



MEP Integration / Open Architecture

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MEP Key Components



MEP Design and Integration

Processing and HMI



Vehicle Management Platform Provider

A-Kit Partner

Nav

ASE

Weapons

Comm

Sensors



APR-39
RWR



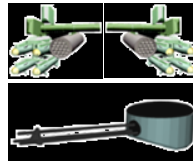
AAR-47 M/LWS
(ATK)



ALE-47 CMDS
(BAE)



AAQ-24 DIRCM



STARLite
Radar

Common AND Open = Best Value



Hardware and Software Commonality Across Programs

Program Unique

Common

Open

~~High Cost To Upgrade~~

Best Value

Degree of Open Architecture

Proprietary

~~High Cost to Maintain & Upgrade~~

~~High Cost To Maintain~~

Will Your Common Cockpit Provide The Expected Benefit of Low Cost?

X Sole source award due to proprietary hardware and software

The sole designer, developer, and manufacturer ... these Multi Function Displays are the **only known units compatible with the Operational Flight Program** ... Award to any other source would result in substantial duplication of cost to the government and is not expected to be recovered through competition ...

X Sole source awarded due to lack of Government data rights

...the **government does not possess the right to rehost** (the) software in any other device ... the sole designer, developer, and original equipment manufacture is the **only company that has the rights**, resources, technology and documentation required to perform a rehost

E.g. Recent CDU Replacement Competition

Common Avionics Must Include Open Architecture

What is open architecture?

- ✓ Employs widely-accepted standard hardware and software interfaces (internal and external)
- ✓ Uses only non-proprietary or commercially available software
- ✓ Allows third parties to add hardware and software capabilities to delivered systems
- ✓ Government receives all developmental artifacts and unlimited usage rights (H/W and S/W)

How to measure openness?

- ✓ Use Government open architecture assessment tools in proposal evaluations

Why does open architecture result in cost-effective, best-in-class systems?

- ✓ Allows full and open competition for upgrades as well as new platforms
- ✓ Reduces cost and schedule required to accomplish upgrades
- ✓ Reduces life-cycle cost for incremental capability improvements and obsolescence management