



Modeling SEER-SEM Using a Decision Graph: A Knowledge Engineering Approach

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Background

Types of Software Cost Activities

- Across the board estimates done for Discovery proposals (14 missions)
 - Main focus of this presentation
 - Strove for consistency in analysis
 - Had to be done quickly and in parallel

 - Independent Cost Estimates (ICE)
 - Requested by the project
 - Initiated by the Costing Office
 - Required at milestone reviews
 - Performed separately from the project

 - Cost Analysis Data Requirements (CADRes)
 - SW metrics page – 48 columns displayed for each SW element
 - Up to 40 rows of SW elements
 - Required at milestone reviews
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Background

Specific Application

- ❑ Needed to provide software estimates for 14 Discovery Class proposals
 - ❑ Tight schedule constraint
 - ❑ Limited resources
 - 3 analysts (reduced to 2)
 - Funding for less than half time
 - ❑ Provided results to individual proposal Cost Engineers
 - Follow-up with additional data
 - Respond to questions
 - Support proposal meetings
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Knowledge Engineering Approach

□ Experienced Software Cost Estimator

- > 30 years in the business
- Successfully engaged at many different technical facilities
- Developing a SW estimating Tool for NASA

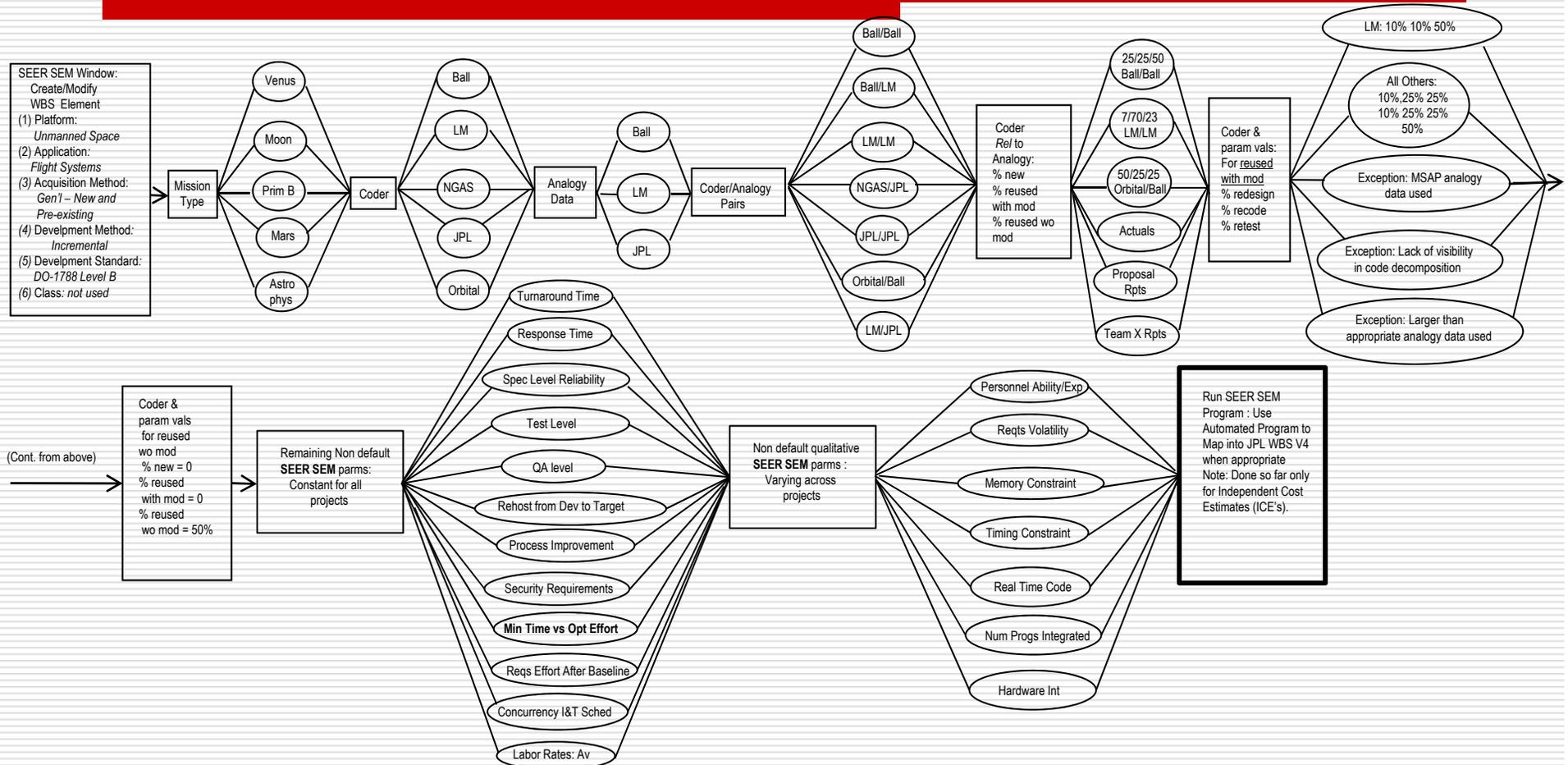
□ Experienced Knowledge Engineer

- Published and experienced in expert systems work
- Brings a new perspective to the cost estimating business
- Organizes, makes consistent, and represents expert's analysis

□ Build Decision Graph

- More compact and intuitively palatable than decision tree
 - Sufficiently expresses high level relationships and concepts
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Decision Graph

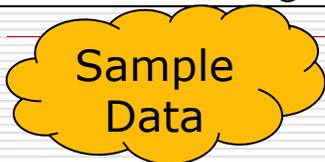


Data Sources

- CADRe (ONCE – One NASA Cost Engineering database)
 - Technical description from Part A
 - Measurement data from Part B, software tab
 - Cost data from Part C, software WBS elements mapped to JPL standard WBS (for validation)
 - SQI Software Repository (SMART)
 - Ground, flight, and instrument data
 - JPL Proprietary, ITAR restricted
 - RedStar Library
 - Project Personnel
 - Other Projects for software data not captured anywhere else
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Data Sheet (1) – Descriptive Data

Category	Venus			Moon	
Proposal Name	1	2	3	4	5
Cost Lead	Patrick	Mike F.	Eric	Mike D.	Mike D.
Spacecraft Provider	Ball	Ball	LMA	TBD - costed as in-house via Team X	JPL
Analogy Program(s) Used	DI SQI Actuals	MRO	Vesper Step 2 report	MSAP	MSAP
