

GRC - Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance



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Presentation Topics

- Hazards faced by Companies
- Know Your Enterprise
- Governance.
- Risk Management,
- Compliance,
- Business Continuity Management,
- Vulnerability Management,
- Full Systems Development Life Cycle,
- ATO / cATO Production Services,
- Business Continuity

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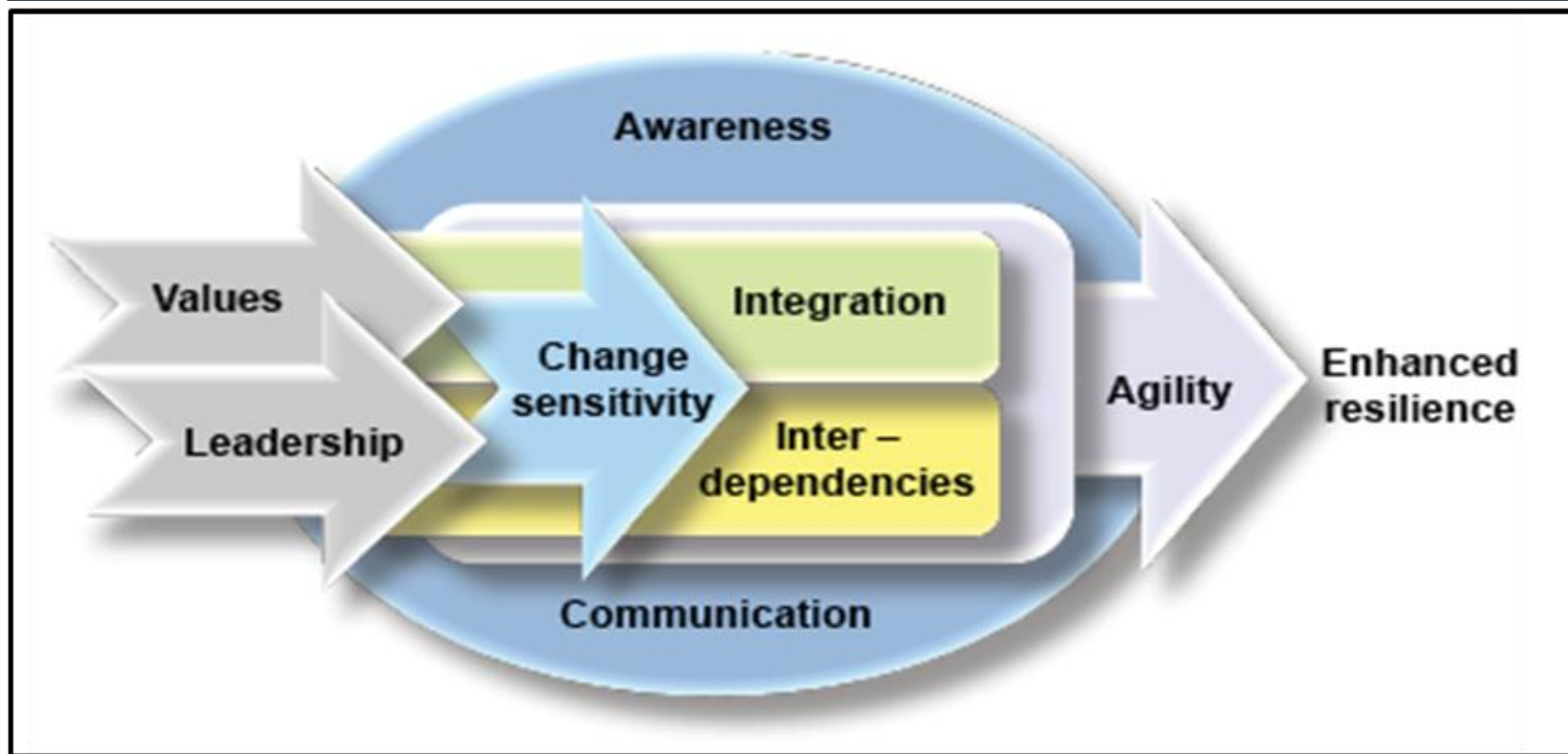
- Enterprise Resilience,
- Corporate Certification,
- Vulnerability Management,
- Cyber Security,
- Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC),
- Inventory, Configuration & Asset Management,
- Strategic and Tactical Planning,
- Project and Team Management
- Awareness and Training

Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance - GRC

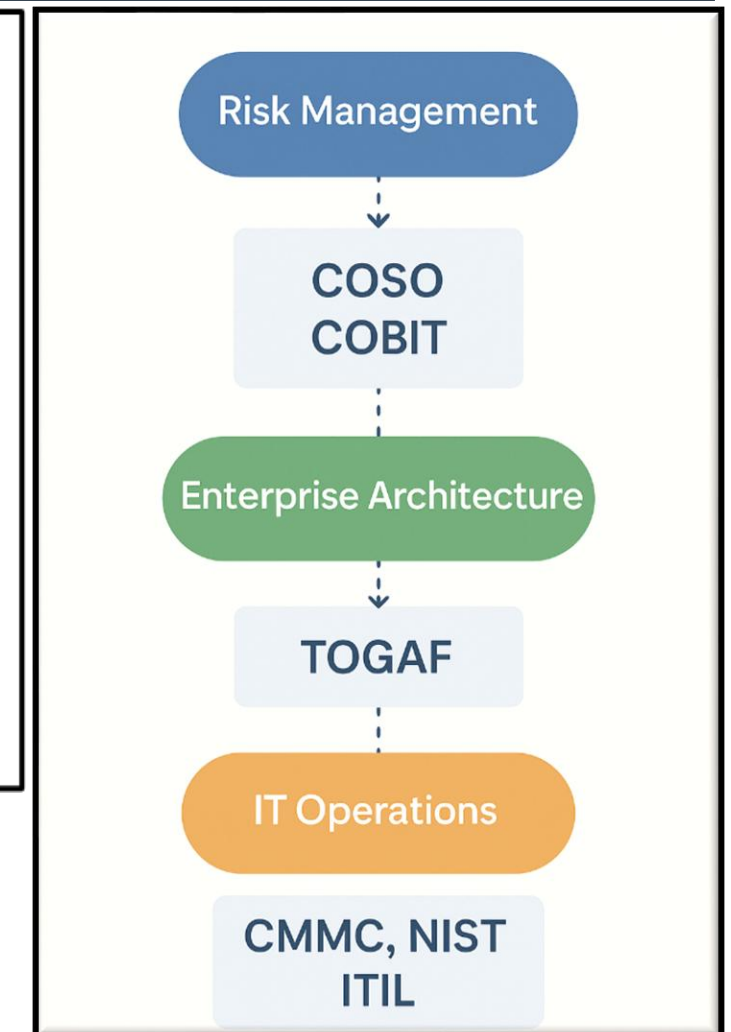
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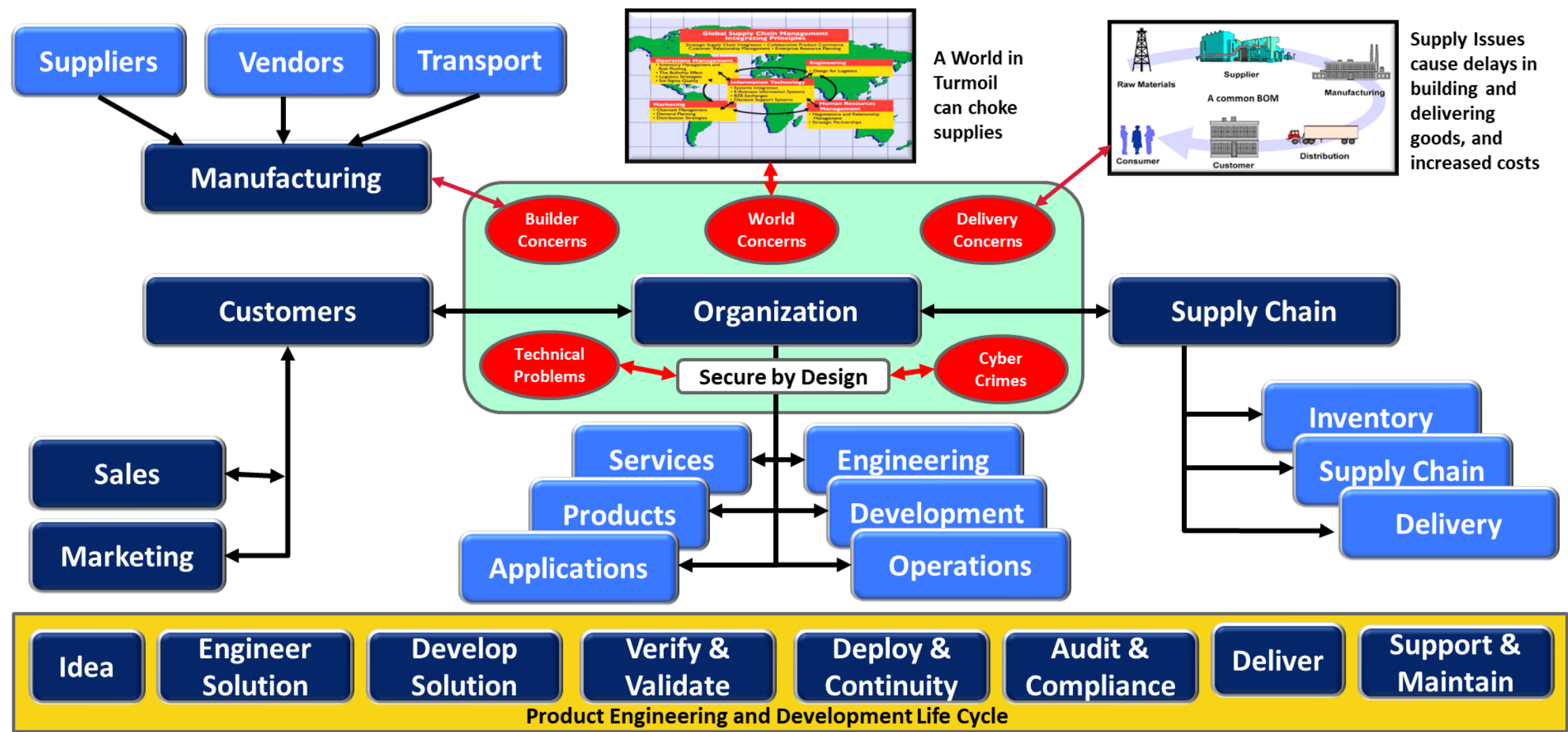
The Pathway to a Resilient Business



- Know your Business (i.e., Products, Services, Clients, GRC, Problem Mgmt.
- Relate your business goals to IT Services (i.e., Develop & Deploy).
- Analyze Risks and Define Controls(Support & Maintain).
- Build your Service Environment and ensure quality (Vulnerabilities).
- Provide Service Continuity and Recovery Management
- Ongoing Monitoring and improvement (CTEM, CNAPP)



Protecting your organization is difficult



Getting started with facts and a defined direction

Know your company:

1. Most Important Applications & Services (**Family Jewels**).
2. Damage caused if lost and maximum duration of survival without the application or service.
3. Define Requirements, Risk, Security, DevSecOps, Testing, Recovery, Acceptance, Deployment, and ITSM, ITOM.
4. Define Audit Universe implement legal & auditing functions.
5. Implement Systems Engineering Life Cycle (SELC) to respond to new ideas or business opportunities.
6. Implement Systems Development Life Cycle (SDLC) to deploy new products and services.
7. Define Company Organization to respond to cybersecurity and technology problems in a timely manner to the appropriate authorities (i.e., [SEC Rule 2023-139](#))

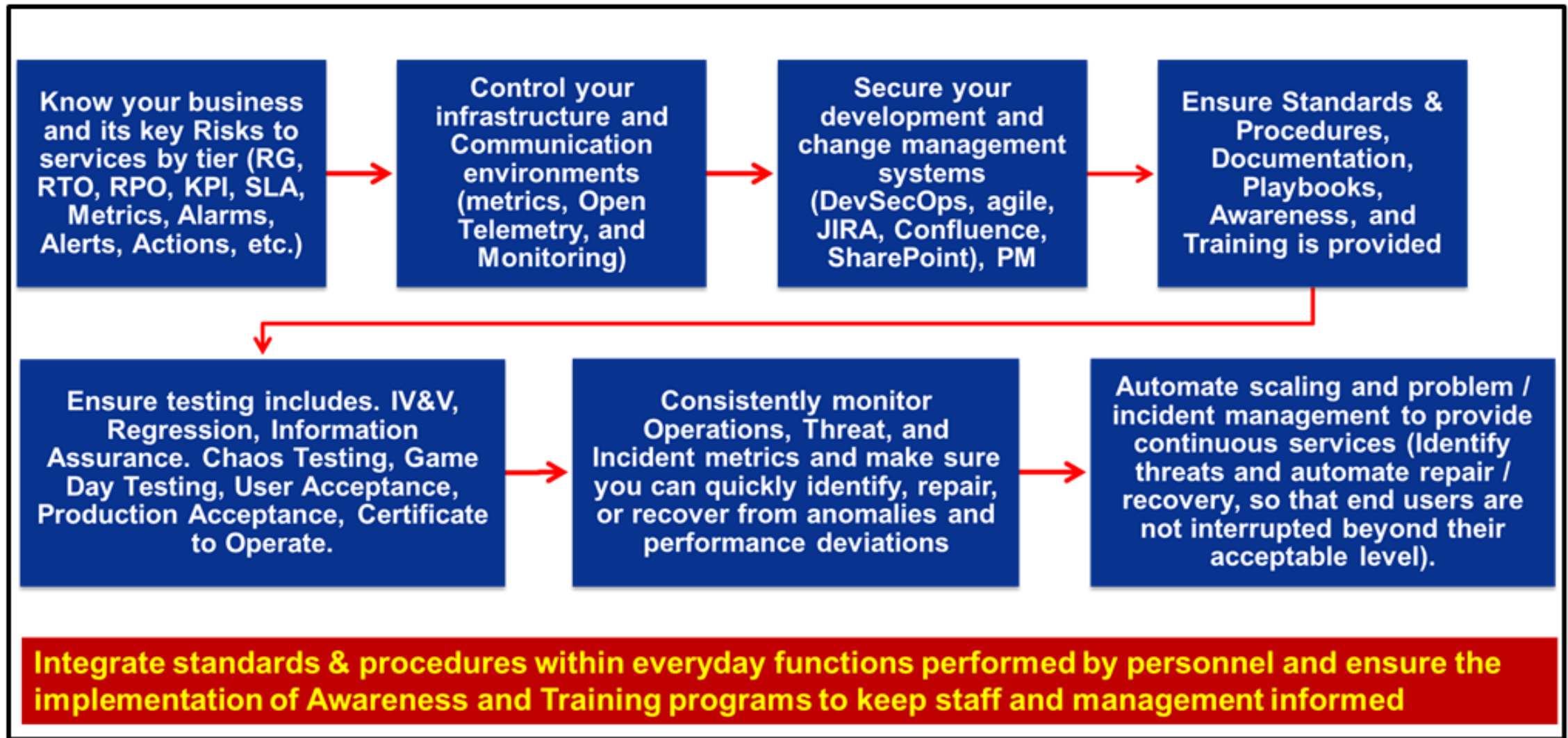
Set you direction:

1. Most efficient, compliant, and secure production environment, capable of recovering from disaster events and providing continuous vulnerability-free products and services to customers. **Continuity of Succession / Delegation of Authority** must be included along with definition of duties.
2. Integrate guidelines, standard Operating Procedures, skill development, and awareness throughout the organization.

