# Focusing on performance your customer cares about!



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# So what?!



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- Agenda
- ☐ What Customers Want
- ☐ Quantitative & Qualitative Indicators
- ☐ Obtaining the Voice of the Customer
- ☐ Understanding what's Critical to Quality
- ☐ Measuring the right stuff
- ☐ Examples
- □ Wrap up

### Customer – focused Performance



Customer focused calculation:

Customer Satisfaction = Your performance

Customer Expectations



Customer satisfaction is driven by *their* perceptions...not yours.

### Customer – focused Performance



Watch for changes...

Find out if something has happened Analyze what's happening

• Is satisfaction rising?

...or...

• Is satisfaction sliding?







What do customers want, anyway?

Product and Process...

Product = results...the technical element

Process = confidence...the *human* element



For many customers, process is more important than product.

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### Customer – focused Performance



### When I'm a customer, I want...

- To be taken seriously
- Competent, efficient service
- Anticipation of my needs
- Explanations my terms
- Basic courtesies
- To know my options
- Not to be passed around
- To be listened to

- Knowledgeable help
- Friendliness
- To be kept informed
- Follow-through
- Honesty
- Feedback
- Professional service
- Empathy
- Respect

### Customer – focused Performance



View your customer's point of view by...

Identifying

Measuring

Monitoring

What do your customers care about?

Same goods and/or services for less cost, or

Additional goods and/or services for same cost, or

Additional goods and/or services for less cost

Any of the above in less time

All of the above with less burden on them

# Quantitative/Qualitative Indicators: What's the difference?



### Quantitative indicators are fact-based

- Objective, measure quantity and response times
- Results can be compared over time easily
- Focus on efficiency and improvement

### Qualitative indicators are seen as subjective

- Subjective (assessing knowledge, service, communication)
- Can be difficult to measure and compare
- Focus on perception, effectiveness and contribution
- "Soft" skills development



### Performance measures let us know...

- How well we are doing
- If our processes are in statistical control
- If we are meeting our goals
- If and where improvements are necessary
- If our customers are satisfied



### Common performance measure groupings

- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Quality
- Timeliness
- Productivity



#### Attributes of an ideal unit of measure:

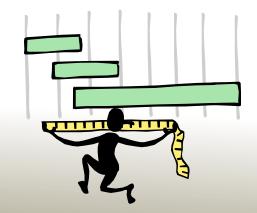
- Reflects the customer's needs as well as our own
- May be interpreted uniformly
- Provides decision making
- Is compatible with existing sensors
- Is understandable
- Is precise in interpreting the results
- Applies broadly
- Economical to apply



### Procurement impacts on the organization

- Measure over time and benchmark
- Select relevant measurements and abilities
- Use appropriate tools
- Keep it simple
- Share the results with the stakeholders

Purchasing competencies
knowledge, skills and attitude
experience
qualifications
targets to be met



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### Performance measures must be **SMART**:

Specific

Measurable

Achievable

Realistic

Timed





Performance measures must be **SMART**:

Specific – easily understood

The "what" of a performance goal



Be specific now, not later



#### Solicitation Tracking Survey Results

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gas fueling facilities at EMOC.

**Buyer:** Norris, Bob

Survey Submitted by: Calvin Jones(DGS)

