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Tinker Air Force Base hosts Performance Based Logistics Review and Educational Session

What is Performance Based Logistics? (PBL)

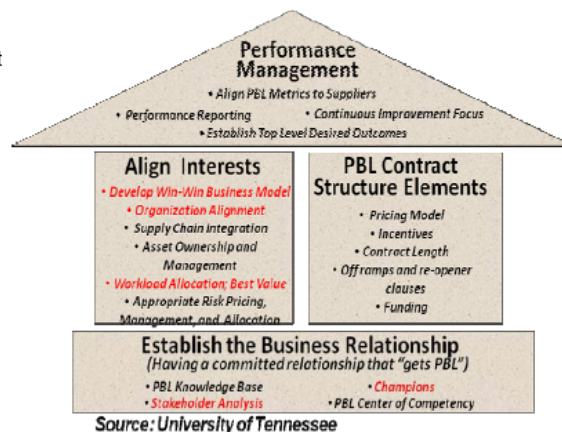
PBL describes the approach of buying performance-based outcome rather than transaction-based goods and services. For example, the Air Force evaluates performance based on whether or not certain availability targets are met, rather than when they simply receive an engine or weapon system.

On March 26th, the Tinker Commodity Council hosted a Performance Based Logistics (PBL) research review briefing and educational session for Mr. John Over, Executive Director of Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, and other senior managers from Wings assigned to Tinker Air Force Base (AFB). Ms. Kate Vitasek, affiliated with the University of Tennessee provided the briefing and educational session where she described the research being conducted in cooperation with the Defense Acquisition University to facilitate and enhance the use of PBLs with the Air Force.

There are four phases of research underway. The first phase involves capturing PBL best practices and baselining existing PBL programs. Subsequent phases delve into establishing a strategic approach for incorporation of PBL best practices into future programs and developing a methodology for periodic assessment of PBL programs. The final phase will develop a PBL training curriculum as well as the training program itself. All four phases are scheduled to be complete by December 2008.

During the educational session, Ms. Vitasek provided an overview of 20 best practice tenets associated with successful PBLs. These tenets fall into four categories (outlined in the graphic to the right):

- Performance Management;
- Align Interests;
- PBL Contract Structure Elements; and
- Establish the Business Relationship.



Ms. Vitasek discussed in detail five of the best practice tenets that have the biggest impact in the early stages of a PBL (highlighted in red). More specifically, she noted two tenets in establishing a business relationship: champions supporting the PBL and stakeholder analysis. The focus of those tenets is to garner top-down support from both government and business managers to achieve strategic objectives. In the alignment of interests that support the PBL, she discussed three tenets: calling for the development of a win-win business model, aligning government-business organizations to drive toward the common vision, and allocation of workload to the most effective providers consistent with statutory guidelines.

For those interested in a copy of Ms. Vitasek's presentation, please write to steve.johnson@tinker.af.mil.

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