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Dear Colonel Cashman

I want to share some very good news with our customers. Our Software Engineering Division, OO-ALC/TIS, recently completed a two-week independent assessment of its software engineering processes. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, the Software Engineering Division received a 5. The rating was determined in accordance with the Software Capability Maturity Model developed by the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) at Carnegie Mellon University. The five levels of maturity, defined in the Capability Maturity Model, are: (1) initial, (2) repeatable, (3) defined, (4) managed, and (5) optimizing.

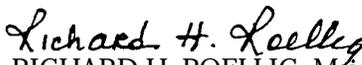
The SEI is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC). It was organized in the mid 80s to help the Department of Defense address recurring weapon system software problems related to significant cost and schedule overruns and poor quality. The Software Capability Maturity Model and its associated assessment tool have been extensively used by software development organizations since 1987. Well over 700 organizations have been assessed to date.

The Level 5 assessment is a prestigious recognition. TIS is the first known government agency, federal or state, to achieve this level. Only four other software organizations are known to have achieved this rating, and TIS is by far the largest and most diverse of the four. Approximately 420 personnel within TIS are assigned duties of developing, maintaining, and managing software projects. TIS product lines include development and maintenance of aircraft operational flight programs, mission planning systems, and automatic test equipment.

What achieving Level 5 means to you, our customers, is better cost and schedule predictability and higher quality in the end product. It means OO-ALC/TIS is quite capable of meeting its customer commitments because it thoroughly understands what it is capable of doing. It means program managers have good visibility into the status of their programs.

As stated earlier, this achievement is exceptionally good, not only for OO-ALC, but the Air Force and the Department of Defense. We are proud our hard work has paid off. If you would like further information on the ramifications of this accomplishment, please contact Mr. Dan Wynn, TIS Division Chief, at (801)-777-2615.

Sincerely


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