Survey Submit Date: 3/4/2014

#### **Timeline Results**





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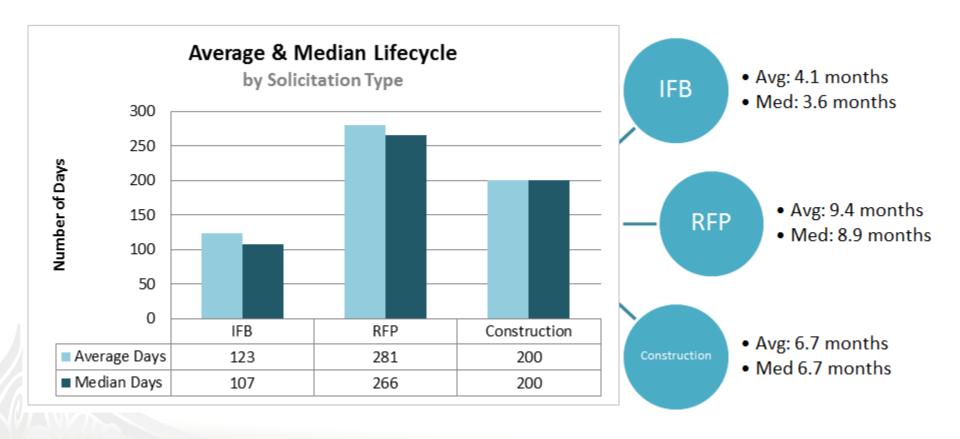
Measurable – what does success look like or how is it quantified?

• The "how much," "how well," or "to what level or degree" of a performance goal



To be measurable, a goal must be quantifiable.







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Measurable

Achievable – action oriented, de-motivational

Actions are measurable, Attitudes are not



Performance measures are achievable when they are tied to behavior.



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Realistic – relevant to core business/service

- Hitting realistic goals is a real confidence builder
- Realistic goals establish accountability



Realistic goals are not universal



	Agreed to Dates	Actual Dates	Timeline Results
Package Complete	N/A	08/05/13	N/A
Solicitation Issued	08/09/13	08/09/13	Procurement met timeline by 0 days
Solicitation Due	10/07/13	10/09/13	Timeline missed by 2 days
To Department	10/18/13	10/09/13	Procurement met timeline by 9 days
Department Recommendation	12/12/13	11/07/13	Department met timeline by 35 days
Award Posted	12/18/13	11/07/13	Procurement met timeline by 41 days
Contract Received	01/16/14	02/27/14	Department missed timeline by 42 days
Contract Executed	03/12/14	02/28/14	Procurement met timeline by 12 days
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Timed – realistic timescale

• Time-bound measures clarify the "when" of performance



Procrastination is the enemy of performance

# Six Sigma and your customer



### The Voice of the Customer (VOC)

- Helps you understand customer requirements.
- This describes information coming *from* the customer

### Critical to Quality (CTQ) elements

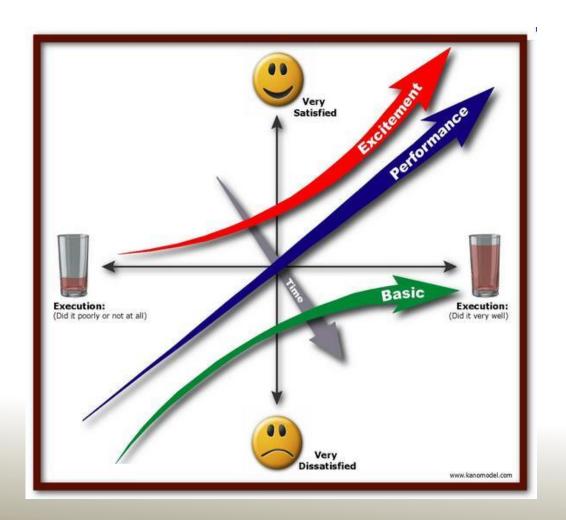
- What value means to them
- Provides the basics to assess how well you're performing