Contractor/Analogy Data	Ball/Ball	Ball/LM	LM/LM	NGAS/JPL	JPL/JPL
Software Cost Estimates (SEER-SEM) (FY\$10M) (excludes testbed, equip, facilities)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
SEER-SEM (- ATLO, SQA, CM 50%)					
Team X Estimate (for reconciliation)					
Software Cost Estimates (SEER-SEM) (WY)	27	30	23	30	26
Knowledge Bases					
SEER-SEM Window Name: (Create/Modify WSB Element)					
Platform (Operating Environment)	Unmanned Space	Unmanned Space	Unmanned Space	Unmanned Space	Unmanned Space
Application	Flight Systems	Flight Systems	Flight Systems	Flight Systems	Flight Systems
Acquisition Method	New/Reuse	New/Reuse	New/Reuse	New/Reuse	New/Reuse
Development Method	Incremental	Incremental	Incremental	Incremental	Incremental
Development Standard	DO-178B Level B	DO-178B Level B	DO-178B Level B	DO-178B Level B	DO-178B Level B



Sample Data

Descriptive Data

- Identify spacecraft provider (contractor)
- Obtain relevant data for contractor
 - Repositories
 - Proposal documentation
- Specify contractor – data pair
- Select appropriate Knowledge Bases

Data Sheet (2) – Size Data

Category	Venus			Moon	
Proposal Name	1	2	3	4	5
Software Size (SLOC)					
Size BoE	Used Deep Impact actual SLOC counts. Assumed 25% new, 25% reused "as is", and 50% reused modified.	Used an average of MRO actual code and Odyssey actual with the inheritance percentages from Team X.	Used LMA derived SLOC Values from Step 2 report: new, reused, reused modified. Added correction factor to convert LMA code counts to JPL code counts.	Used LSO TDP (Team X report) information.	Used MSAP (reuseable flight software) size estimates . Duplicated reasoning used for SMAP estimate.
ESLOC	69,888	92,238	61,848	85,533	61,450
Delivered Software (SLOC) - most likely	153,812	202,000	204,990	221,664	180,000
Software Size (SLOC)					
New SLOC - most likely	38,453	60,600	25,000	46,404	30,000
% of new SLOC	25%	30%	12%	21%	17%
Reuse SLOC (as is - no mod) - most likely	38,453	35,350	97,700	117,424	70,000
% of reused (as is) SLOC	25%	17%	48%	53%	39%
% re-design	0	0	0	0	0
% re-implementation (Re-coding)	0	0	0	0	0
% re-test	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Reuse SLOC (modified) - most likely	76,906	106,050	82,290	57,836	80,000
% of reused (modified) SLOC	50%	53%	40%	26%	44%
% re-design	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 10%, 10%	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 25%, 25%
% re-implementation (Re-coding)	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 10%, 10%	10%, 25%, 25%	10%, 25%, 25%
% re-test	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