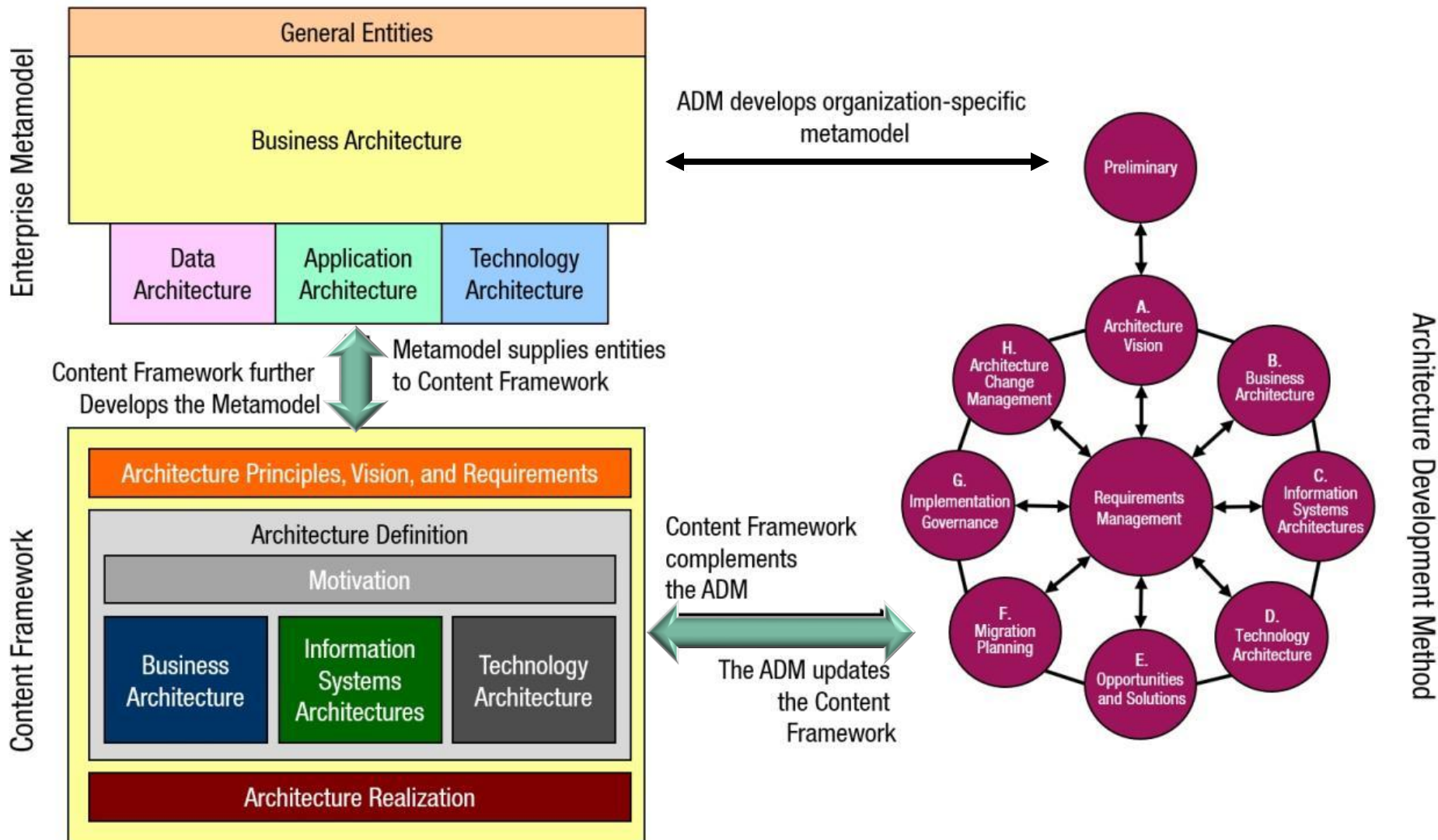
Know your Environment:

1. Physical and Data Security (Data Sensitivity & Data Flow).
2. Architecture and engineering process.
3. Asset Inventory and Configuration Management.
4. Identify and Access Management.
5. GRC based compliance and attestation, CIA based cybersecurity and elimination of viruses and malware.
6. Development and implementation of DevSecOps.
7. Personnel Titles, Job Functions and Responsibilities, and the integration of sensitive and required services within their everyday work tasks.
8. Staff training and development.
9. Continuous Monitoring and Improvement, along with the adoption of new technologies and processes (i.e., SRE).
10. Deploying error-free products and services (see [EO 14028](#) and [OBM M-22-18](#)) and utilize the latest technologies to respond to encountered anomalies and verify compliance.

Understanding your Business for better protection

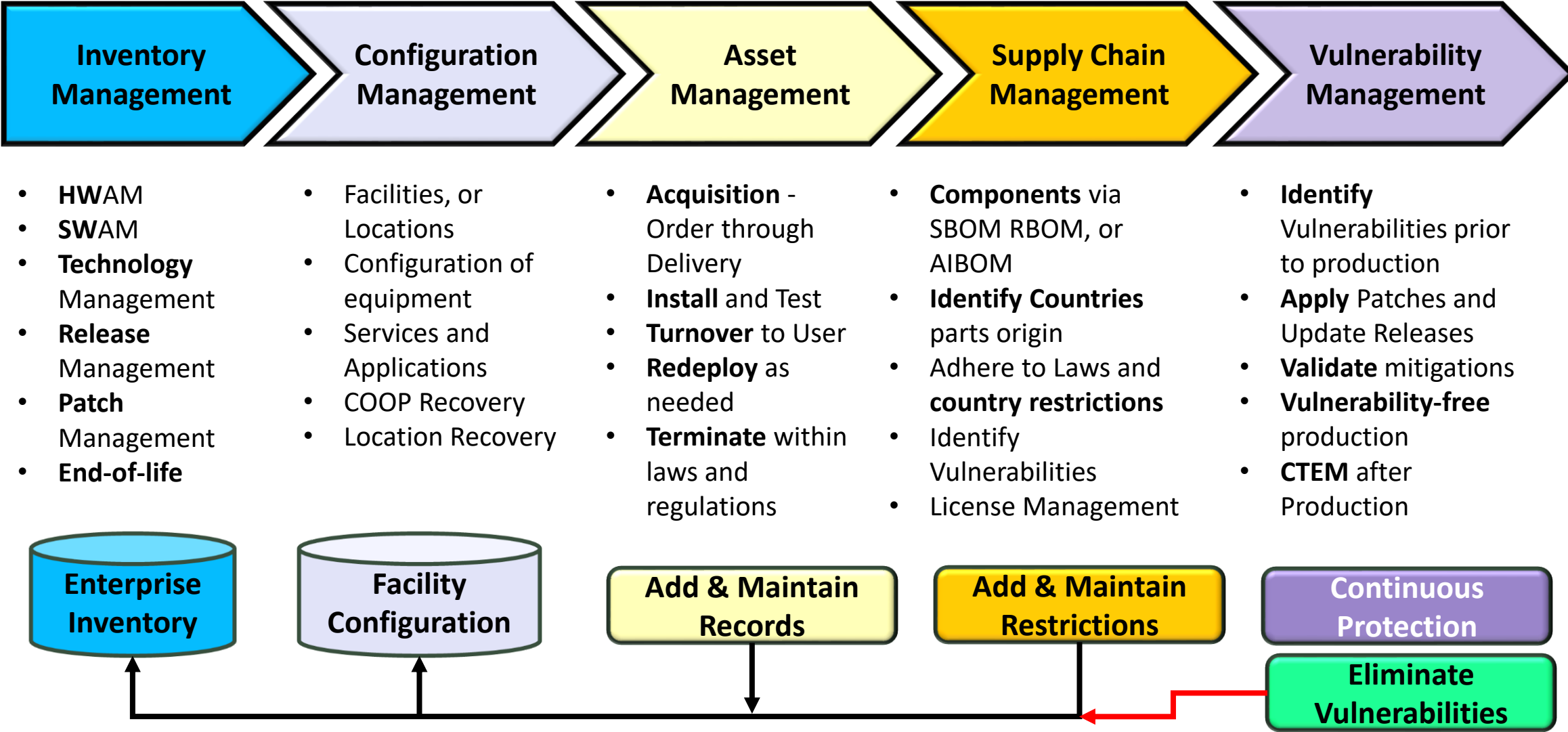


TOGAF – ADM Language – Knowing your company

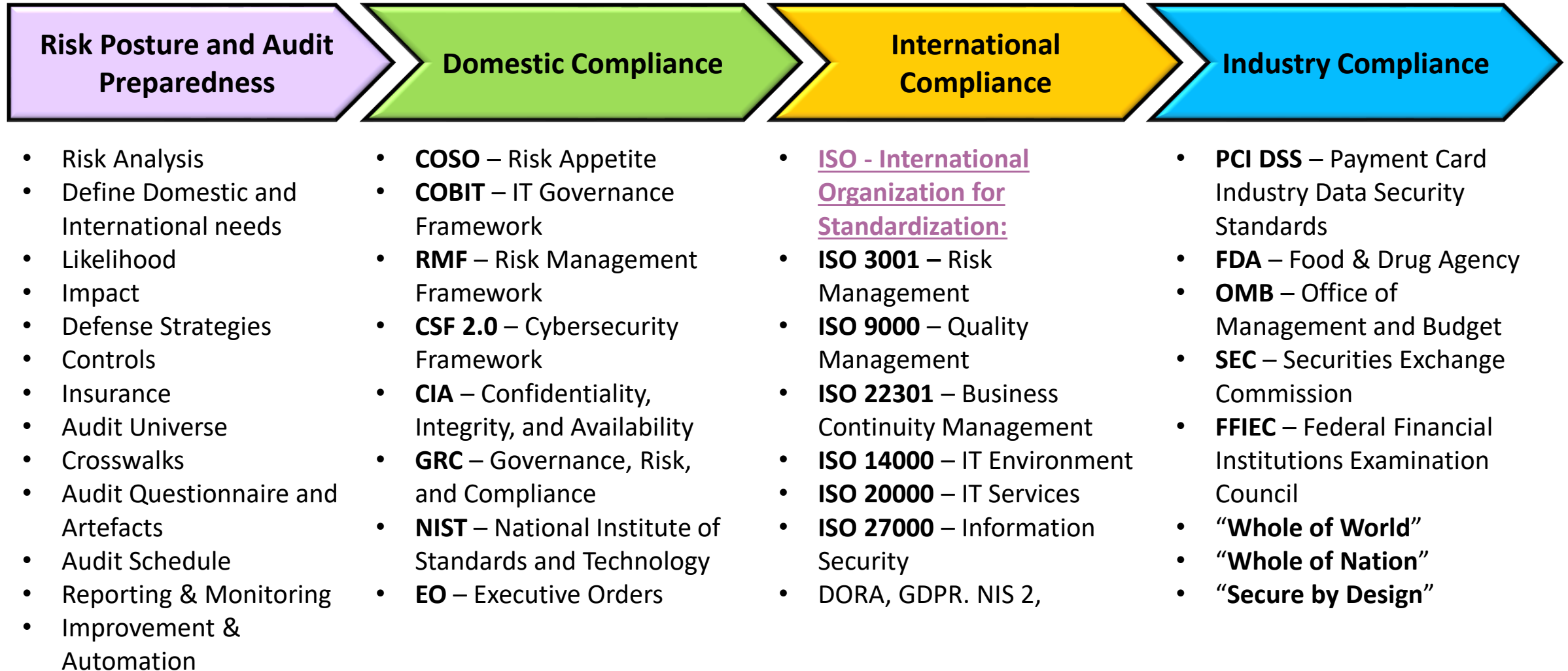


- Know your Company and what services you provide.
- Establish controls, audit crosswalks, audit scripts, schedules, audits, review findings, make improvements, and repeat until error-free.
- Convert to Agile.
- Architect and Build your environment.
- Project Plan to control timing, resources, costs, and status reporting.
- Management Control.

Know and Control your Environment



Laws and Regulations, by groups



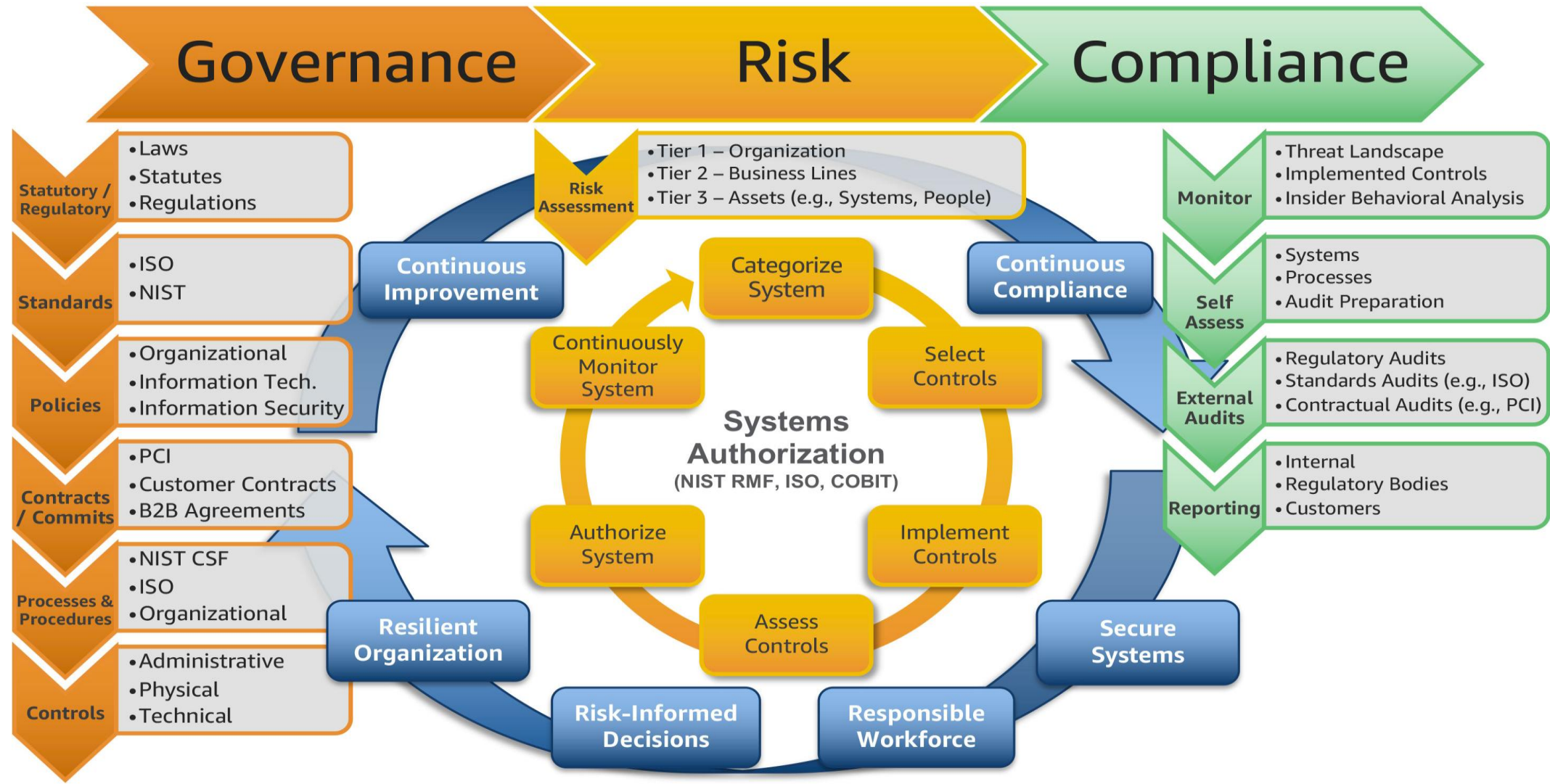
Existing laws and regulations

- **Gramm Leach Bliley** – Safeguard Act (was Bank Holding Act);
- **HIPAA** – Healthcare regulations (including ePHI, HITECH, and Final Ombudsman Rule);
- **Sarbanes – Oxley Act** (sections 302, 404, and 409) on financial assessment and reporting by authorized “Signing Officer”;
- **EPA and Superfund** (how it applies to Dumping and Asset Management Disposal);
- **Supply Chain Management** “Laws and Guidelines” included in **ISO 24762** (SSAE 16 for Domestic compliance and SSAE 3402 for International Compliance, and NIST 800-34);
- **Supply Chain Management** “Technical Guidelines” described in **ISO 27031**;
- **Patriots Act** (Know Your Customer, Money Laundering, etc.);
- **Workplace Safety and Violence Prevention** via OSHA, OEM, DHS, and governmental regulations (State Workplace Guidelines and Building Requirements);
- **Income Tax and Financial Information protection** via **Office of the Comptroller of the Currency** (OCC) regulations (**Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**, **OCC-177** Contingency Recovery Plan, **OCC-187** Identifying Financial Records, **OCC-229** Access Controls, and **OCC-226** End User Computing).

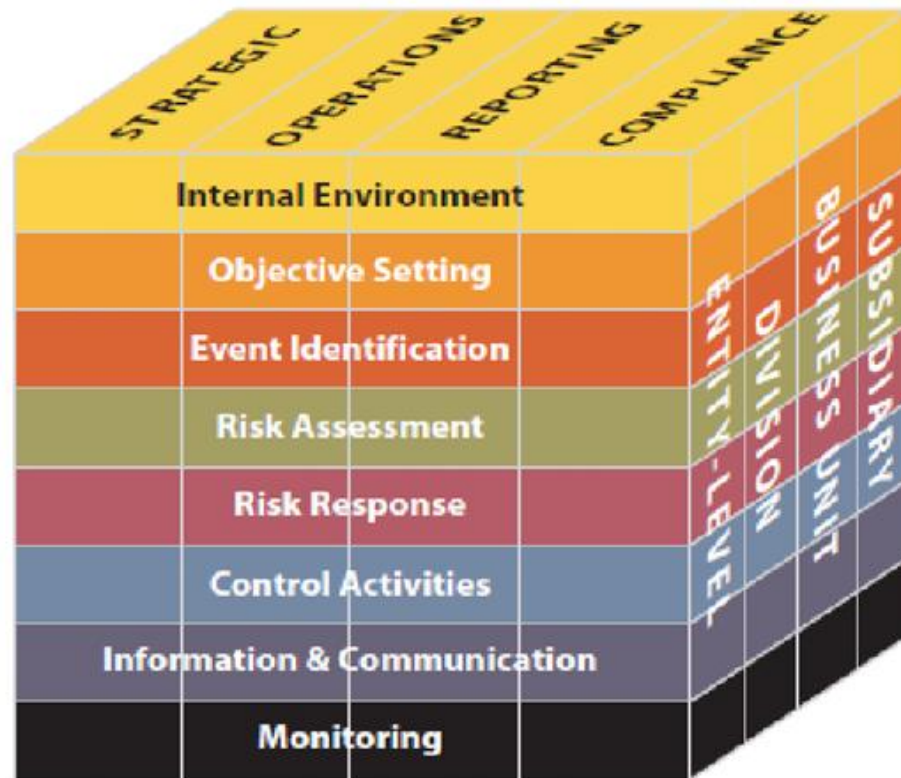
These laws and regulations have been around for many years (Starting with OCC regulations and growing from there) and have served as the basis for Governance Regulations and Compliance (GRC). Additional industry compliance requirements like SEC, FFIEC and HITECH must be adhered to as well.