# Six Sigma and your customer

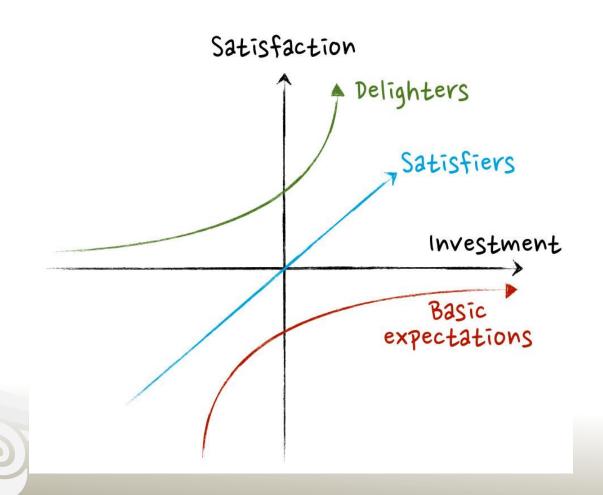
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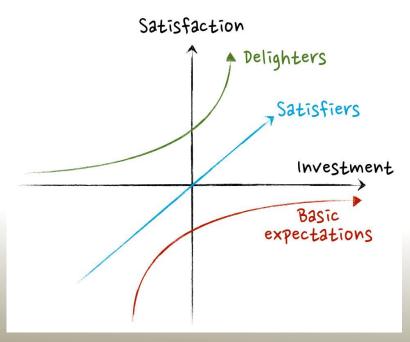
Basics are the Must-Be factors

Satisfiers are Performance requirements that relate to service delivery

Delighters are the "Excitement" factor



Over time things change. A onedimensional satisfier will become a must-be and delighters will become satisfiers.



# Obtaining the VOC (Voice of your Customer)



### We find what customers want by...

- Talking
- Listening
- Observing

### Gathering input to...

- Understand needs
- Identify key issues
- Translate into meaningful terms



Listening to the Voice of Customer (VOC) is about determining your customer's requirements for service, not determining solutions to meet those requirements

# Obtaining the VOC



### Take an outside-in view

- Don't assume
- Customers are not all the same

### Prioritize your customers

• Every customer is important but....

# Obtaining the VOC



### Researching the requirements

- 1. Investigate what you already have
- 2. Develop a research plan and use it

	Researching the Requirements		
Input	Research Method	Output: What you Get	
No information	Interview What is important?	Customer wants and needs (general ideas, unprioritized, not clarified, all qualitative)	
Known preliminary customer wants and needs	Interview Which are most important?	Customer wants and needs (clarified, more specific, preliminary prioritization)	
Qualitative, prioritized customer wants and needs	Surveys Face-to-face Active communication	Quantified prioritized customer wants and needs	

# Obtaining the VOC



#### Be aware...

- Customer may offer solutions
- Customers perceive things differently
- External customers express effectiveness needs
- Internal customers express efficiency needs

### Customer interviews



Disadvantages...

Data Deficient

No Anonymity

Time Limitation

Data Limitation

Sample Size

Labor intensive

**Human Beings** 

Positive response bias

Advantages...

Flexibility

Specificity

High Response

Coverage



Ask open questions, listen to what is said.

## Customer Surveys



#### Pros:

Low cost

Efficiency of large samples

Access to hard-to-reach respondents

No interviewer bias (although you have to ask the right questions)

High reliability and validity

Anonymity allows for more honest response

#### Cons:

Low rate of return

Non-responsive bias

Little control

Limitations on questions

Potential misunderstanding

Over simplification or complexity

Fatigue if too long or too often

Anonymity for bias and attack

# Critical to Quality (CTQ)



Once you've given attention to the VOC (Voice of Customer) information you need to develop the Critical to Quality (CTQ) factors

- In measurable form
- Provide the basis for performance measures



### A few cautions...





Listen to what your customers say, not to what you think they're saying



CTQs shouldn't prescribe a solution, should be measurable and a target value



CTQs should be a positive statement about what the customer wants

# Wing-to-Wing Awareness



- Talking about customer-focus is easy
- How does the *customer* measure success?
- Wing-to-Wing thinking is a circumspect approach



Take a look "outside-in." Think about what your customers see and how that affects your value in *their* eyes



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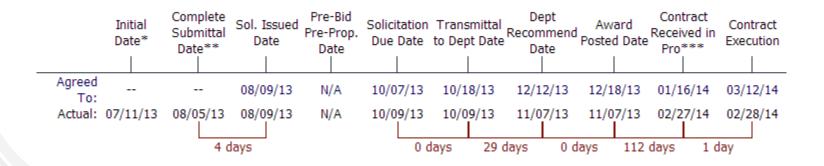
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Milestones MET by 15 days or more

