# Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute (SEI) Overview

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# The SEI is a DoD R&D Federally Funded Research and Development Center



Established in 1984 at Carnegie Mellon University

~615 employees (ft + pt), of which about 70% are engaged in technical work

Initiated CERT cybersecurity program in 1988

Primary offices in Pittsburgh and DC, with several operating locations near customer facilities

About \$150M in funding (~\$20M DoD Appropriated Line)

# DoD FFRDCs: Strategic Capability Maintained through a Special Contractual Relationship

"The FFRDC is required to conduct its business in a manner befitting its special relationship with the government, to operate in the public interest with objectivity and independence, to be free from organizational conflicts of interest, and to have full disclosure of its affairs to the sponsoring agency."

Federal Acquisition Regulation, 35.017: "Federally Funded Research and Development Centers"

Meet a need that cannot be met as effectively with existing in-house or contractor resources

Granted access beyond that of a typical contractor relationship to government and supplier data, sensitive and proprietary information, personnel, and facilities

Operate in the public interest with objectivity and independence, free from organizational conflicts of interest

Required to conduct business in a non-profit manner befitting its special relationship with the government

Undergo a comprehensive review by government sponsor every five years

# DoD FFRDCs: Support Government Research, Technology Development, and Systems Acquisition

"FFRDCs assist in transferring technology between the government and the private sector by promoting development of new technologies. ...[They are] a repository for knowledge accessible to the U.S. government and industry unencumbered with conflicts concerning for-profit institutions."

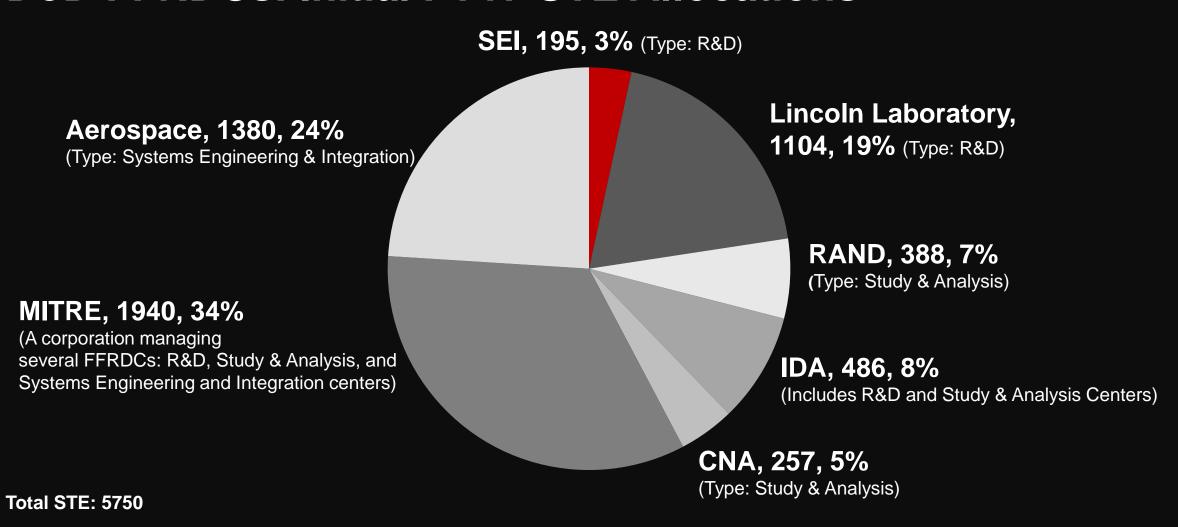
"U.S. Science and Technology Leadership, and Technology Grand Challenges" in *Synesis, A Journal of Science, Technology, Ethics, and Policy*, Robert Hummel. Patrick Cheetham, and Justin Rossi, 2012 Provide creative and cost-effective solutions to government problems of considerable complexity

Analyze technical questions with a high degree of objectivity

Three activity types:

- R&D
- Study & Analysis
- Systems Engineering and Integration

### **DoD FFRDCs: Initial FY17 STE Allocations**



The SEI is the only FFRDC charged to improve the state of the art and practice of software engineering