The CIA (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability) deals with security and should be adhered to with the same aggressiveness as GRC.

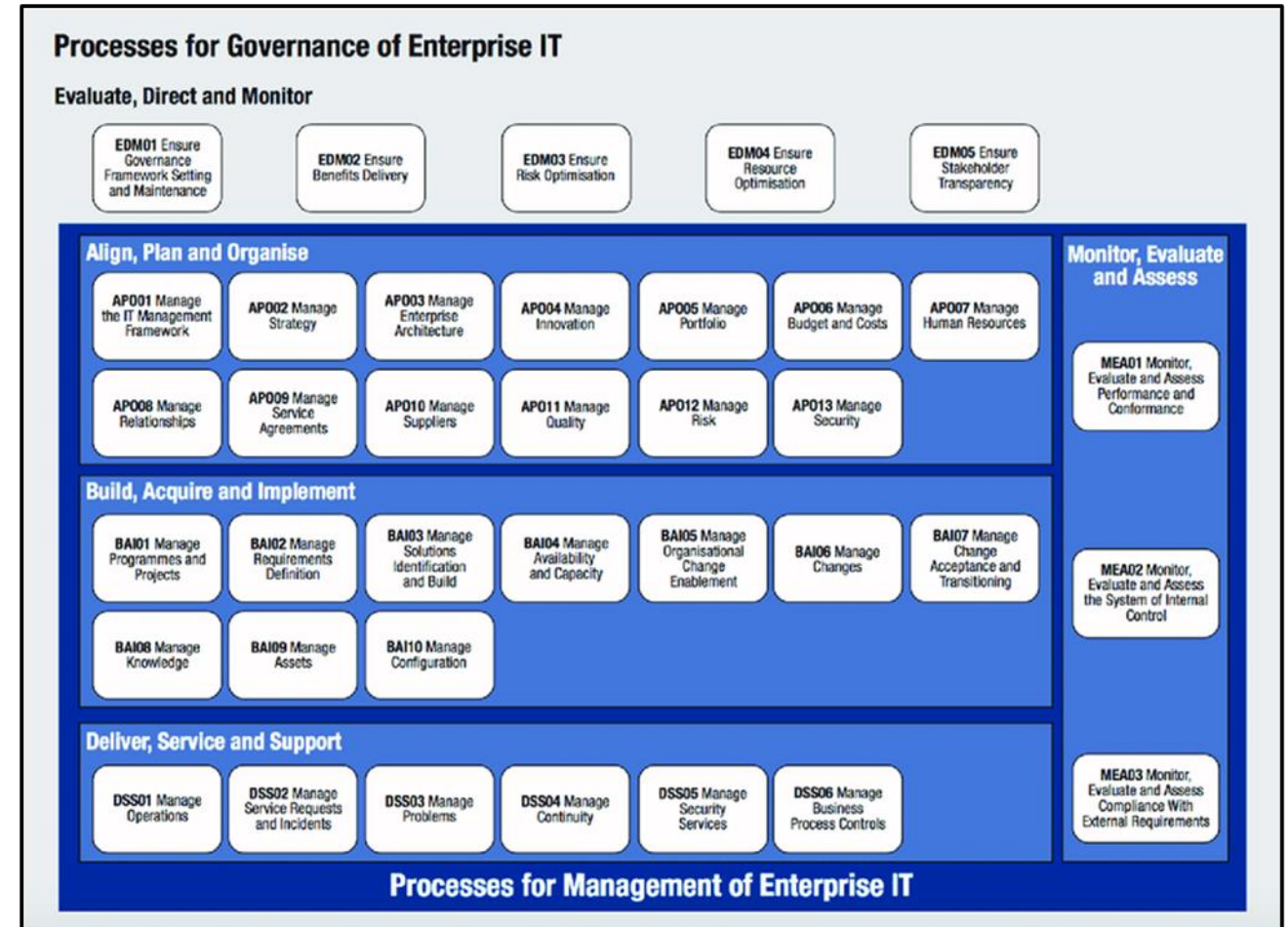
The three pillars of GRC – Governance, Risk, and Compliance



COSO and COBIT Analysis Frameworks

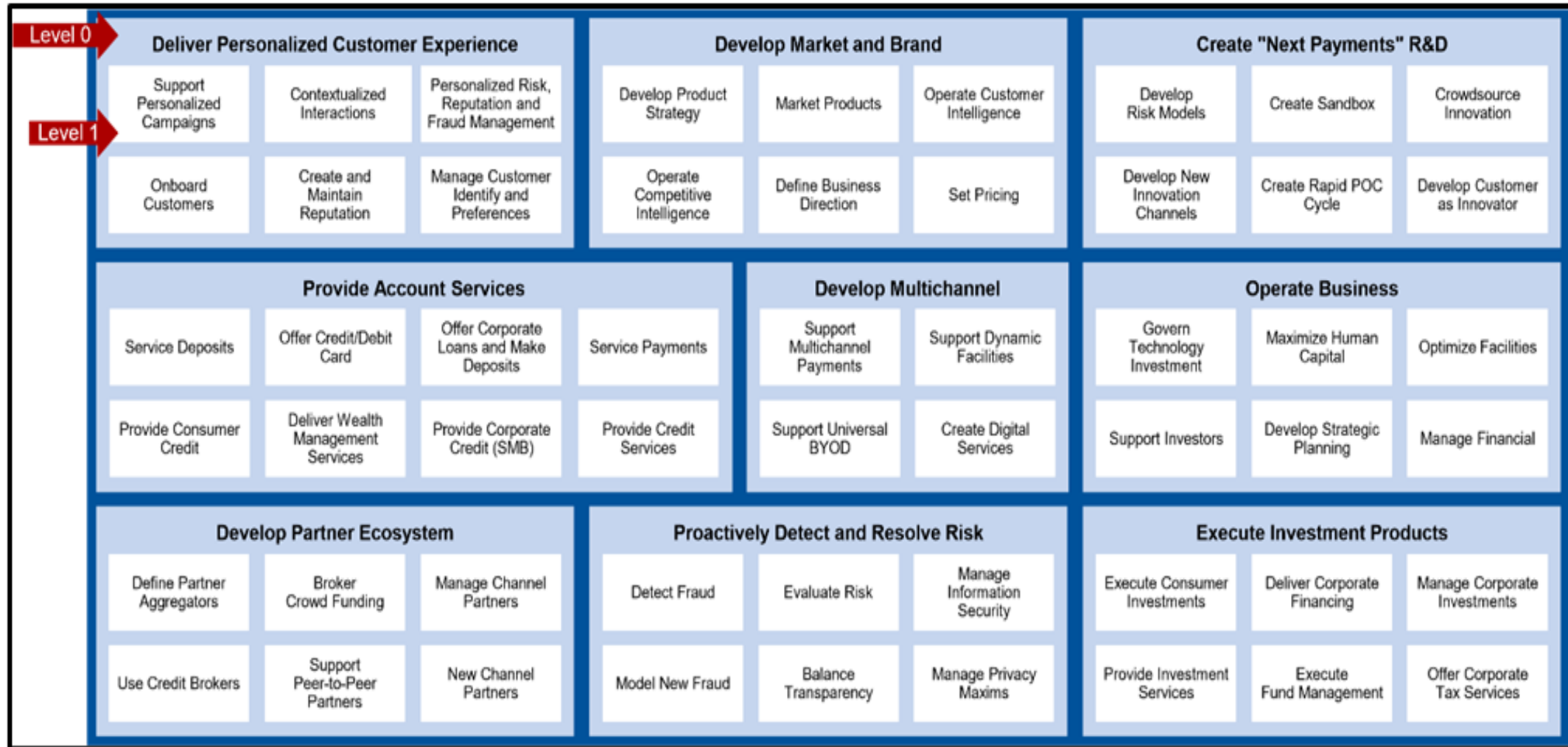


COSO – Committee of Sponsoring Organizations for Risk Management

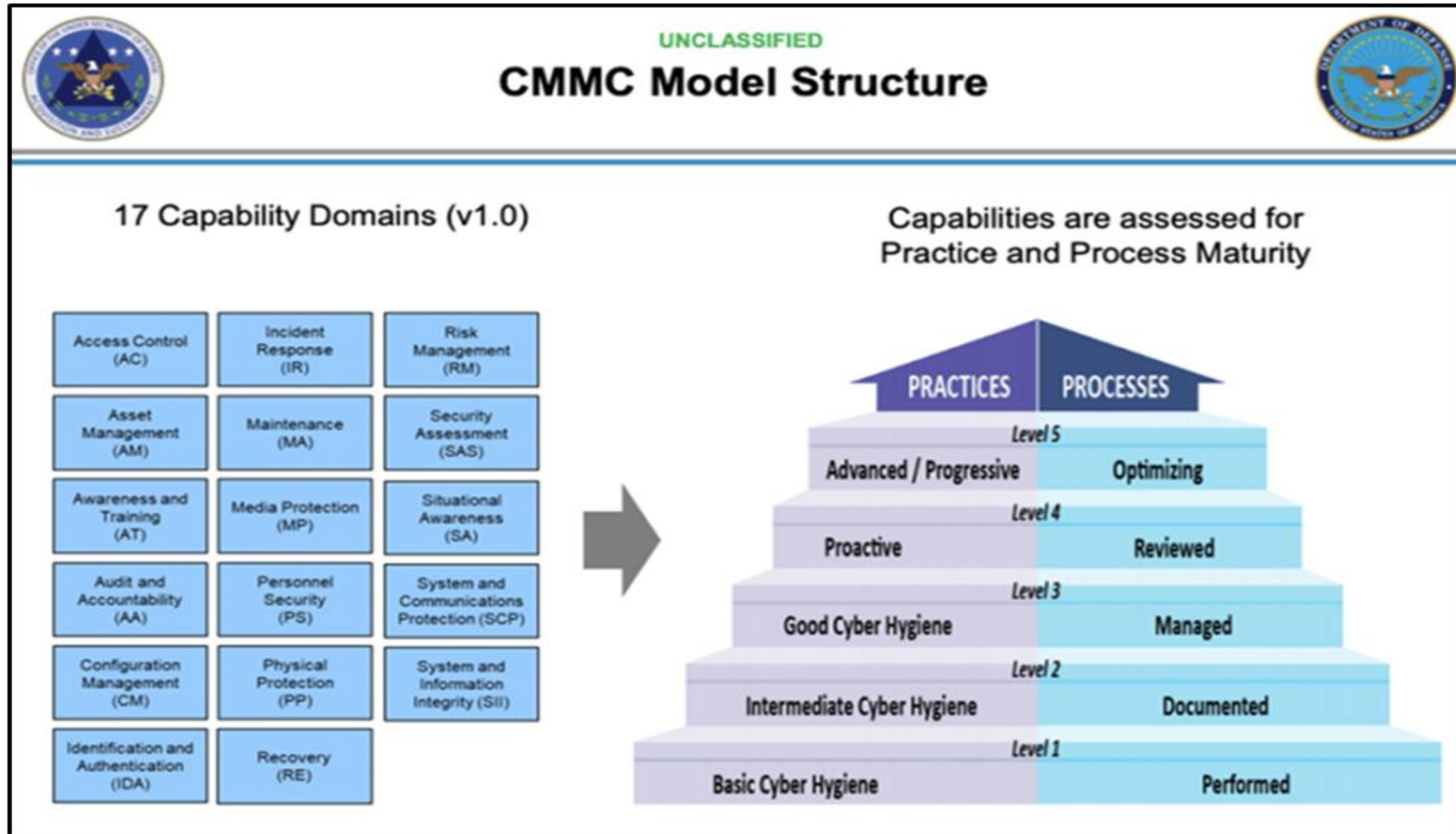


COBIT - Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology to convert Products to IT Operations

CMMI - Cybersecurity Maturity Model Integration



CMMC - Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification



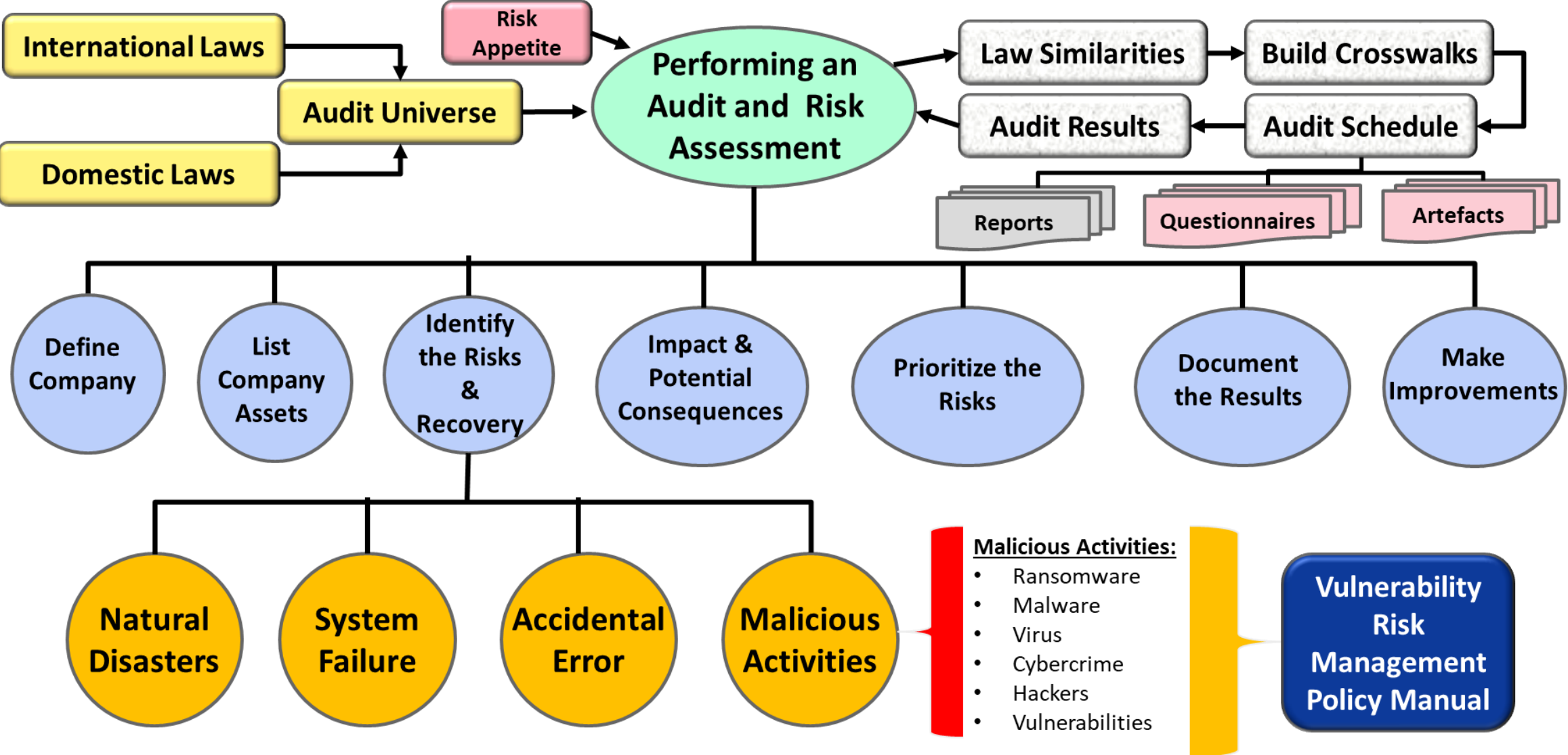
Risk Management Framework (RMF) NIST SP 800-37



