

US Army Strategic Management System

Developed by Spider Strategies

WASHINGTON, DC—Spider Strategies has been selected to develop the single enterprise performance management software system for the entire US Army enterprise. This software system was commissioned by the US Army to accompany its transformation strategy and is called The US Army Strategic Management System.

The Army enterprise has an annual budget of \$140 Billion, and the Strategic Management System is designed to be the tool to bring focus, visibility and accountability to the Army's strategic initiatives from the top down and the bottom up.

The Strategic Management System, known within the Army as "SMS", allows strategic focus to be aligned across the myriad and diverse commands and organizations of the Army. SMS communicates strategy from the Secretary of the Army to all levels of responsibility, and links resource expenditure to strategic performance to enable timely decision making. SMS is intended to reinforce a culture of performance, increased accountability and continuous improvement.

The Army Strategic Management System was developed and continues to be developed by Spider Strategies from the underlying premise that strategic outcomes, sometimes referred to as the Army's Transformation Strategy, are derived from a series of carefully linked and coordinated actionable programs and initiatives, implemented by Army organizations and commands around the world. These programs and initiatives have resources dedicated and objectives established in terms of cost, performance and schedule outcomes. Leadership for those outcomes is clearly identified and monitored using the SMS software. These programs and initiatives, referred to as Tasks within the SMS methodology, are normally derived from the Army's statutory requirements under Title X, U.S.C., which revolves around the Constitutional requirement to provide trained and ready forces when and where required.

These Tasks include the missions to recruit, organize, supply, train, service, house, equip, sustain and administer the forces and capabilities that are provided to Combatant Commanders in support of our Nation's security and defense strategies.



Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey explains the principles behind the Strategic Management System with audience members during the Fort Sill Chapter Association of the United States Army lunch Feb. 3, 2006. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess.

Tasks, which are the building blocks of Initiatives, are further disaggregated to their component pieces from which they are expected to produce a single, identifiable outcome: recruit soldiers for the Active Component; refurbish a Brigade Combat Team's worth of Stryker vehicles; build Unaccompanied Personnel Housing at Fort Hood; and so forth. This process ensures that desired outcomes can be measured in terms of cost, performance and schedule.

The engine powering The US Army's Strategic Management System is Spider Strategies' Corporate Management Suite and is available for implementation through Spider Strategies' commercial operations. Spider's consulting group is also available for bringing the power

of the SMS methodology to commercial enterprises.

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