#### Solicitation Tracking Details

IFB #1026590

Buyer: Robert Norris

Department: Jeffrey Camera (DEP)

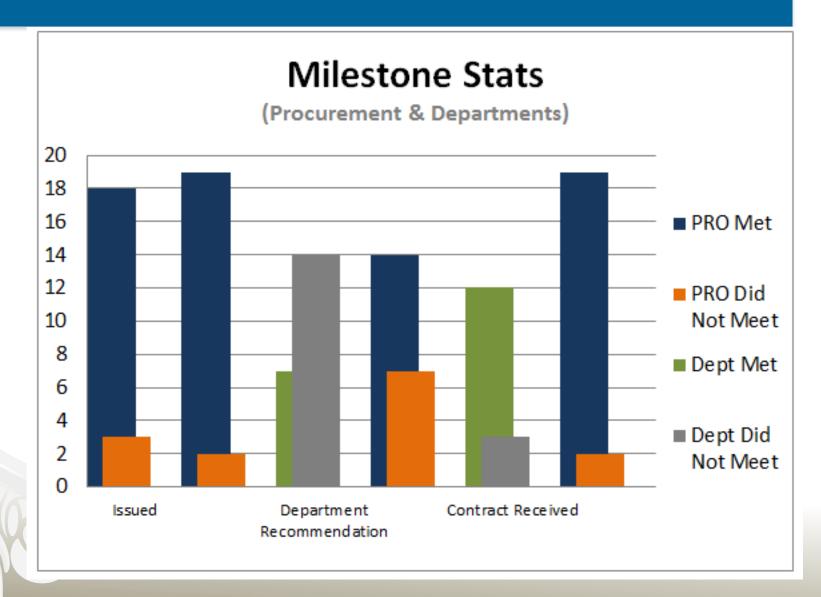
**Description:** Hazardous Materials Containers for the Shipping of Non-Regalated Hardous Waste.

	Agreed-To	Actual	Calculations
Date Received:		02/11/13	
Date Returned to Dept:		-	
Pkg Complete:		04/18/13	-
Date Issued:	04/18/13	04/18/13	PRO met by 0 day(s)
Date Pre-Bid\Sub:	-	-	-
Date Opened:	05/17/13	05/17/13	Met by 0 day(s)
Date To Dept:	05/27/13	05/17/13	PRO met by 10 day(s)
Dept Recommendation:	06/20/13	05/24/13	Dept met by 27 day(s)
Award Posted:	07/15/13	05/29/13	PRO met by 47 day(s)
Contract Received:	08/01/13	05/29/13	Dept met by 64 day(s)
Executed:	08/15/13	06/14/13	PRO met by 62 day(s)
R: From Date Received C: From Pkg Complete	R: 185 day(s) C: 119 day(s)	R: 123 day(s) C: 57 day(s)	

Agreed-To Email Sent 04/21/13

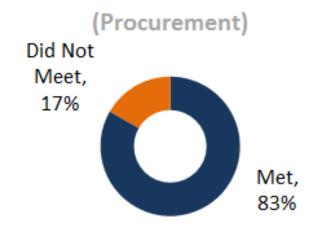
Survey Sent 06/15/13 Survey Returned 06/17/13 (4.00 out of 4 Avg Score)







#### Milestone Stats - Actual

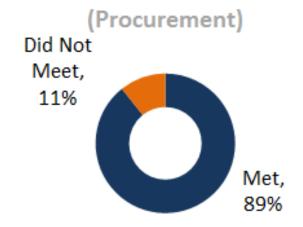


#### (Departments)

47%



#### Milestone Stats - Deviation



#### (Departments)





#### Milestone Averages

The chart below provides a graphical view of the average days to complete each milestone by solicitation type.