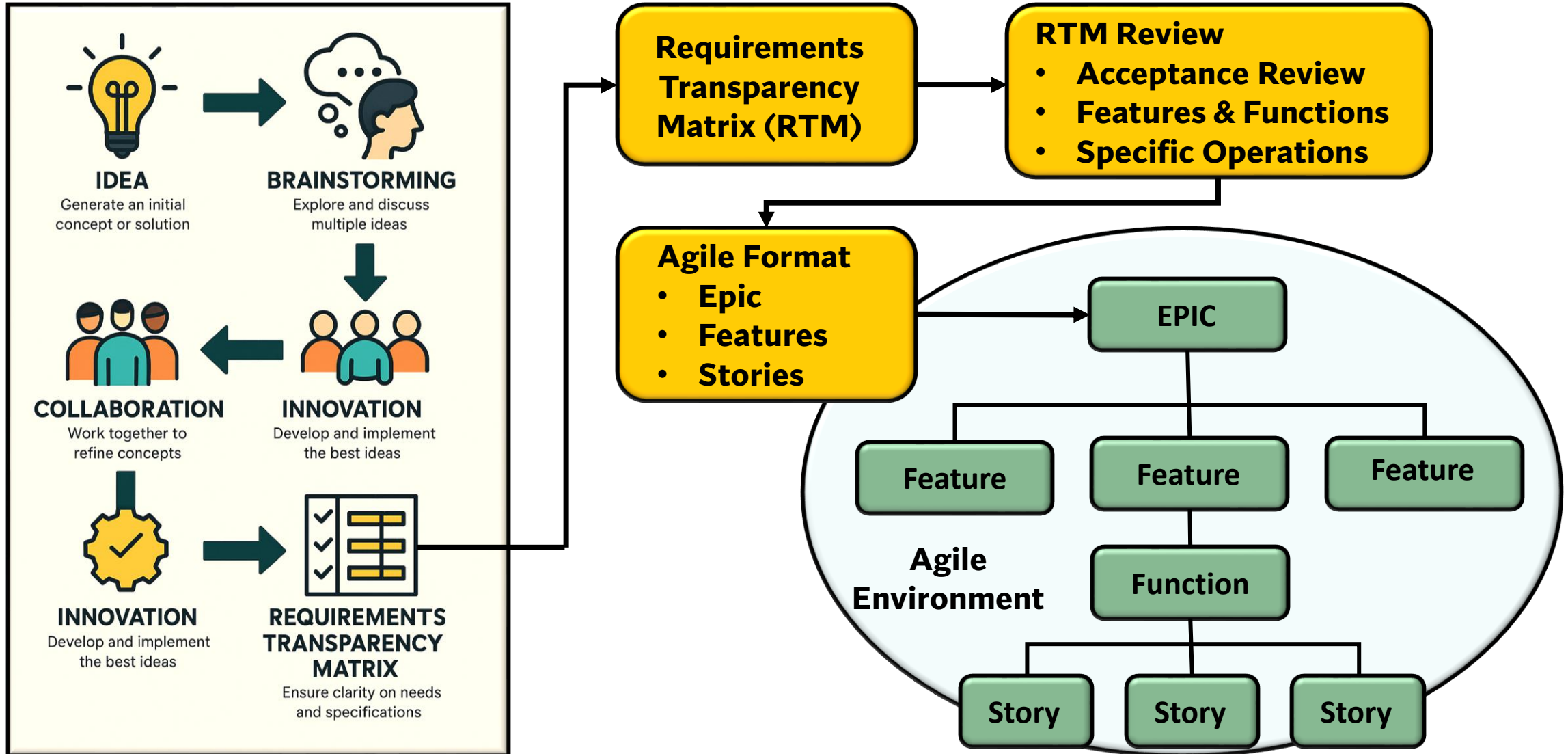
RMF Stages:

1. Impact Analysis
2. Baseline Controls
3. Security Controls
4. Assess Security Controls
5. Authorize Operations (ATO & cATO)
6. Monitoring and Repair

Performing an Audit and Risk Assessment



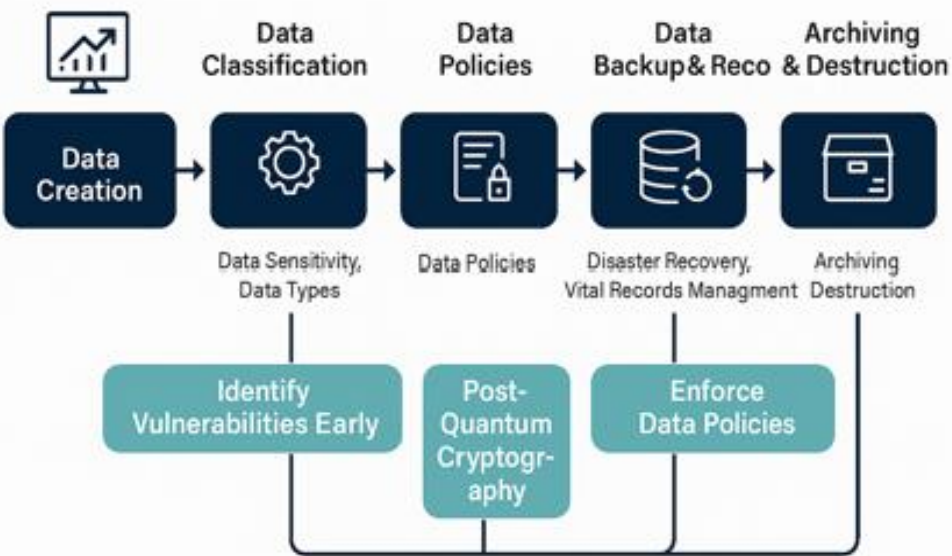
Concept to Requirements Transparency Matrix (RTM)



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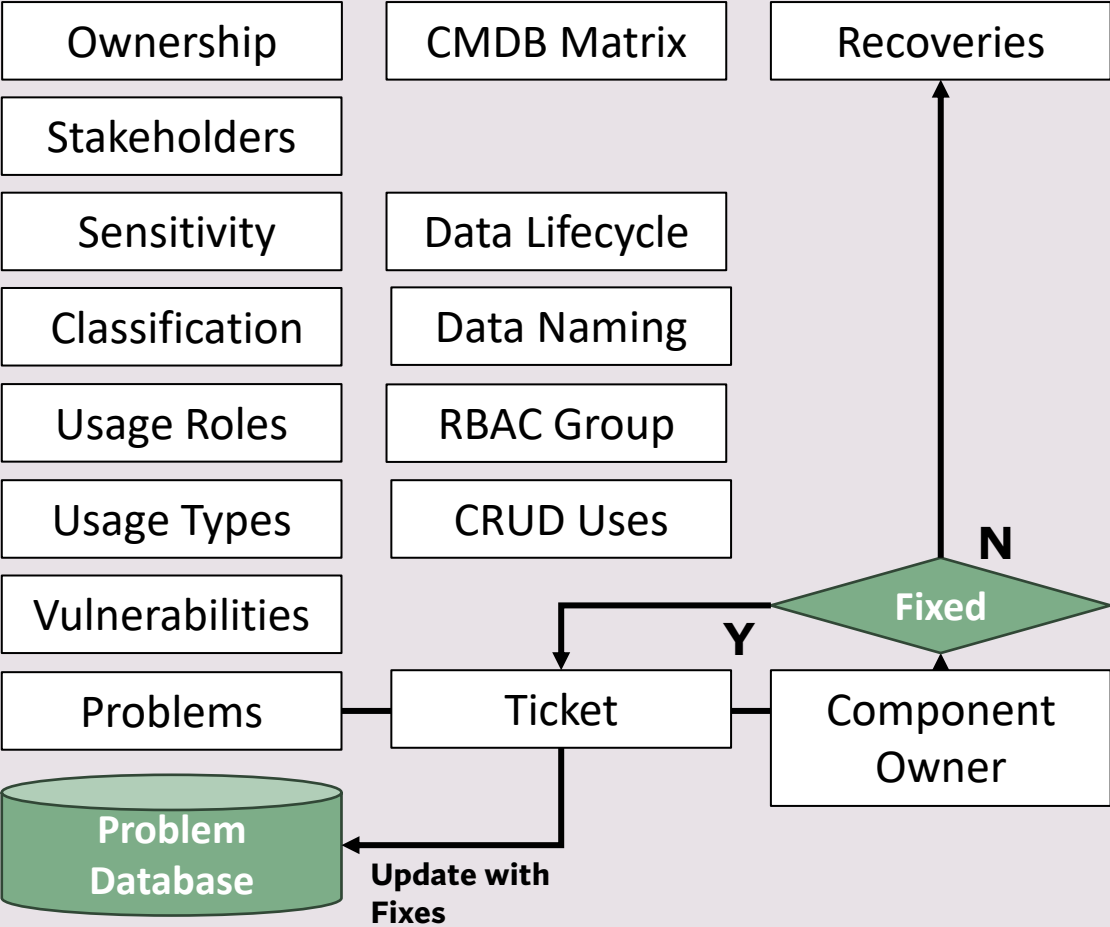
Requirements Transparency Matrix (RTM)	
Column Title	Description
Requirement ID	Unique identifier for traceability (e.g., REQ-001)
Requirement Name	Short title or label for the requirement
Description	Clear and detailed explanation of the requirement
Source / Stakeholder	Origin of the requirement (department, person, or document)
Business Objective	Related strategic goal or business driver
Priority (High/Med/Low)	Relative importance or urgency of the requirement
Type (Functional/Non-Functional)	Categorization of requirement type
Status (Proposed/In Progress/Met)	Current state of the requirement
Owner / Responsible Party	Individual or team accountable for delivery
Dependencies	Other requirements or systems that this one depends on
Acceptance Criteria	Conditions or tests for requirement to be considered fulfilled
Verification Method	How the requirement will be tested or validated
Traceability to Use Case / Feature	Related use case, user story, or system feature
Change History	Notes or logs of revisions to the requirement
Comments / Notes	Additional context or communication between stakeholders

Data Sensitivity, Security, and Problems Resolution

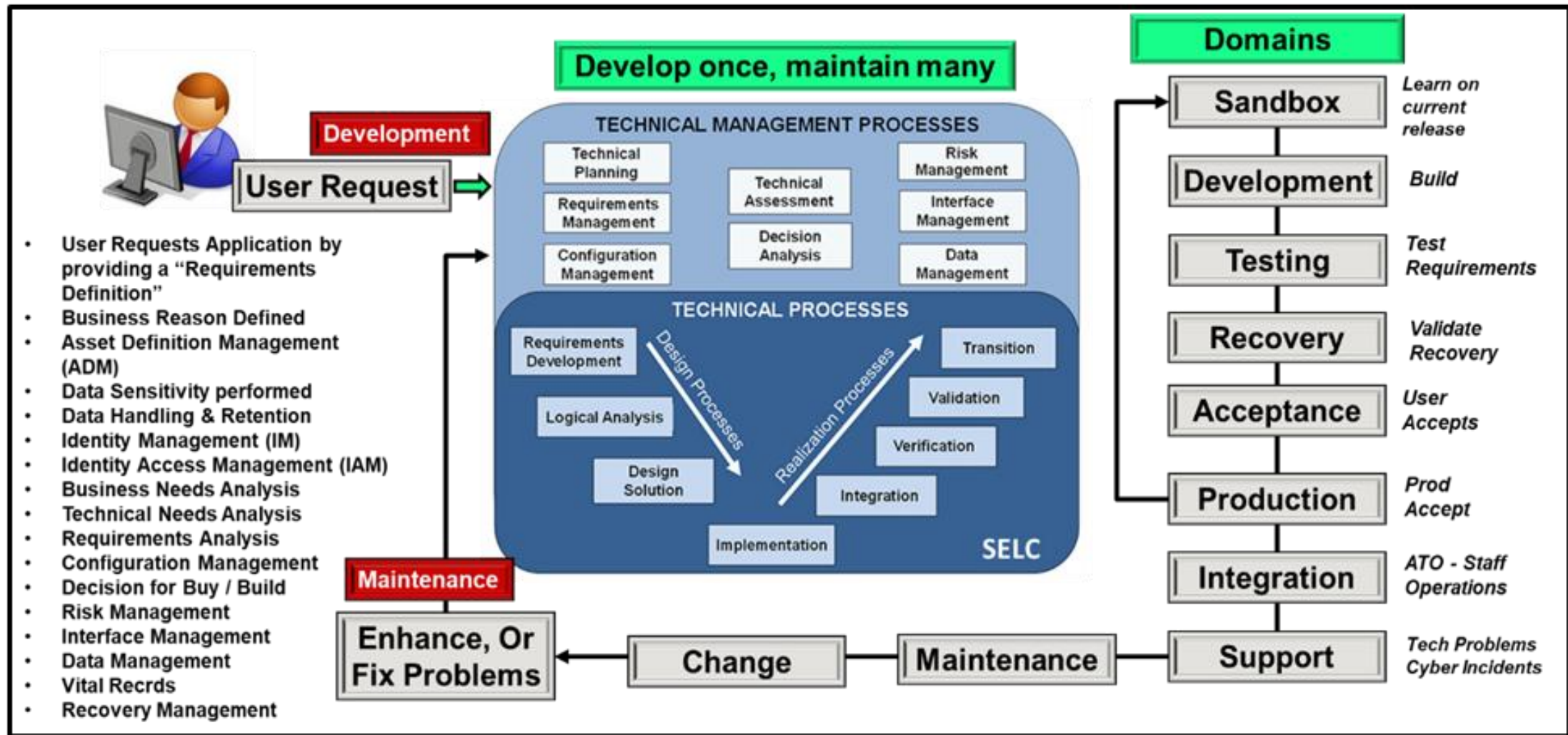


- Identify Data and its owner, then
- Define Sensitivity and Protection Requirements,
- Data Lifecycle and Naming conditions,
- Employ Data Security & Encryption, and
- Allow access based on Location, Group and Usage Type (RBAC).
- Include in Problem and Vulnerability Management system, by tying component to owner for quick repair and update.

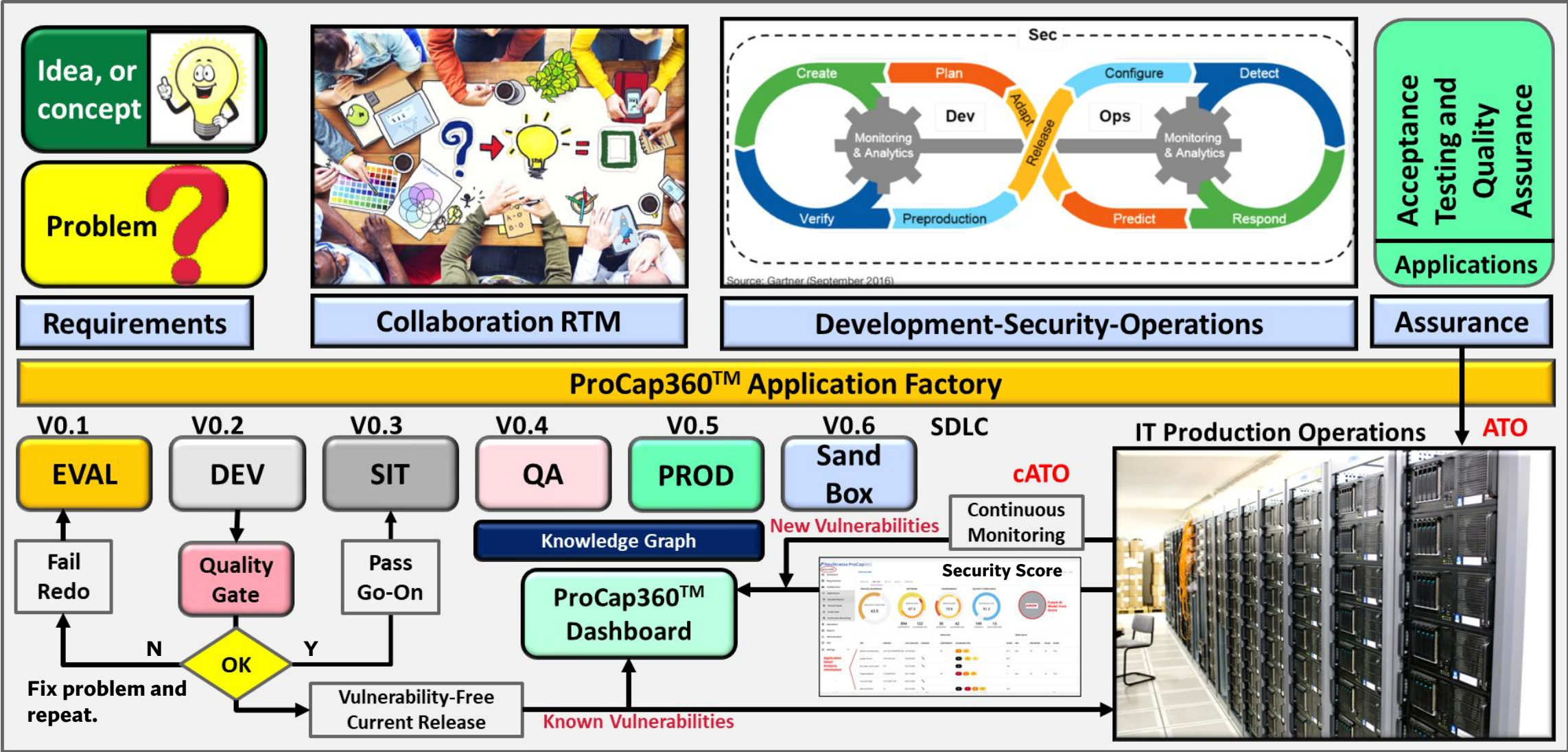
Data Sensitivity and Lifecycle Management