Sample Data

Software Size (1)

- Software size defined as Logical Lines of code
- Reused code assumes that the code is being reused "as is", no additional design or code is required, all code is integrated and fully tested
- Modified code requires additional design and coding
 - Requires % re-design, %re-code, %re-test
 - Objective equations containing cost drivers are used to calculate the percentages
- Auto-generated and ported code
- Using the USC Code Counter

Percentage Selections

- New code percentage is a function of contractor experience
- Reused code assumes 0% re-design, 0% re-code, 50% re-test

$$\text{Re-test} = .10*A + .04*B + .13*C + .25*D + .36*E + .12*F$$

A	Test Plans Required	} Existing
B	Test Procedures Required	
C	Test Reports Required	
D	Test Drivers Required	
E	Integration Testing .	
F	Formal Testing	

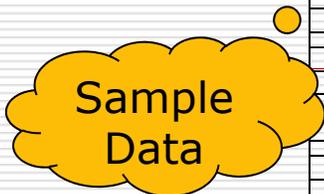
- Modified code percentages are based on experience with contractor
 - Use a distribution
 - Always re-test 100% of the code (50% SEER parameter)

Software Size (2)

- Not changed often
 - Different ways of enumeration (counting) or deriving the SLOC value
 - Differing values (e.g. project vs. developing contractor)
 - Different work content (e.g. giving total pre-existing GSW count as opposed to count for the project of interest)
 - Differing assumptions on new, reused and modified code
 - Probabilistic input values
(e.g. least likely, most likely, highest likely)
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Data Sheet (3) – Attribute Data

Category	Venus			Moon	
Proposal Name	1	2	3	4	5
Software Size (SLOC)					
Parameter Settings Notes					
Personnel Capabilities & Experience (7 parameters)	Leave at KB setting. This reflects an industry average which is appropriate since we do not know the composition of the software development team so early in the proposal process.				
Development Support Environment	Leave at KB settings with the exception of:				
turnaround time	VLO	VLO	VLO	VLO	VLO
response time	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
Product Development Requirements					
requirements volatility	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH+
spec level - Reliability	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-
test level	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
quality assurance level	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
rehost (development to target)	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-	HIGH-
Product Reusability Requirements	Should always be NOM (no reusability required by the contract). If the parameter is set to NOM the percentage value is				
Development Environment Complexity	Leave at KB settings with the exception of:				
process improvement	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM
Target Environment	Leave at KB settings with the exception of:				
memory constraint	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM
timing constraint	NOM+,NOM+,HIGH-	NOM+,NOM+,HIGH-	NOM+,NOM+,HIGH-	NOM+	NOM+
real time constraint	NOM, NOM, NOM+	NOM, NOM, NOM+	NOM, NOM, NOM+	NOM, NOM, NOM+	NOM, NOM, NOM+
security requirements	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM	NOM
Schedule & Staffing Constraints	Leave at KB settings with the exception of:				
start date	11/25/2012	11/25/2012	11/25/2012	11/25/2012	11/25/2012
Min Time vs Optimal Effort	Always start with Optimal Effort . Where possible, verify that the schedule duration is achievable. If not, evaluate schedule constraints to accommodate the estimated schedule. If the software development time is less than the Minimal				
Confidence Levels	Both effort and schedule should be run at 50% and 70% confidence. SQI recommends the 70% confidence estimate.				
Requirements	Leave at KB settings with the exception of:				
requirements after baseline	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
System Integration					
number of programs being integrated	5	5	5	5	5
concurrency of I&T	Hi	Hi	Hi	Hi	Hi
hardware integration	N-, N, N+	N-, N, N+	L, N, N+	N-, N, N+	N-, N, N+
Economic Factors	Labor rate based on NASA Center contractor developed software survey conducted in FY08 (\$24,887/wm). Escalated to				
cost base year	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010



Attribute Selection

- Trust your Knowledge Base
- Make modifications cautiously
 - Focus on cost drivers
 - Be conservative
 - Use distribution to reflect uncertainty

Estimate Results – Mapping SEER Output

- Goal is to map the SEER model output into the JPL Standard WBS FSW elements
 - Total software activity cost
 - Individual WBS elements where possible
- Mapping Tool performs computations and row and column operations to parse the SEER output
 - Parses total software activity to get costs for JPL WBS elements: Management, Systems Engineering, and Integration and Test
 - Computes WBS element SW Testbed using 4% of total software cost

