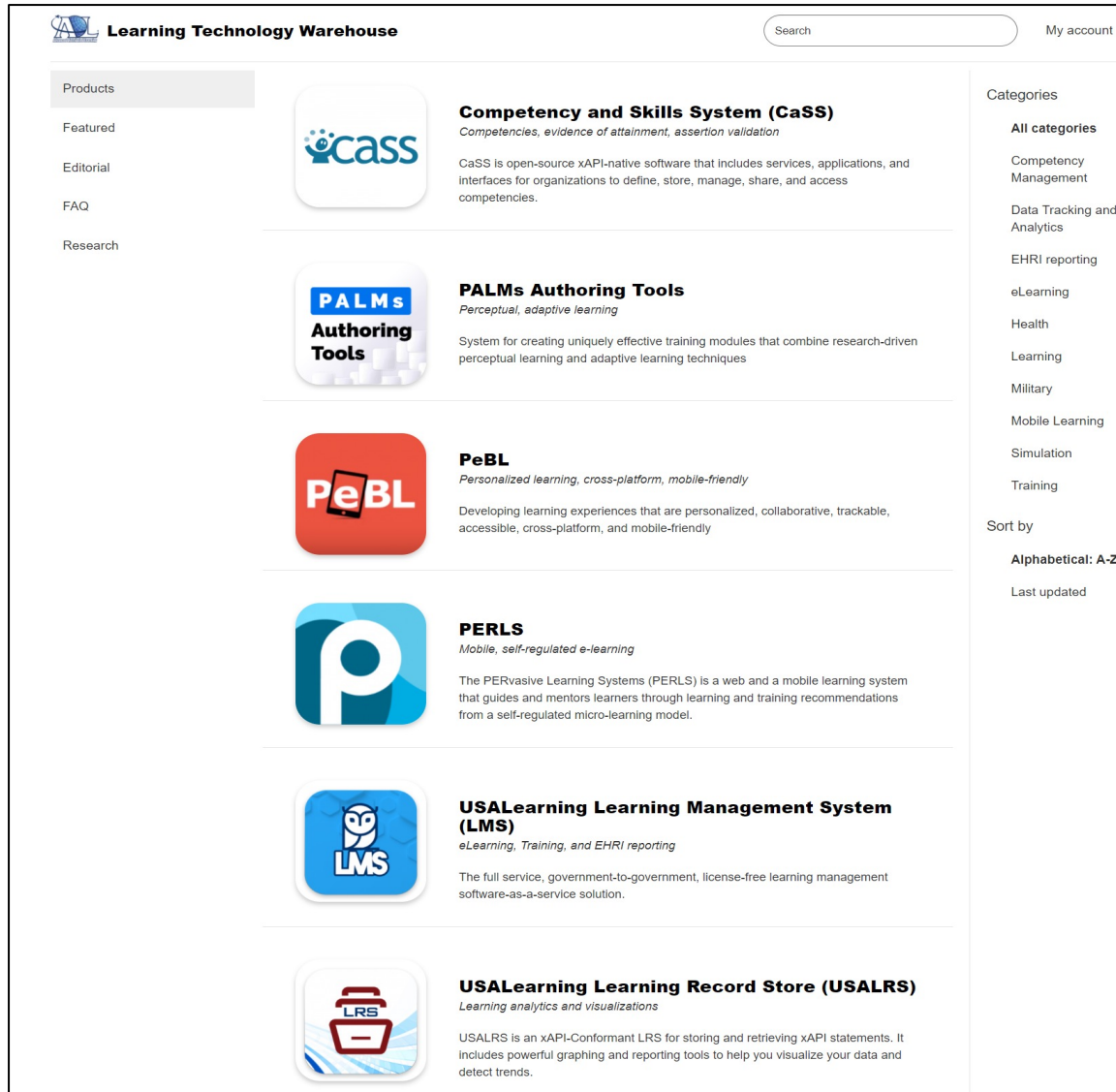
Leveraging work done on the DLE IOC

- Lessons Learned / Best Practices using **Party Bus** tools, workflows, and methodologies
- Istio Service Mesh / Sidecar Container Security Stack
- Iron Bank is a Defense-wide resource
- Tailor the DevSecOps Pipeline based on DLE and Authorizing Official Requirements
- Creating a Culture – This isn't about the Tech as much as its about the Mindset of our People

DLE FOC Implementation



Support Reuse through the Learning Technology Warehouse



The screenshot displays the Learning Technology Warehouse (LTW) interface. At the top, there is a header with the LTW logo, a search bar, and a 'My account' link. On the left, a sidebar lists navigation options: Products (selected), Featured, Editorial, FAQ, and Research. The main content area lists six products, each with a logo, title, subtitle, and description:

- Competency and Skills System (CaSS)**
Competencies, evidence of attainment, assertion validation
CaSS is open-source xAPI-native software that includes services, applications, and interfaces for organizations to define, store, manage, share, and access competencies.
- PALMs Authoring Tools**
Perceptual, adaptive learning
System for creating uniquely effective training modules that combine research-driven perceptual learning and adaptive learning techniques.
- PeBL**
Personalized learning, cross-platform, mobile-friendly
Developing learning experiences that are personalized, collaborative, trackable, accessible, cross-platform, and mobile-friendly.
- PERLS**
Mobile, self-regulated e-learning
The Pervasive Learning Systems (PERLS) is a web and a mobile learning system that guides and mentors learners through learning and training recommendations from a self-regulated micro-learning model.
- USALearning Learning Management System (LMS)**
eLearning, Training, and EHRI reporting
The full service, government-to-government, license-free learning management software-as-a-service solution.
- USALearning Learning Record Store (USALRS)**
Learning analytics and visualizations
USALRS is an xAPI-Conformant LRS for storing and retrieving xAPI statements. It includes powerful graphing and reporting tools to help you visualize your data and detect trends.

On the right side of the interface, there are sections for 'Categories' (listing All categories, Competency Management, Data Tracking and Analytics, EHRI reporting, eLearning, Health, Learning, Military, Mobile Learning, Simulation, and Training) and 'Sort by' (listing Alphabetical: A-Z and Last updated).

- Defense-wide Product Catalog of Authorized, Conformant, and Compliant systems for use in the DLR or by DoD stakeholders in their own environments
- Conformance Testing based on TLA standards (IEEE – LTSC).
- Product Paged tie into DevSecOps pipeline and DLE operational dashboards to provide usage statistics to potential users.
- Automatically deploy demonstration capabilities / Rapidly deploy operational systems at time of need
- Scripts, widgets, and utilities to help migrate or interface with legacy systems

Learning Technology Warehouse Demo

An abstract graphic on the left side of the slide, featuring a network of glowing blue nodes connected by thin lines, set against a dark blue background.

Questions and Discussion