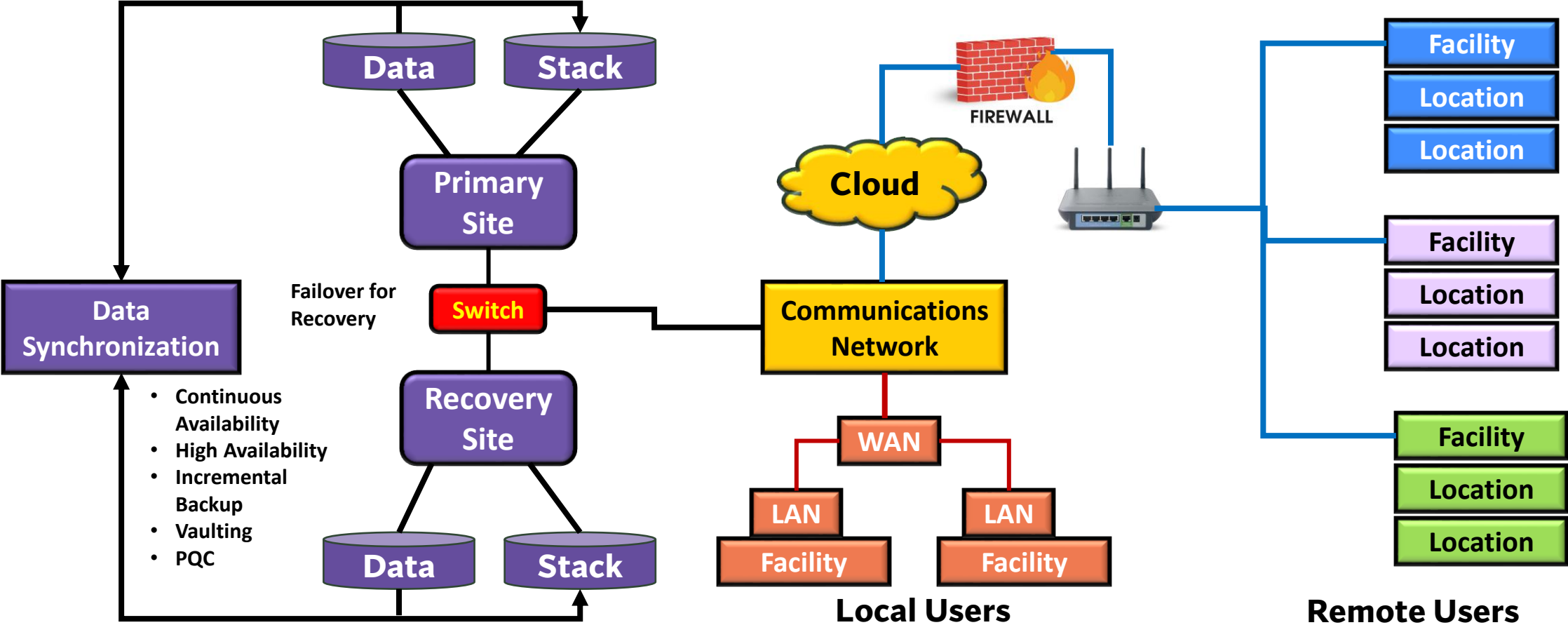
Applications Development Stages



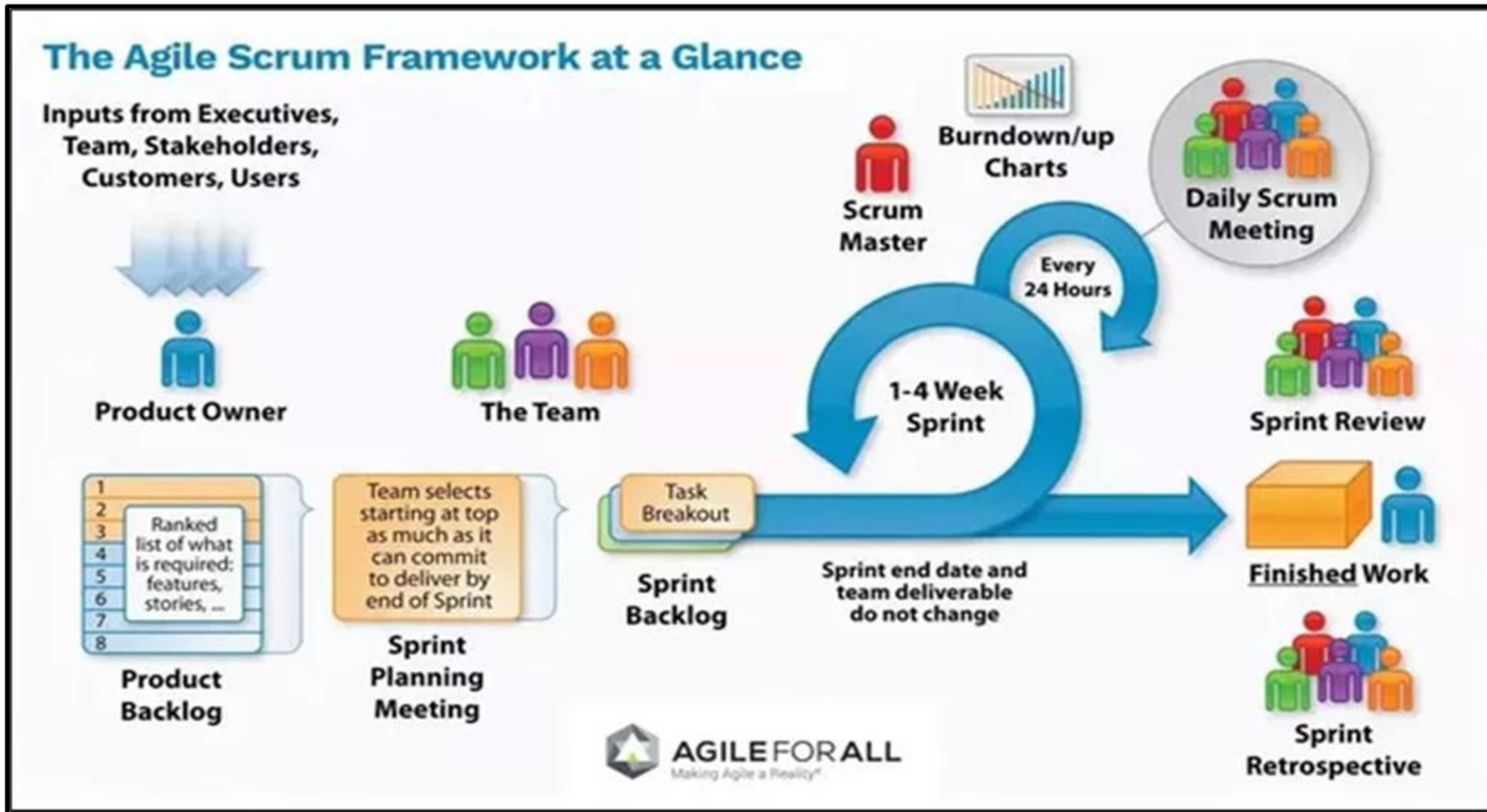
From Concept to Applications via DevSecOps



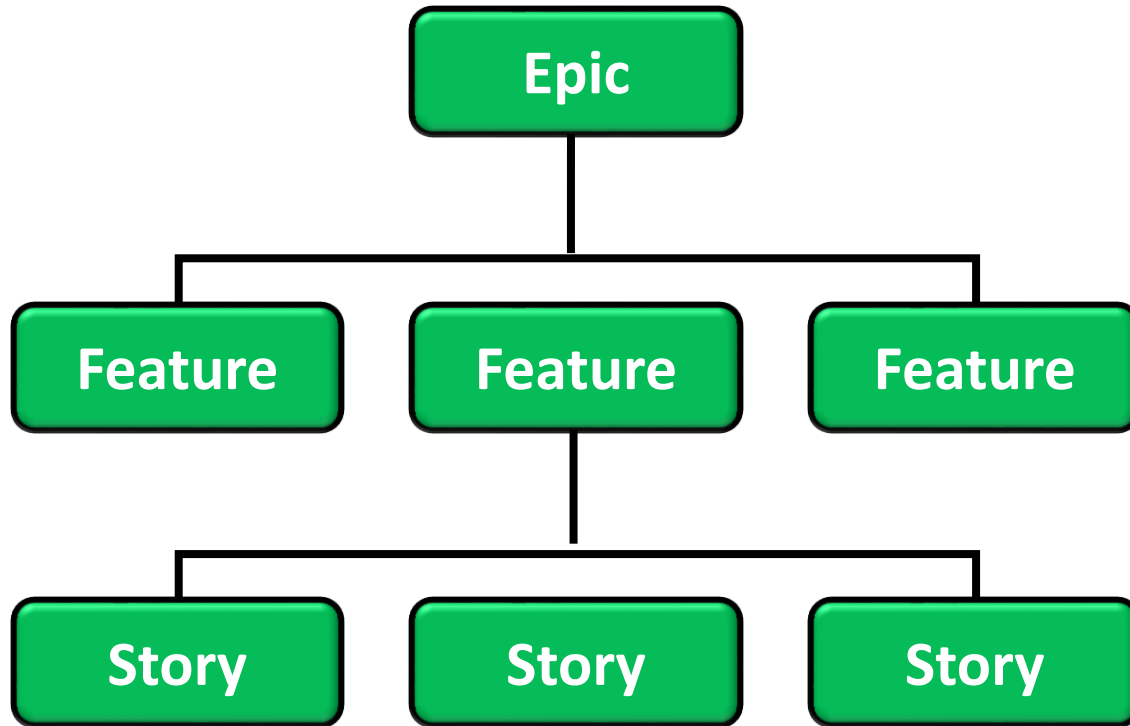
IT Environment Overview and Recovery



Agile, JIRA, Confluence, and SharePoint



Epics, Features, and Stories



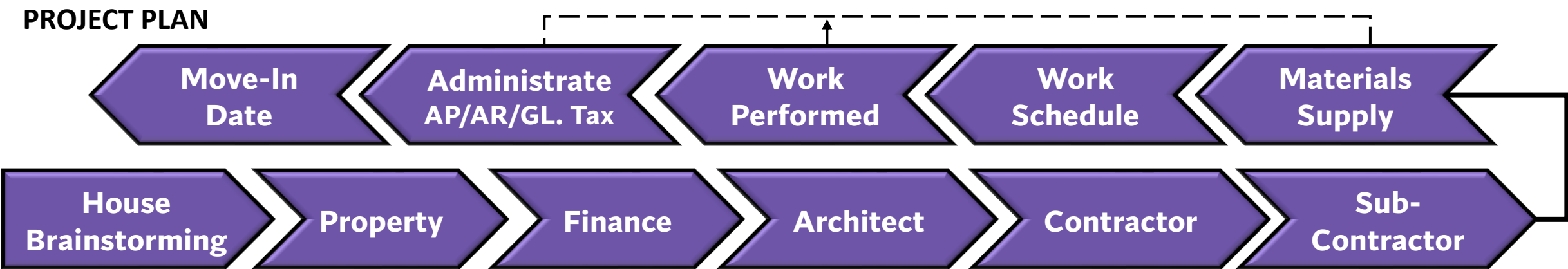
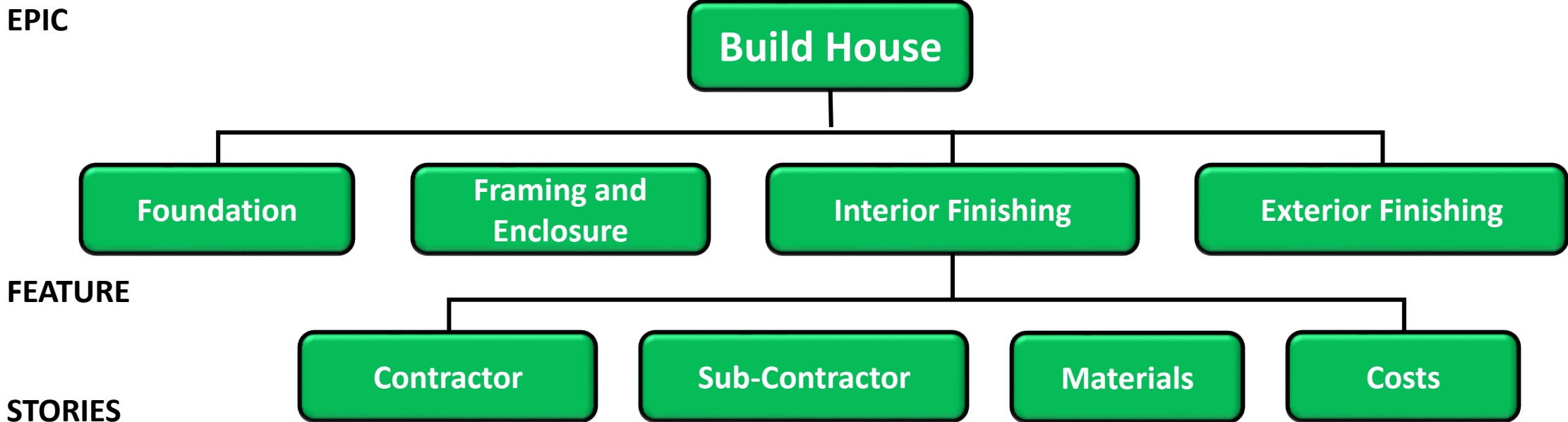
Epics describe the end goal of the project (i.e., product or service develop and deploy to Clients

Features depict phases of development like Marketing Program, Sales, Closes, Deployment, Support, Maintain, Awareness, Training.

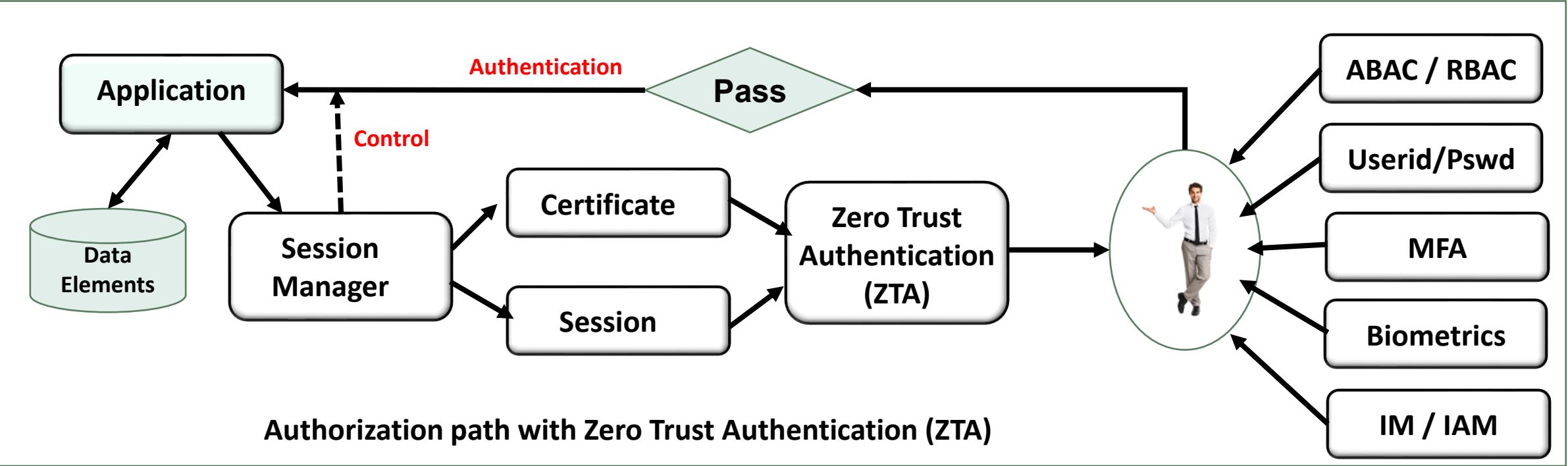
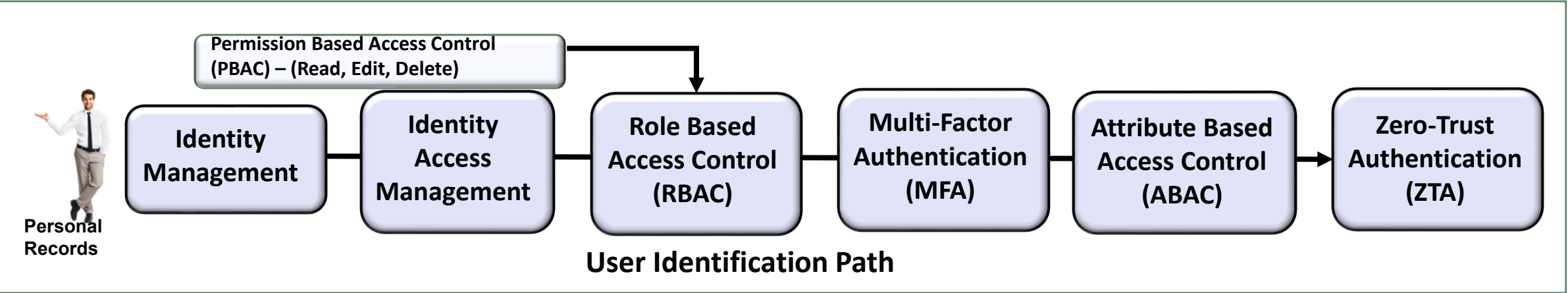
Stories provide specific tasks that must be performed for every feature (i.e., Marketing Materials, Marketing Program, Advertising Program, Sales Follow-up on Prospects, Closing Clients, Deploying Produce or Services, Awareness and Training Sessions, Supporting Customers, Maintaining and Enhancing Products and Services, etc.)

Project Management provides schedules, status, costs analysis, action items, and reporting.

