Turning the Tables on IT Investment

What is CPIC?

Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) is a process to select, manage, and evaluate information technology (IT) investments.

CPIC helps organizations identify what they can afford and prioritize spend.

CPIC is mandated by the Clinger Cohen Act, which requires federal agencies to focus on the results produced by IT investments, and is enforced through DODD 5144.01.

The Department of the Air Force is transforming its perspective on IT and reimagining it as an investment, rather than a cost center.

Phased Approach

1. **Pre-Select:** Analyze and understand all options for future investment
2. **Select:** Determine investments that best support the DAF mission
3. **Control:** Monitor progress using cost and schedule data
4. **Evaluate:** Assess results, costs, and governance practices to limit risk

Benefits of CPIC

- **Align IT spend to SPPBE and POM cycles**
- **Improved data accessibility & reliability**
- **Mission & results-driven investments**

CPIC Commitments

CPIC will:

- Provide a place for centralized tracking of all IT Investments
- Enable “apple to apple” comparisons
- Support programs in optimizing limited IT budgets

CPIC will not;

- Create redundant requests or contradict existing reporting systems, such as ITIPS
- Create additional requirements during the acquisition process(EIEMA, BCAC)

CPIC Proof of Concept

Proof of Concept Directed by USecAF & DAF Council

Stand-up CPIC process is underway, beginning with two mature organizations within DAF mission area portfolios to inform the next POM cycle.

The process will be expanded in FY 2025 and will be implemented DAF-wide in FY 2026.

Limited Proof of Concept Schedule: FY 2024

Evaluate Phase

FEB – JUL

Focus: FY23 Budget

Pre-Select Phase

JUL – OCT

Focus: FY26 Budget

Select Phase

AUG – NOV

Focus: FY25 Budget

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Planning for CPIC

FY24
Limited Proof of Concept

FY25
Expanded Proof of Concept

FY26
FULL ROLLOUT

What's Next

By FY26, Department of the Air Force will roll out the transformed CPIC process department-wide. System owners should prepare for success by planning ahead now.

How to Prepare

- ✓ Understand linkage between IT investment and mission / business requirements
- ✓ Track alignment between IT systems and budget / spend data
- ✓ Monitor IT systems' Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- ✓ Engage with your MAJCOM/FLDCOM leaders to validate IT system portfolio alignment to overall strategy