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A Brief OTA Perspective…

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“Better” depends on where you stand…

- **Vendor:** Improved Profitability
  - (lower costs/increased sales)

- **PM:** “Effective/Suitable/Fleet Release”
  - First time through
  - under budget/timeline

- **OT’er:** Clearly Stated (“Testable”) Requirements; Greater Confidence in Test Results
My Confidence “Inspirers”…

• Test Realism: “Fleet representative” articles, environment, and threats

• Repeated Results: Requires sufficient duration and assets

• “Savvy” Testers and Analysts
To Improve “My Lane…”

• Grow Better Testers
  – Training Continuum
  – Tools and Supporting Systems

• ORD Clarification Efforts

• Increase Data Intake
  – Combined DT/OT
  – Modeling & Simulation (with rigor)
…and Yours…”

• It’s About Communication:
  – Involve Our Testers as Early as Possible
  – More Timely (and Controlled) Feedback
  – Encourage Documentation Policy Review
Parting Thoughts…

• OT’er Participation
  – Isn’t your “guarantee,” but
  – Is an investment in “risk mitigation”

• Don’t shortcut your CT/DT efforts

• My goal: No Surprises in Your IOTE Results