#### Average Number of Days for each Milestone



## What is the right stuff?



Efficiency vs. Effectiveness

Effectiveness = meeting the goal

Efficiency = meeting the goal the right way

Purchasing performance = effectiveness + efficiency

It is more important to do the right things, than to do things right.

- Peter Drucker



## Measuring the right stuff



#### Traditional measures for evaluating purchasing performance:

- Price reduction
- Cost avoidance
- Number of P.O.s issued
- Number of line items purchased
- Inventory value
- Inventory turns
- Standard cost variance
- Department budget vs. actual
- Purchasing headcount
- Other...?

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## Measuring the right stuff



### **Comparison of Purchasing Performance Measures Rankings**

Measures	CEOs/Presidents Rankings (out of 19)	CPOs Rankings (out of 90)
Quality of purchased items	1	5
Key supplier problems that could affect supply	2	38
Supplier delivery performance	3	4
Internal customer satisfaction	4	26
Purchase inventory dollars	5	20





## Common problems with traditional measures:

- Most measurement goals occur annually
- Measures measure busywork
- Measures aren't consistent across the organization
- Measures are self-measured and self-reported
- Measures are tactical, not strategic





## Measurement systems should:

- Support goals, objectives and programs
- Provide simple measures
- Reveal how needs and expectations are satisfied
- Allow stakeholders to understand the affect of their performance
- Support organizational learning and improvement
- Provide congruency of measures across organizational levels



## Measures should be action-oriented and timely

- At all levels, should lead to immediate, operational solutions
- At the mid-management level, should invoke changes in operational procedures or focus
- For top management, should indicate changes in choice of strategies to meet goals



- Quality of service
- Level of effort
- Success rate
- Communication
- Professional knowledge
- Availability
- Responsiveness
- Initiative
- Process
- Guidance and Assistance
- Timeliness
- Information
- Innovation





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All Scores (1/2): 2013 Survey	County Attorney	Finance	DGS-Bldg Services	DGS-Capital Dev Needs	DGS-Fleet Services	DGS-Leased Space Needs	DGS-Print/Mail/ Archives	DGS- Procurement	Human Resources- Benefits	Human Resources- Records Management
Q2: Quality of service	3.47	3.27	2.71	2.79	3.13	3.05	3.22	2.76	3.06	3.12
Q3: Level of effort	3.18	2.98	2.50	2.47	3.00	2.93	3.19	2.31	3.02	3.17
Q4: Success rate	3.31	3.12	2.49	2.56	2.98	2.84	3.16	2.66	2.99	3.06
Q5: Communication	3.35	3.19	2.56	2.72	3.05	2.97	3.16	2.76	2.97	3.07
Q6: Professional knowledge	3.47	3.29	2.75	2.88	3.14	3.02	3.20	2.87	3.03	3.10
Q7: Availability	3.17	3.01	2.50	2.86	3.07	2.92	2.97	2.69	2.69	2.99
Q8: Responsiveness	3.35	3.18	2.45	2.72	3.00	2.86	3.07	2.68	2.92	3.11
Q9: Initiative	3.19	2.98	2.35	2.67	2.91	2.72	2.91	2.53	2.83	3.03
Q10: Process	3.44	3.20	2.56	2.81	3.09	2.98	3.18	2.73	3.04	3.11
Q11: Guidance & Assistance	3.43	3.22	2.64	2.82	3.09	2.98	3.18	2.76	3.06	3.13
Q12: Timeliness	3.33	3.16	2.59	2.78	3.05	2.93	3.10	2.61	3.08	3.13
Q13: Information	3.30	3.18	2.60	2.80	3.09	2.99	3.05	2.81	3.05	3.14
Q14: Innovation	3.09	2.98	2.48	2.67	2.92	2.83	3.01	2.55	2.98	3.01
Overall Average Rating	3.31	3.14	2.55	2.74	3.04	2.93	3.11	2.67	2.98	3.09



Department showed statistically significant increase from 2012

Department showed statistically significant decline from 2012

2013 Internal Customer

Satisfaction Survey



- 1. What is the corporate strategy?
- 2. How does supply management relate to the organization's strategy?
- 3. Review present practice in divergent areas.
- 4. Develop performance measures for divergent areas.
- 5. Track performance against new measures, adjust if necessary.
- 6. Review and if necessary revise measures which show non-divergent results.
- 7. Review regularly.