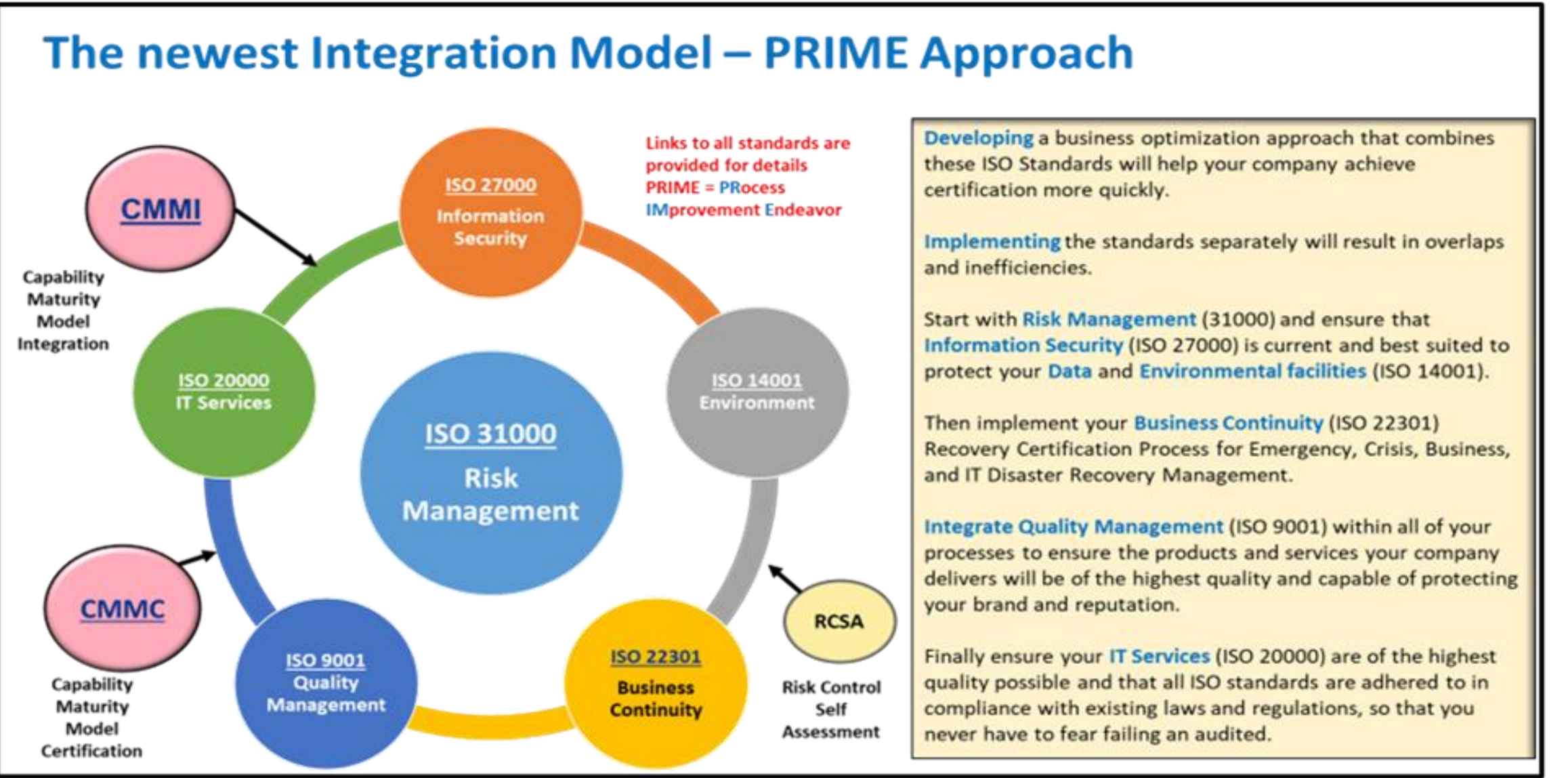
Example of Applying Agile to building a house



Identity and Access Management technologies

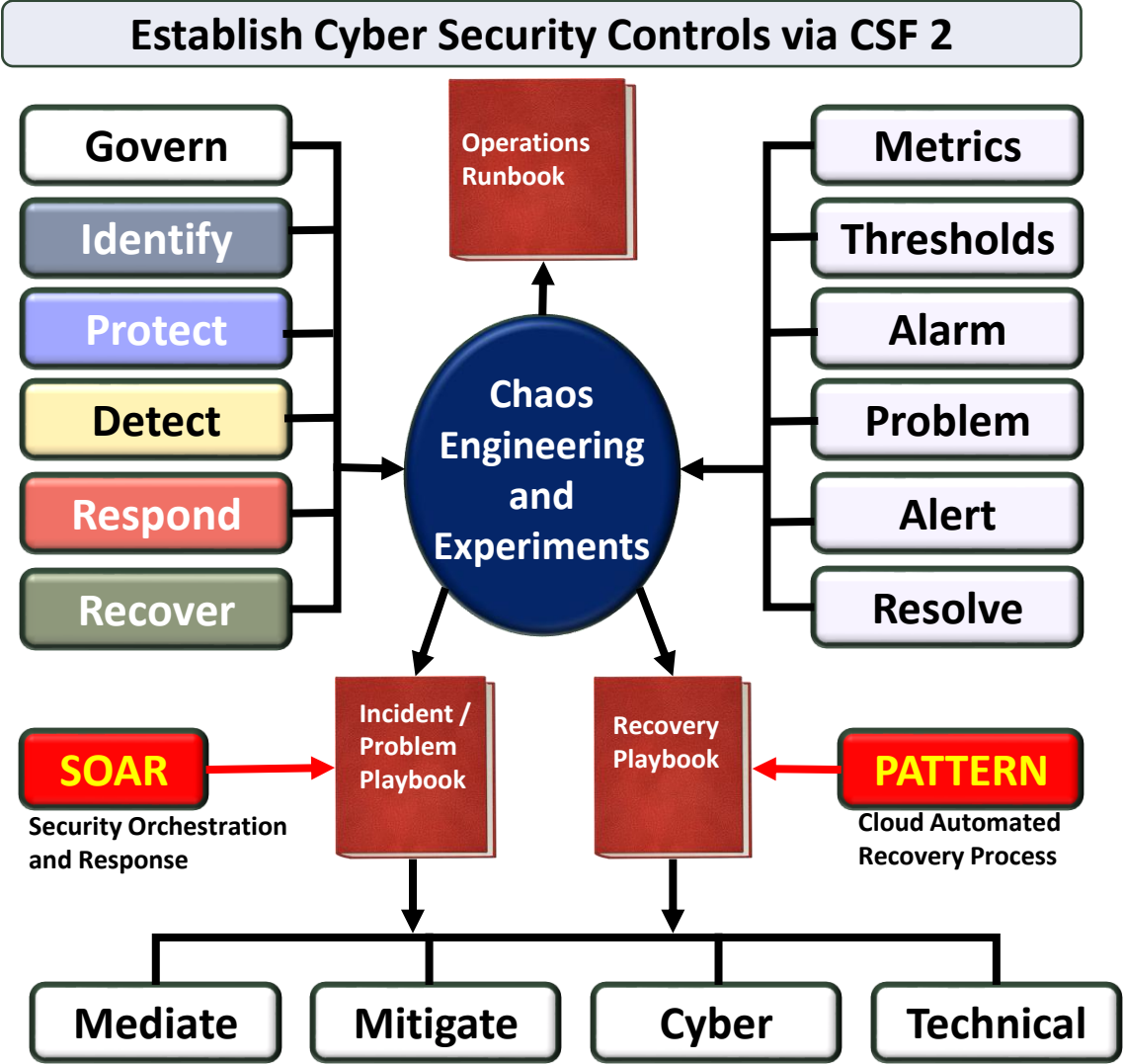


Integrating Protection Frameworks



NIST CSF 2.0 Categories and Application

NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0		
CSF 2.0 Function	CSF 2.0 Category	CSF 2.0 Category Identifier
Govern (GV)	Organizational Context	GV.OC
	Risk Management Strategy	GV.RM
	Roles and Responsibilities	GV.RR
	Policies and Procedures	GV.PO
Identity (ID)	Asset Management	ID.AM
	Risk Assessment	ID.RA
	Supply Chain Risk Management	ID.SC
	Improvement	ID.IM
Protect (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control	PR.AA
	Awareness and Training	PR.AT
	Data Security	PR.DS
	Platform Security	PR.PS
	Technology Infrastructure Resilience	PR.IR
Detect (DE)	Adverse Event Analysis	DE.AE
	Continuous Monitoring	DE.CM
Respond (RS)	Incident Management	RS.MA
	Incident Analysis	RS.AN
	Incident Response Reporting and Communication	RS.CO
	Incident Mitigation	RS.MI
Recover (RC)	Incident Recovery Plan Execution	RC.RP
	Incident Recovery Communication	RC.CO



Cloud Security Disciplines

Advanced Threat Protection:

- Botnet Protection
- Malware Analysis and Anti-Malware Solutions
- Sandboxing and Emulation
- Application Whitelisting
- Network Forensics
- Automated Security Analytics

Risk Governance & Compliance:

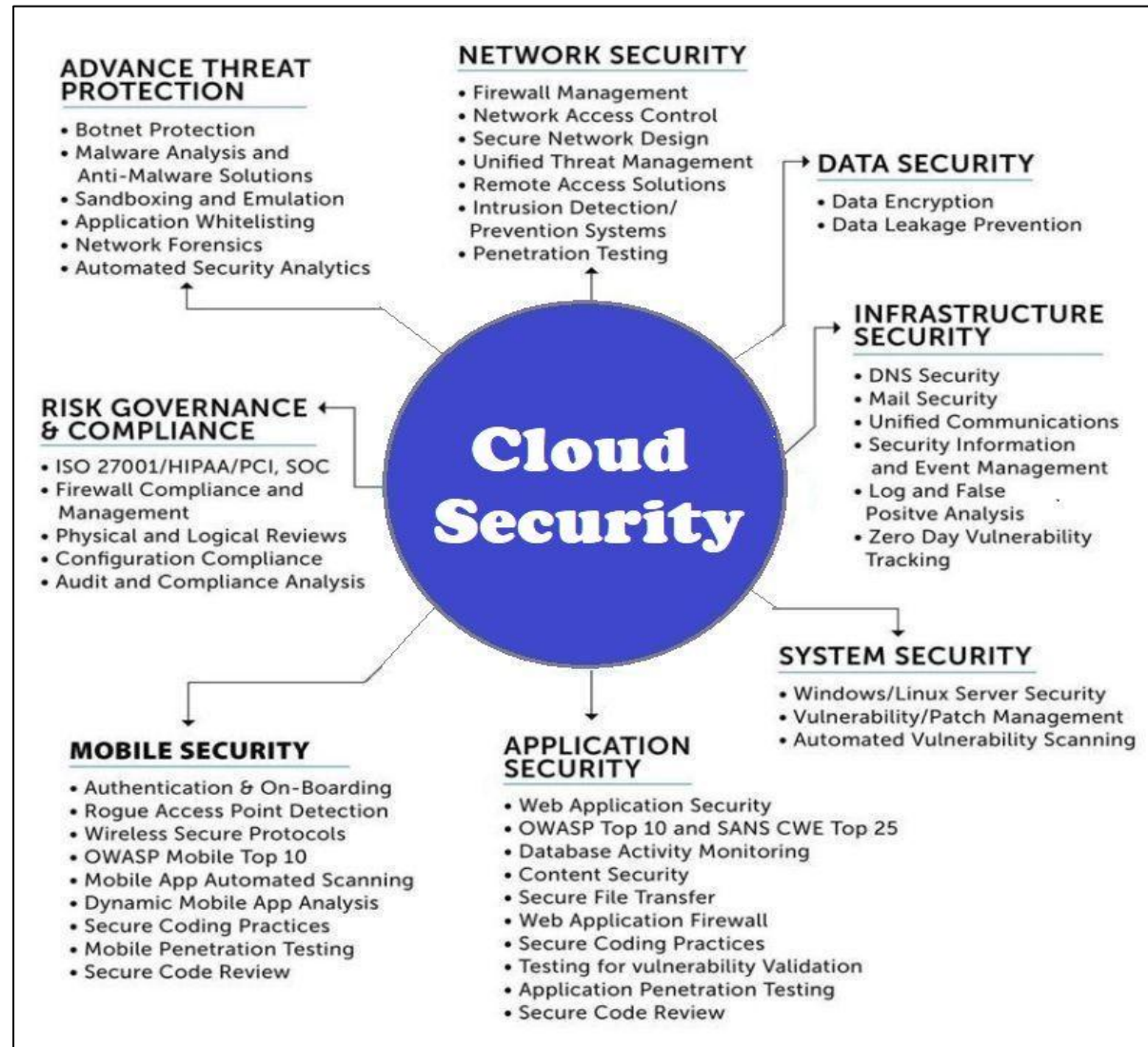
- ISO 27001/HIPAA/PCI, SOC
- Firewall Compliance & Management
- Physical & Logical Reviews
- Configuration Compliance
- Audit and Compliance Analysis

Mobile Security:

- Authenticating & On-Boarding
- Rogue Access Point Detection
- Wireless Security Protocols
- OWASP Mobile Top Ten
- Mobile App Automated Scanning
- Dynamic Mobile App Analysis
- Secure Coding Practices
- Mobile Penetration Testing
- Secure Code Review

Data Security:

- Data Encryption
- Data Leakage Prevention



Network Security:

- Firewall Management
- Network Access Control
- Secure Network Design
- Unified Threat Management
- Remote Access Solutions
- Intrusion Detection
- Prevention Systems
- Penetration Testing

Infrastructure Security:

- DNS Security
- Mail Security
- Unified Communications
- Security Information and Event Management
- Logs and False Positive Analysis
- Zero Day Vulnerability Management

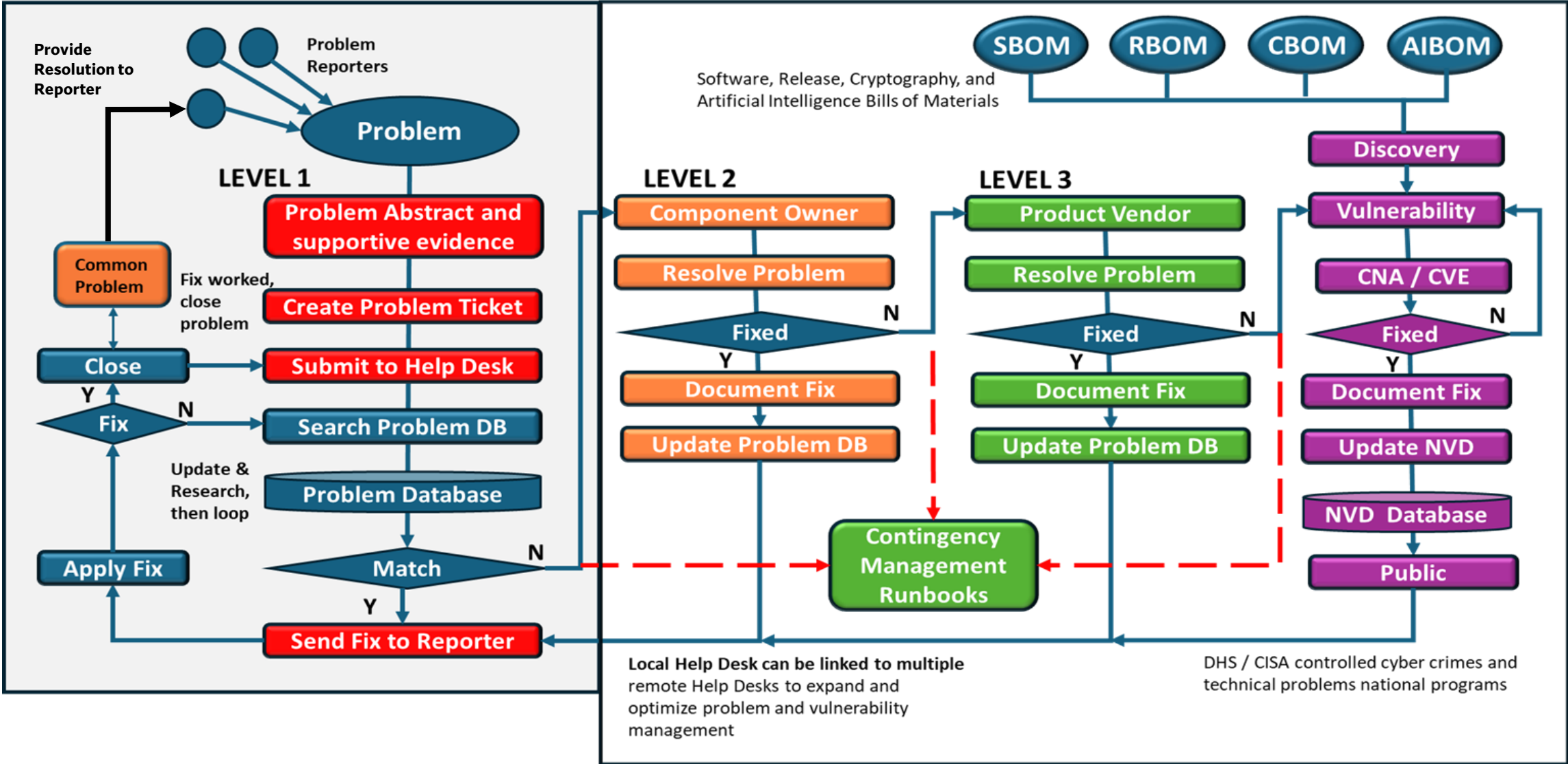
System Security:

- Windows/Linux Server Security
- Vulnerability/Patch Management
- Automated Vulnerability Scanning

Application Security:

- WEB Application Security
- OWASP Top 10 and SANS CWE Top 25
- Database Activity Monitoring
- Content Security
- Secure File Transfer
- Secure SDLC practices
- DevSecOps implementation.

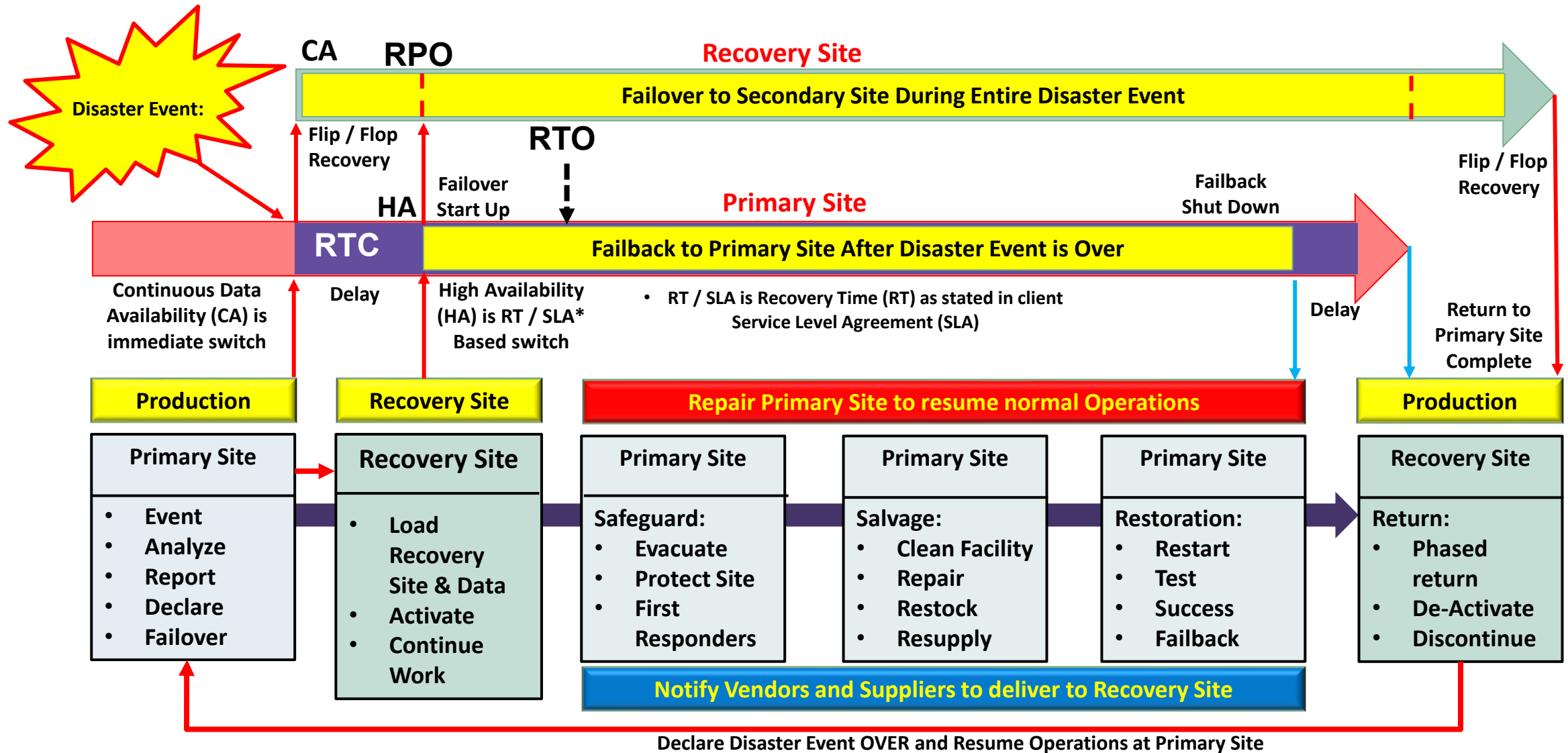
Problem Management and Control



The Disaster Event Life Cycle

CA is Continuous Availability
HA is High Availability
RTO – Recovery Time Objective

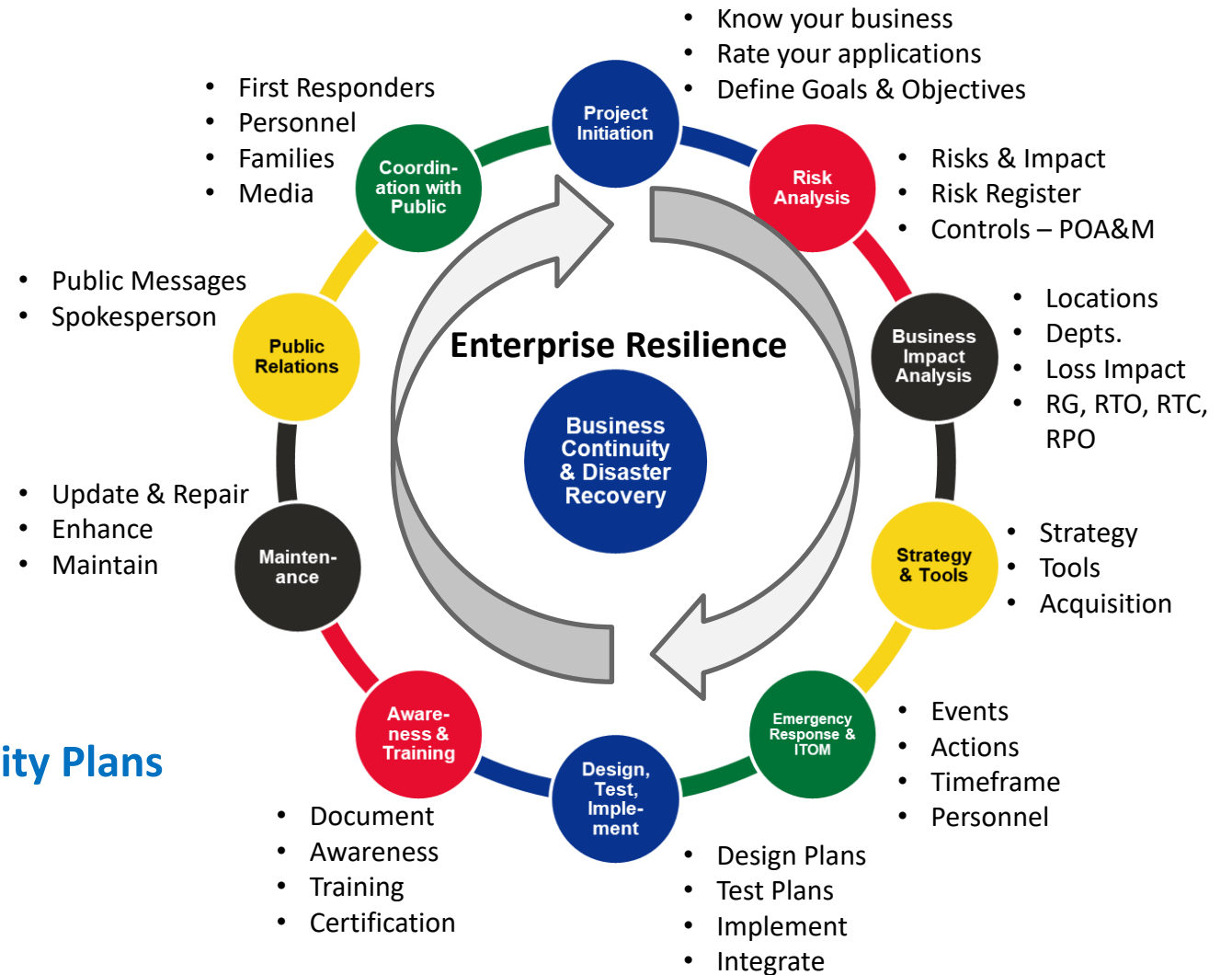
RPO – Recovery Point Objective
RTC – Recovery Time Capability
MTO – Maximum Tolerable Outage



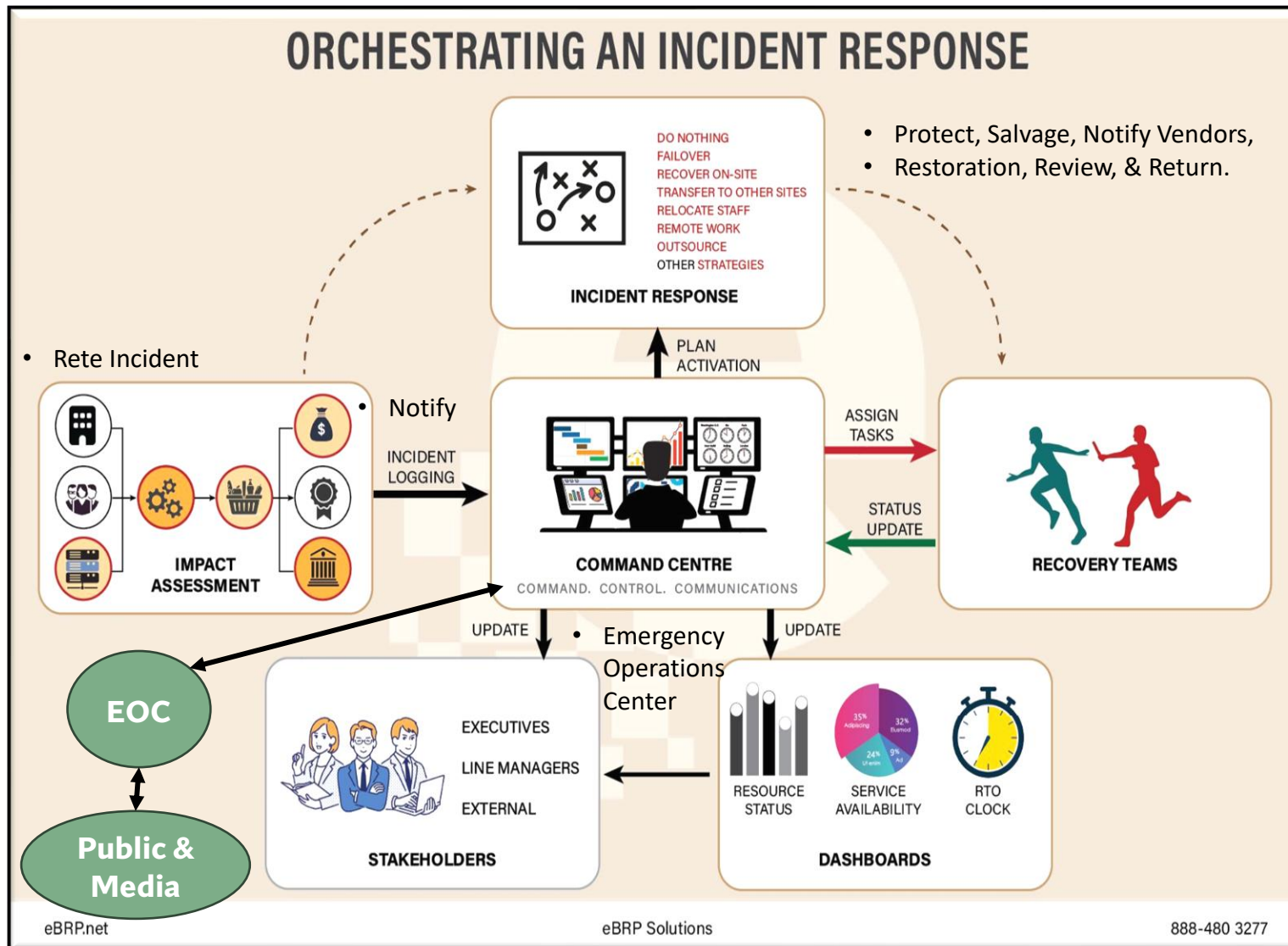
Ten Step Process to establish BCM/DR Practice

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1. Project Initiation and Management
2. Risk Evaluation and Controls Improvement
3. Business Impact Analysis
4. Developing Business Continuity Strategies
5. Emergency Response and Operations
Restoration (Backup, Vaulting, Restoration)
6. Designing and Implementing Business
Continuity Plans
7. Awareness and Training
8. Maintaining and Exercising Business Continuity Plans
9. Public Relations and Crisis Communications
10. Coordinating with Public Authorities



Business Continuity Command Center → EOC



Incident and Recovery Management.

1. Incident Occurs – Problem Ticket, Alarm
2. Impact Assessment performed – Problem Ticket completed and failing component
3. Command Center notifies Recovery Teams
4. Stakeholders are informed
5. Dashboards Maintained
6. Status Reports provided to EOC
7. EOC only Talks to Public & Media (single voice)
8. Incident Tracked until Completed
9. Post Incident Review
10. Improvements
11. Update & Maintain Recovery Plans

Overall Benefits

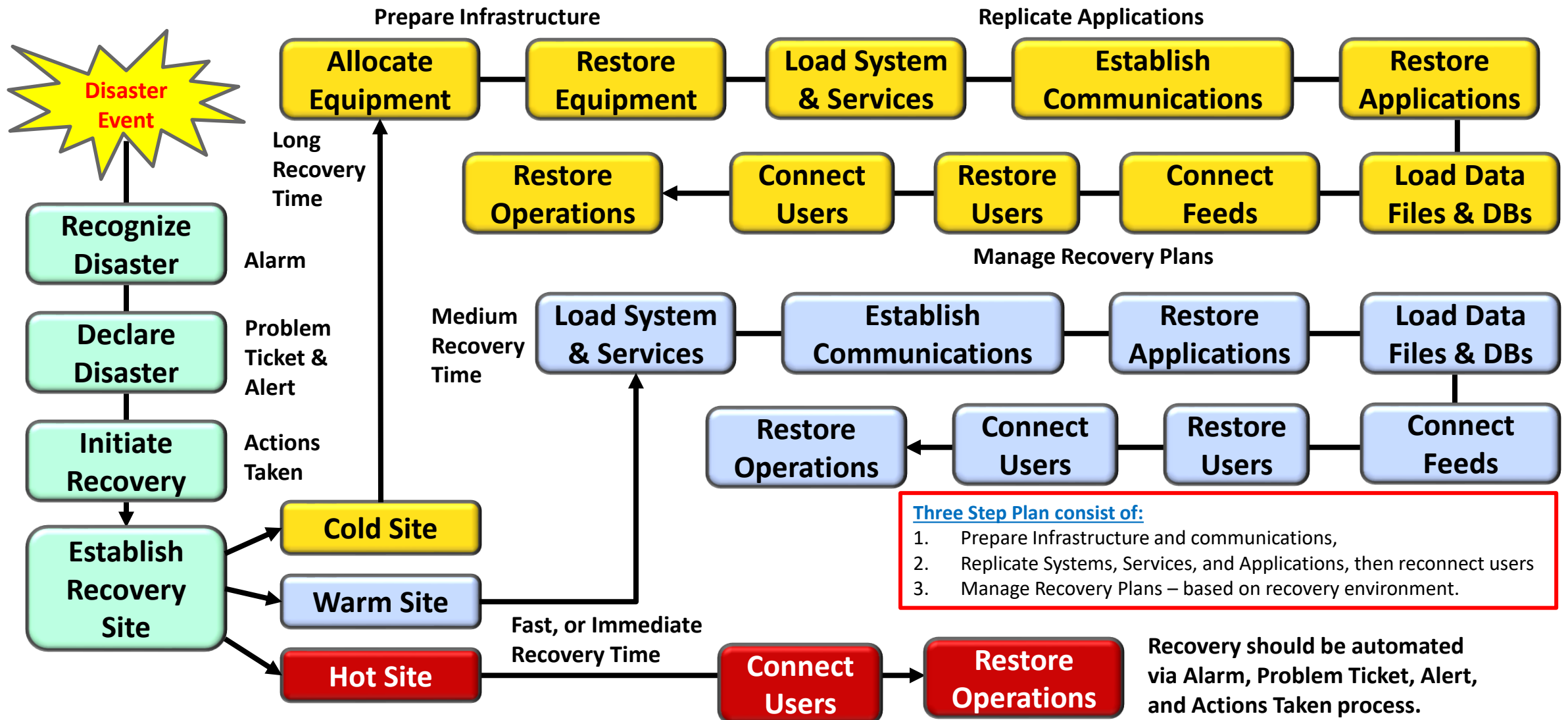
Efficiency: Centralized control improves response times and reduces the duplication of efforts.

Effectiveness: Enhanced coordination and resource allocation lead to more effective incident handling.

Compliance and Reporting: Ensures that response efforts are documented and reported, meeting regulatory and compliance requirements.