Estimate Results – Mapping SEER Output

- Mapping Tool performs computations and row and column operations to parse the SEER output
 - Uses CER to estimate cost of software equipment and facilities
 - Maps costs to a FSW summary template
 - Saves a lot of time, effort and reduces the likelihood of error!
 - Critical when there is a tight turnaround time!
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SEER-SEM Mapping



SMAP Software ICE - Based on JPL Parameter Settings and Adjusted Size @ 50% Confidence

Description	FY08K Total System Cost	Basis of Estimate
Flight Software		Roll-up
Equipment		Factor based on number of computers
Facilities		Factor based on number of square feet
Flight Software		Roll-up
Software Management		SEER-SEM Mgmt total less System I&T
Software Systems Engineering		SEER-SEM SW Req and SW Design total less System I&T
C&DH		SEER-SEM Flight Systems Software less Engineering Models and Payload & Instrument Control (less portion of mgmt, se, i&t)
GN&C		SEER-SEM Flight Modeling and Simulation (less portion of mgmt, se, i&t)
Engineering Models		SEER-SEM Flight Modeling and Simulation (less portion of mgmt, se, i&t)
Payload & Instrument Control Software		SEER-SEM Payload Code total less System I&T (less portion of mgmt, se, i&t)
Systems Services Software		SEER-SEM Services total less Modeling and Simulation (less portion of mgmt, se, i&t)
Software Testbed		4% added to the SEER-SEM Flight Software estimate to account for Testbed software
Software I&T		SEER-SEM I&T total for Flight Software

