Obsolescence and Post-Production Support Panel Session

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- This important topic has a long history
- Challenges vary depending on your perspective
 - Industry
 - DOD
 - Suppliers
- Obsolescence (also known as DMSMS) is a sub-element of Post Production Support (also known as "sustainment")
- There are no un-affected commodity groups





- Where in the life cycle were the parts when selected for use?
- Was there any long-range sustainment planning done?
- Is there any data available for:
 - Alternate source development
 - Emulation
 - Reverse engineering
 - Planned block upgrades
- Who owns the rights to the data?
- Was proactive DMSMS management considered in your pre-production or post-production contracts?
- There are many, many more issues to consider





- The minute you "think about it" you need to start planning for obsolescence
- Ensure the Logistics and Engineering disciplines work together in system design for the best long-term sustainment
- Develop effective, working DOD, Industry and Supplier partnerships
- Use trained obsolescence management
 personnel





- The panel members will be presenting various perspectives on this issue
- There is no right or wrong way to address this issue, but there are common elements in successful approaches
- It is a problem that can be managed





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