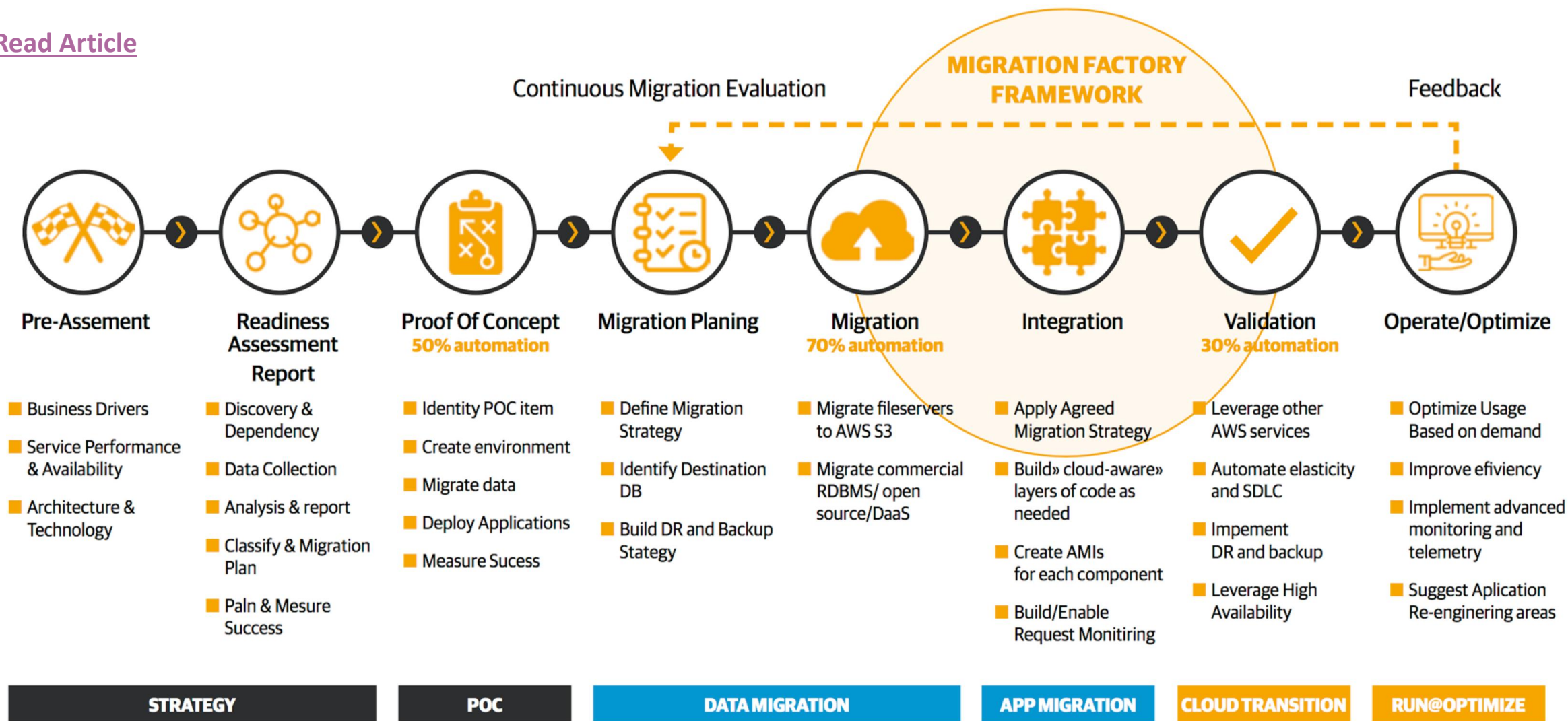
Sequence of Events to enact a Recovery Operation

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Using AI Planning for Migrating Applications to AWS Cloud

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Backup, Archive, and Recover Data Files



BEYOND BACKUPS: TRUE DIGITAL RESILIENCE

Incident Response



- Develop and maintain a comprehensive incident response plan
- Conduct regular simulations to ensure readiness

Cloud Solutions



- Implement hybrid cloud solutions for scalability and flexibility
- Utilize cloud-based disaster recovery

RTO/RPO Metrics

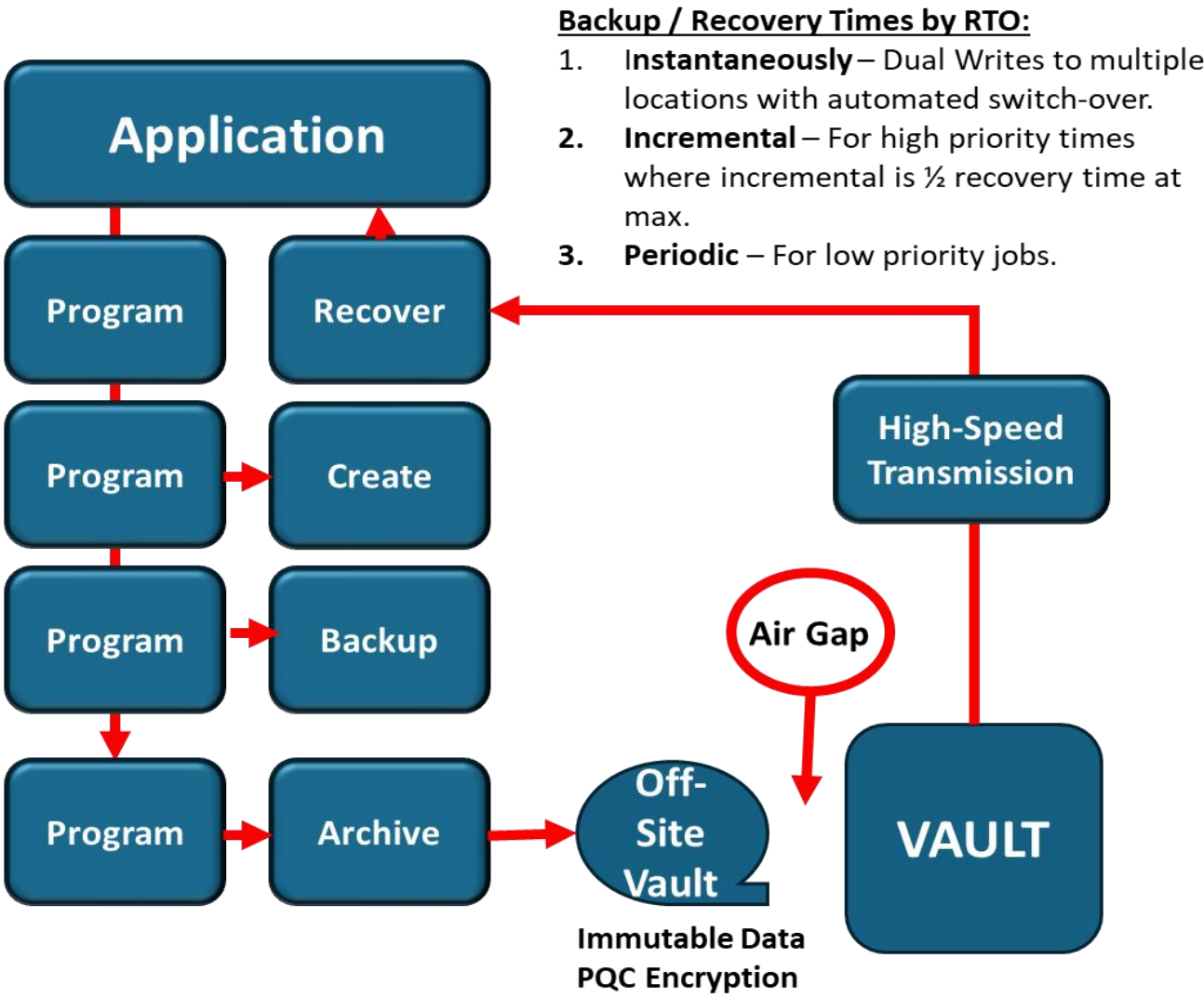


- Recovery Time Objective (RTO): maximum acceptable time to restore functions
- Recovery Point Objective (RPO): maximum acceptable data loss measured in time
- Define RTO and RPO to establish clear recovery goals

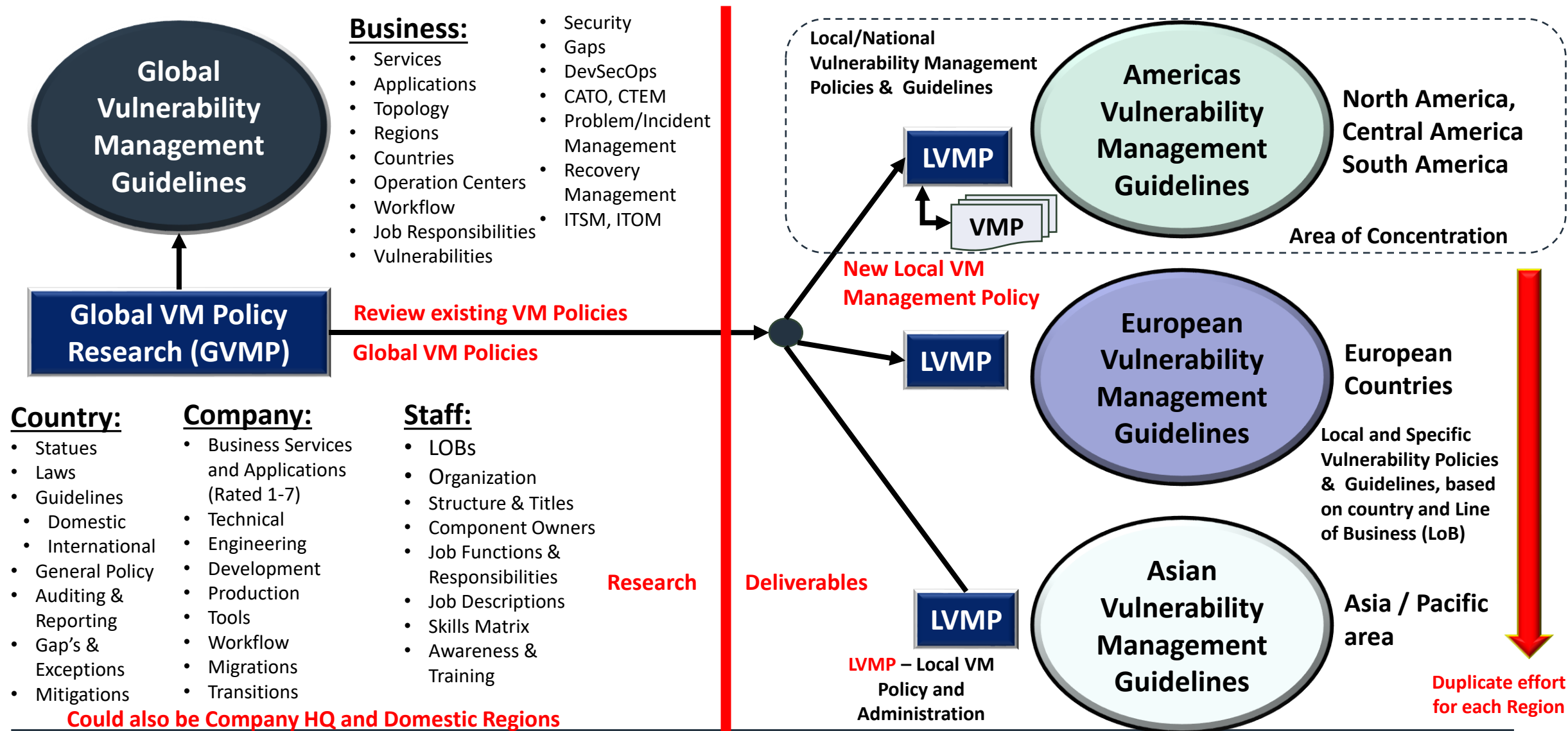


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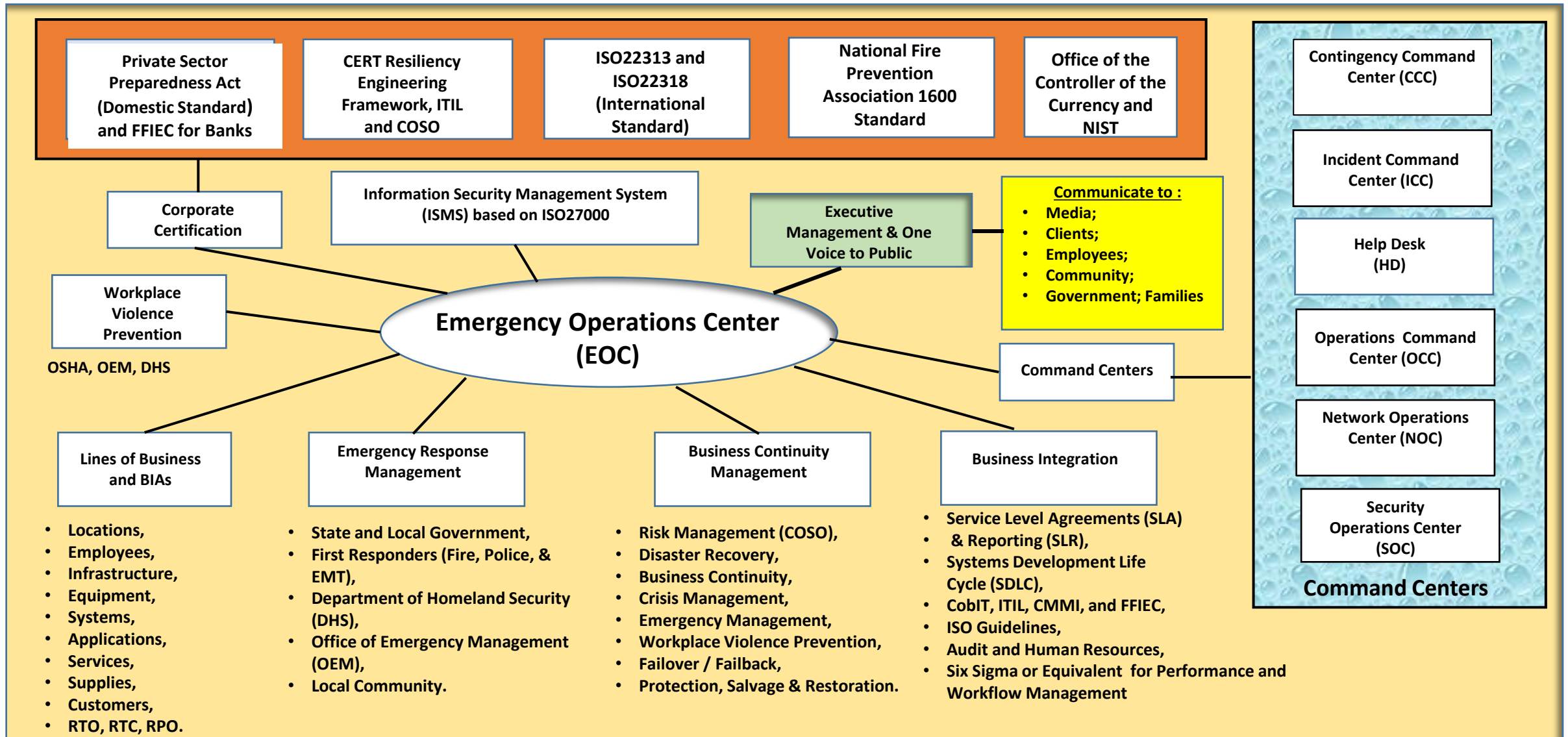
Downtime can cost up to \$9,000 per minute



Global Vulnerability Management Policy generation



Emergency Operations Center (EOC)



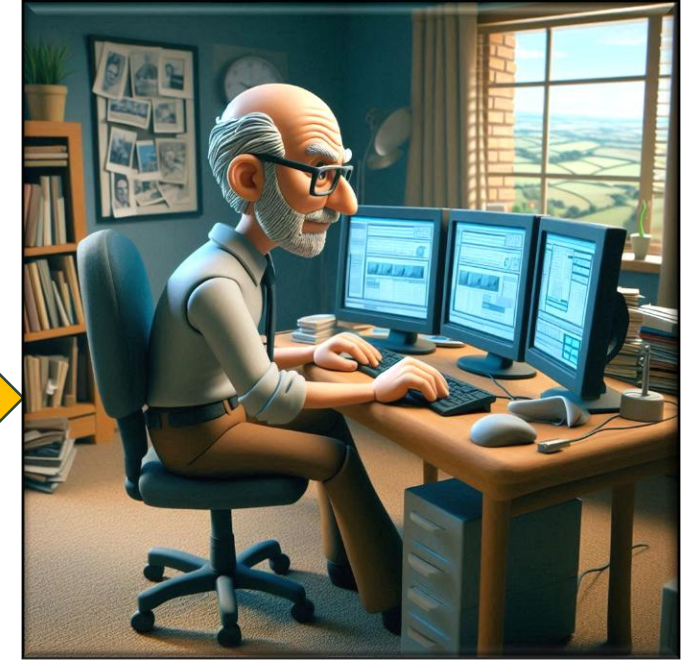
Reaching out to assist our clients



- Discuss
- Define
- Propose
- Achieve

Quality Service at
a Reasonable
Price

Helping Clients to
achieve success



If you find the information included in this presentation of value and want to explore methods to improve the reliability of your enterprise and IT environment, please contact me to discuss your needs and request our assistance.

We look forward to our future relationship.

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