← Estimated from historical data

Core sw development effort

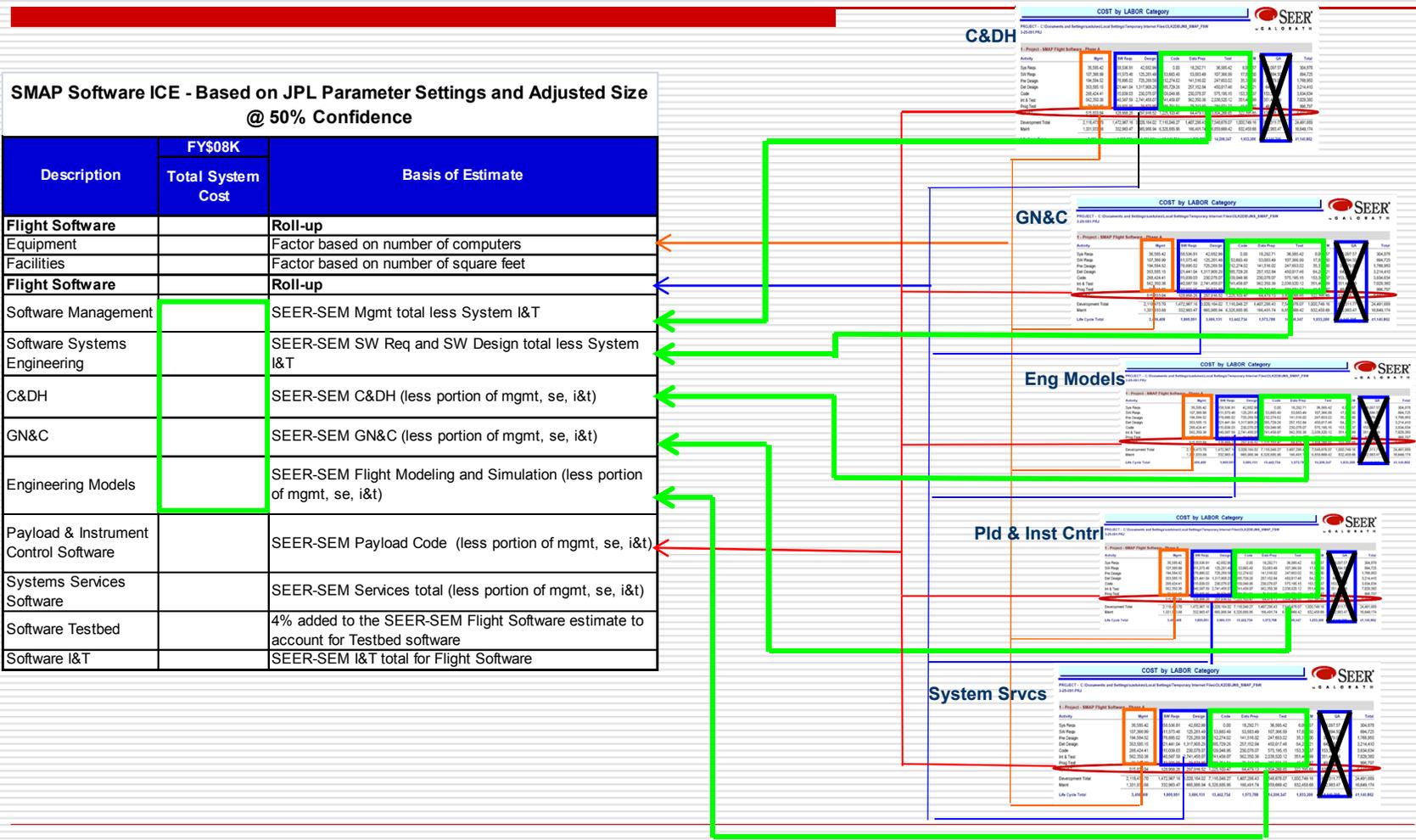
50% of CM covered by SW developers

COST by LABOR Category									
PROJECT - C:\Documents and Settings\sastiles\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\OLK3DB\JNS_SMAP_FSW 3-25-091.PRJ									
1 - Project - SMAP Flight Software - Phase A									
Activity	Mgmt	SW Reqs	Design	Code	Data Prep	Test	CM	QA	Total
Sys Reqs	36,585.42	158,536.81	42,682.99	0.00	18,292.71	36,585.42	6,097.57	6,097.57	304,878
SW Reqs	107,366.99	411,573.46	125,261.49	53,683.49	53,683.49	107,366.99	17,894.50	17,894.50	894,725
Pre Design	194,584.52	176,895.02	725,269.58	212,274.02	141,516.02	247,653.02	35,379.00	35,379.00	1,768,950
Det Design	353,585.15	321,441.04	1,317,908.29	385,729.26	257,152.84	450,017.46	64,288.21	64,288.21	3,214,410
Code	268,424.41	115,039.03	230,078.07	1,109,048.95	230,078.07	575,195.15	153,388.37	153,388.37	3,834,634
Int & Test	562,350.38	140,587.59	2,741,458.07	2,741,458.07	562,350.38	2,038,520.12	351,468.99	351,468.99	7,029,380
Prog Test	79,743.80	19,935.95	39,871.90	388,751.01	79,743.80	289,071.27	49,831.87	49,831.87	996,797
Sys I&T	515,833.04	128,958.26	257,916.52	1,225,103.47	64,479.13	3,804,268.65	322,395.65	128,958.26	6,447,913
Development Total	2,118,473.70	1,472,967.16	3,020,164.02	7,116,048.27	1,407,296.43	7,548,678.07	1,000,749.16	807,311.77	24,491,689
Maint	1,331,933.88	332,983.47	665,966.94	6,326,685.95	166,491.74	6,659,669.42	832,458.68	332,983.47	16,649,174
Life Cycle Total	3,450,408	1,805,951	3,686,131	13,442,734	1,573,788	14,208,347	1,833,208	1,140,295	41,140,862



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SEER-SEM Subsystem Mapping



Lessons Learned

- ❑ Use a consistent and objective approach when creating multiple estimates that will be compared
 - ❑ Use relevant historical data to support your estimates
 - Use expert input whenever possible
 - ❑ Don't second guess the data or the tool
 - ❑ Use expert input whenever possible
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Useful Resources and Web Sites

- ❑ CADRe data – Eric Plummer, NASA Headquarters, (202) 358-5178
- ❑ RedStar Library – Mary Ellen Harris, SAIC, (256) 971-6425
- ❑ NASA Cost Estimating Handbook (<http://nasa.ceh.gov>)

List of Terms

ATLO	Assembly, Test, Launch Operations
CADRe	Cost Analysis Data Requirement
C&DH	Command and Data Handling
CEH	Cost Estimating Handbook
CER	Cost Estimating Relationship
EM	Engineering Model
ESLOC	Equivalent (new) Source Lines of Code
FSW	Flight Software
FY	Fiscal Year

List of Terms

GN&C	Guidance, Navigation and Control
GSW	Ground Software
ICE	Independent Cost Estimate
I&T	Integration and Test
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
LCC	Life Cycle Cost
Mgmt	Management
NPR	NASA Procedural Requirement
ONCE	One NASA Repository

List of Terms

SE	Systems Engineering
SEER-SEM	System Evaluation and Estimation Review – Software Estimation Model
SLiC	Software Line Counter (code counter)
SLOC	Source Lines of Code
SMART	Software Measurement Analysis Repository Tool
SQI	Software Quality Improvement
SW	Software
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure