



Homeland Security

IT Program Assessment

USCG- Logistics Information Management System (LIMS) (2010)

Review

The DHS CIO conducted a comprehensive program review of the USCG- Logistics Information Management System (LIMS) on 21 May, 2010. The CG-LIMS system is a project within the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) program charged with providing the USCG a CFO and Federal Financial Management Improvement Act (FFMIA) compliant, centrally-managed, integrated logistics information management system. CG-LIMS will incrementally assume and improve functionality of legacy logistics systems such as ALMIS for aircraft logistics, and VLS for vessel logistics.

Major findings from the review include the following:

- CG-LIMS is currently in the Analyze/Select phase of its program lifecycle.
- The program will obtain its own line of accounting in FY12 which will establish CG-LIMS as a priority in the Coast Guard. Previously CG-LIMS was a part of the Deepwater program.
- The completion of a Life Cycle Cost Estimate (LCCE) (currently under development) should provide additional emphasis to funding requests for CG-LIMS moving forward.
- CG-LIMS will provide significant USCG and DHS situational awareness capability due to sheer volume of Coast Guard assets which account for roughly 50% of property, plant and equipment of the Department.
- Current Life Cycle development timelines appear to be longer than necessary given the nature of the program. Both in the time from now to RFP release and the time between award and increment one.

Assessment

USCG- LIMS, while in the early phases of its program life-cycle, appears to be an operationally well-managed project, with a sound approach to getting to the first release of functionality. At the current time, no obvious risks exist, however the duration of time being planned to perform some of the solution engineering activities, and discrepancies in current funding versus needs present potential risks in the future. With support from Headquarters, the program will explore possibilities of shortening various timelines between milestones as part of the program's integrated master schedule - specifically, the amount of time to get to a request for proposal (RFP). This should not be presumed to be a fault of the program's but rather an example of where current enterprise governance practices might be streamlined to support different types of programs across the department.

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