DAVE'S NOTES—PRINCIPLES FOR TRANSFORMING U.S. DOD ACQUISITION & SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PRACTICES

- Smaller set of high-priority mission & acquisition needs (vs. kitchen-sink approach to buy everything under the sun).
- Smaller, lower-cost single-mission throwaway acquisitions.
- Smaller, automated autonomous systems like hand-held UAVs (vs. century-long, trillion dollar manual systems).
- Micro timelines.
- Evolutionary-emergent architecture & design.
- Intelligence outsourcing.
- Smaller, joint buyer-supplier cross-functional hands-on teams.
- Simultaneous top-down, bottoms-up egalitarian strategic planning & decision-making.
- Much flatter government agencies, acquisition organizations, and program management offices.
- Flatter buyer-supplier organizational, acquisition, program, & project hierarchies.
- Collaborative buyer-supplier relationships, cultures, and decision-making (vs. adversarial buyer-supplier contracting).
- International cooperation, crowdsourcing, funding, risk-sharing, & engineering resources.
- Leveraging commercial capital & information technology infrastructures.
- Results, outcome, or product-oriented focus (vs. acquisition/systems engineering process focus).
- Low-cost, intensive process automation (vs. industrial-age manual acquisition/systems engineering processes).
- International, multi-disciplinary multi-perspective strategic & tactical decision-making teams (to minimize group-think).
- Leverage, exploit, & capitalize upon commercial products, services, technologies, & capabilities (to greatest extent).