

- Establishing the guidance and infrastructure within its weapons system project management and logistics communities for requesting and maintaining technical data in the domain-specific AP formats as the APs mature to the ISO standard level.
- Developing a STEP-based archiving system that assures availability of engineering data in time of CAD/CAM vendor failure or OEM failure, i.e., no more parts reengineering because of a lack of technical data.
- Facilitating future STEP development efforts, especially construction history, to ensure engineering data interoperability over the entire weapons system life cycle.

Initially concentrating on these basic considerations should provide a good launching pad for STEP.

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- Simplified Acquisition Procedures (CON 237)
- Acquisition Logistics Fundamentals (LOG 101)
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