## **Our Leadership**



Director and CEO

Robert Behler **Deputy Director** and COO



Jeff Boleng Acting CTO





Director

Roberta Stempfley Bill Wilson

**Deputy Director** 



**Greg Shannon** Chief Scientist

**Software Solutions Division** 



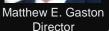




Charles Holland Chief Scientist

**Emerging Technology Center** 







Brenda Penderville **Acting Deputy Director** 

**Chief Strategy Officer** 



Mary Catherine Ward

**CFO** 



Peter Menniti

#### **General Counsel**



Sandra Brown

#### CIO



David Thompson

#### **Chief of Staff**



John Bramer

## We Serve a Broad Spectrum of Stakeholders



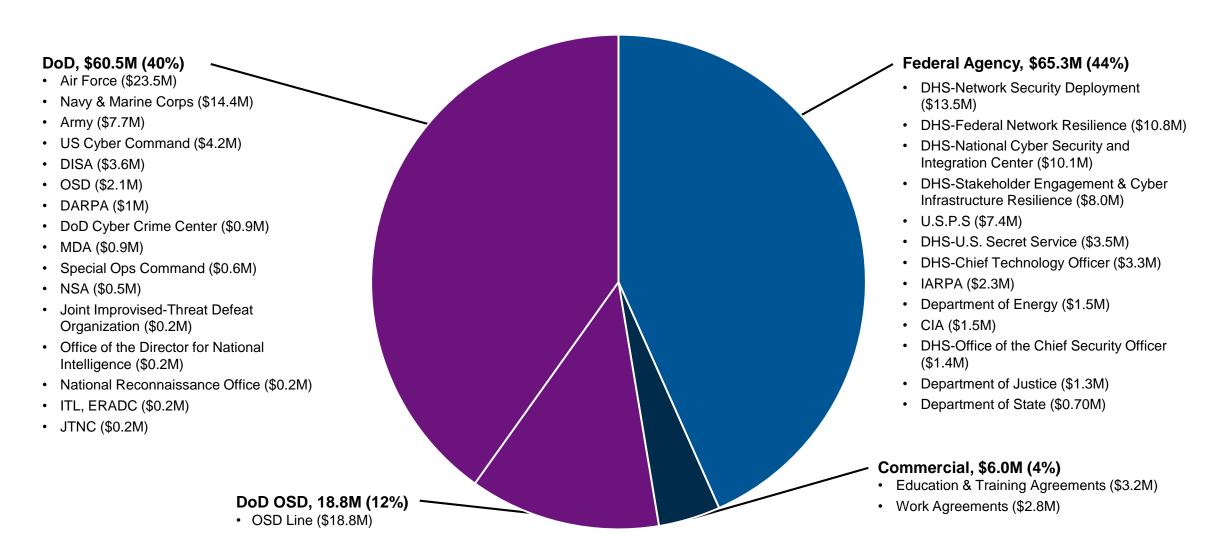
Major government customers

- · U.S. DoD
- · U.S. DHS

Researchers, developers, users, and acquirers—government, commercial, and academic

Key industries and organizations with the potential to advance software engineering and related disciplines

# Our FY17 Work Program Funding Projection (\$150.6M)



# Software is Responsible for Greater System Functionality and Desired Qualities







Software can offer

- Reliability
- Adaptability
- Affordable sustainment
- Interoperability
- Interconnectivity

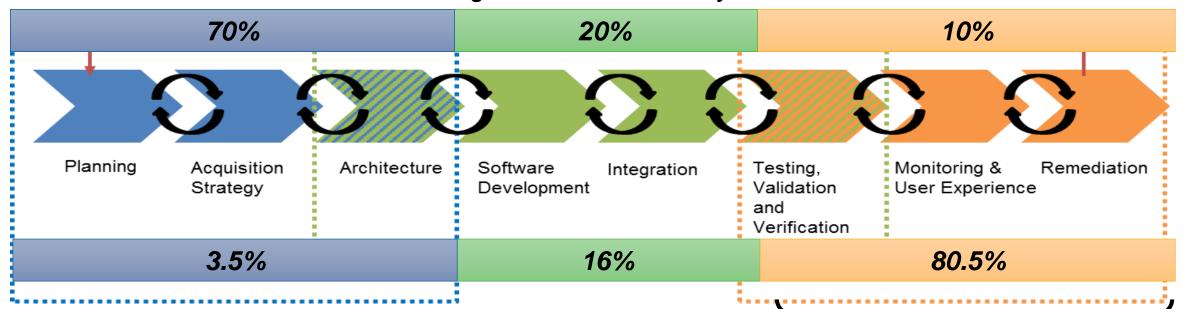
However, software cost and vulnerability threaten military capability

- Finding and fixing software problems late in the acquisition lifecycle drives up cost and delays delivery
- Latent cyber vulnerabilities and those exposed during operations or due to underlying dependencies put missions at risk

# Fixing Problems Late Drives Costs, Delays Deployment

Software problems that drive costs are introduced early in the lifecycle . . .

#### Percentage of flaws introduced by Phase



Percentage of flaws fixed by Phase

... But discovered late, increasing cost, vulnerability, and schedule impact

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# We Improve Software-based System Development, Operation, and Sustainment



Bend the cost curve of acquiring and sustaining software systems

Rapidly **exploit software-based innovation** to improve the ability to conduct missions

Improve system assurance and resilience

Drive research into operations through

- Following guidance from OSD (e.g., Reliance 21 Cols)
- Creating and prototyping algorithms, tools, technologies, and practices
- Collaborating with Programs and agencies
- Transitioning results to build organic software and cybersecurity capabilities

# Programs and Agencies Contact the SEI when They. . .

Face a hard problem or a technical challenge that is a strategic priority

Are uncertain how to approach problems

Need an independent voice in order to make progress

Need a trustworthy non-government team that possesses competencies in software engineering for systems, cybersecurity, or lifecycle management of software systems

Need to work with a partner that can perform both classified and unclassified work