- Raedels and Buddress



## Quantitative ways to measure qualitative factors

- Quality of purchased items
- Supplier Problems
- Supplier Delivery Performance
- Internal Customer Satisfaction
- Purchase Inventory Dollars

- Center for Advanced Purchasing Studies (CAPS), Fearon and Bales



## The eye of the beholder



## Satisfaction depends on perspective and position

- User
- Senior management
- Elected officials
- Businesses
- Public

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#### **Survey Scores**

The average score received by the issuing department for surveys received during FY13 4th Quarter. Surveys are sent upon execution of a contract.

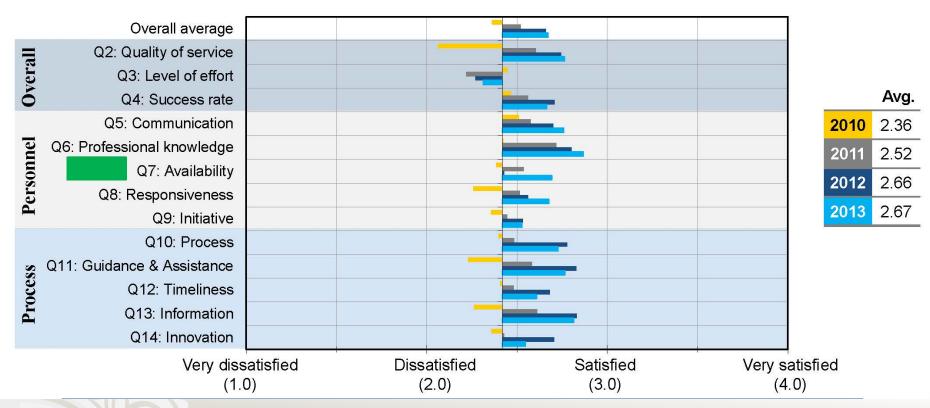
Question	Average Score Out of 4
1. Procurement staff was professional	3.75
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4. This procurement was completed within the agreed upon timeline schedule	3.83
5. Procurement staff provided guidance and instruction when needed	3.71
6. Overall, I was satisfied with Procurement staff performance on this procurement project	3.75
Total	3.72 or 93%





#### **Quantitative Data Analysis: DGS – Procurement**

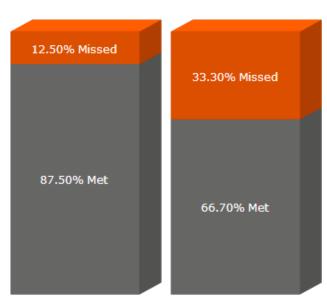






#### % of Milestones Met - All Types

How well did Robert Norris meet PRO responsible milestones compared to the department?



#### Robert Norris

Department

#### % of Milestones Met - By Type for Robert Norris

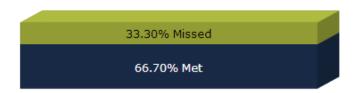
Robert Norris is/are responsible for meeting milestones related to the Solicitation Issuance date, date the Solicitations were sent to the Department, date of Award Posting and Contract Execution Date.



#### % of Milestones Met - By Type for the Dept

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The dept is responsible for meeting milestones related to the date of Award Recommendation and the date that the COMPLETE contract is received in PRO.



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#### Performance at a Glance



# SURVEY RESPONSES For the current fiscal period, you: Sent 5 survey(s), 4 was/were completed by the dept and you scored (avg) 3.5 out of 4!

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