# **Overview of SEI Facilities**

Harry Kaye

**Deputy CFO** 



### **SEI Maintains Offices in Six U.S. Cities**



## **SEI Based in Pittsburgh – Four Locations**

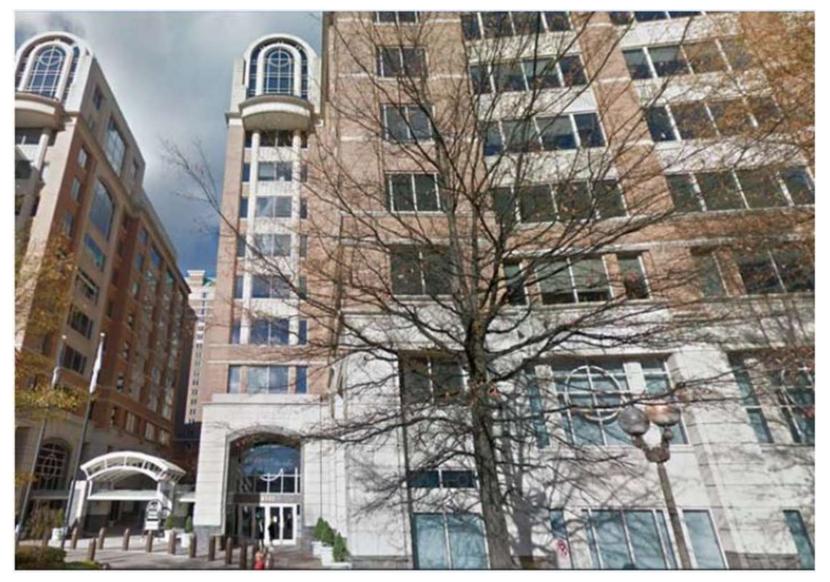








# **SEI Presence in Arlington, VA**



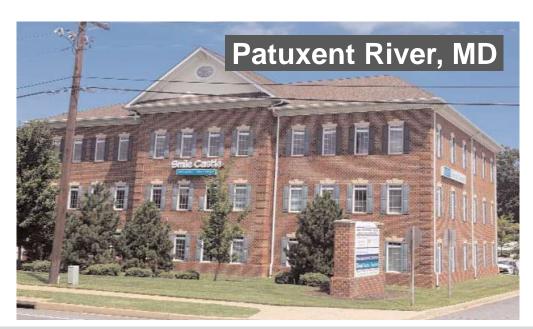
## **Operating Locations**

#### Leasing small office space in

- Patuxent River, MD
- Burlington, MA
- El Segundo, CA

#### On customer site – Randolph Air Force Base

San Antonio, TX







# Questions?

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### **Backup slides**

# Software Vulnerabilities put Missions at Risk

#### **Latent Vulnerabilities**

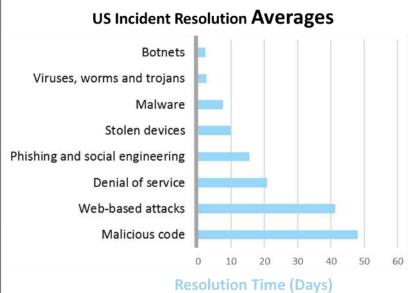


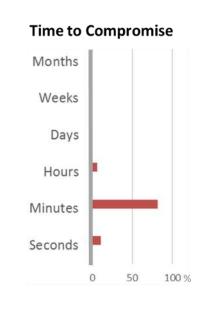
A 10M LOC Weapons Platform written in C will be delivered with 280 – 1,400 exploitable vulnerabilities

- 1 year after operation, 55% of these vulnerabilities will remain
- In sustainment, new vulnerabilities will be introduced

Quality Data: Capers Jones, NamCook Analytics, 2012 Vulnerability Data: SEI, Predicting Cybersecurity Using Quality Data, 2015 IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security

#### **Cyber Operations Response Lags**





- < 1 hour is the execution time of the vast majority (86%) of adversary offensive cyber maneuvers
- 4 47 days is the average resolution time for defensive response and mitigation

Incident Resolution Data: *Ponemon Institute and HP Enterprise Security*, 2015 Compromise Time Date: *Verizon Breach Report* 2016



### We Work in Seven Core Technical Areas

#### **Enduring**



#### Software Engineering & Information Assurance

Enable high quality, secure software-based systems in a predictable, affordable manner



#### **Cyber Security**

Develop improved systems, repeatable practices, and capable personnel to enable cyber missions



#### System Verification & Validation

Enhance confidence in the systems engineering lifecycle with evidence-based methods and tools

Make software less costly and more resilient and mission capable by ruthlessly automating all aspects of design, development, integration, testing, deployment, operations, defense, and sustainment of software systems



**Data Modeling & Analytics**: Develop and apply mathematically rigorous data collection, analysis, and visualization techniques



**C4ISR Mission Assurance:** Enable reliable and predictable mission support by software and systems, which are resilient to adversary actions



**Autonomy & Counter-Autonomy:** Develop evidence that indicates the trustworthiness, dependencies, & vulnerabilities of autonomous systems



**Human-Machine Interactions:** Invent, assess, improve comprehensible, safe, and trustworthy technologies for humans to use and team with machines

### **Emerging**