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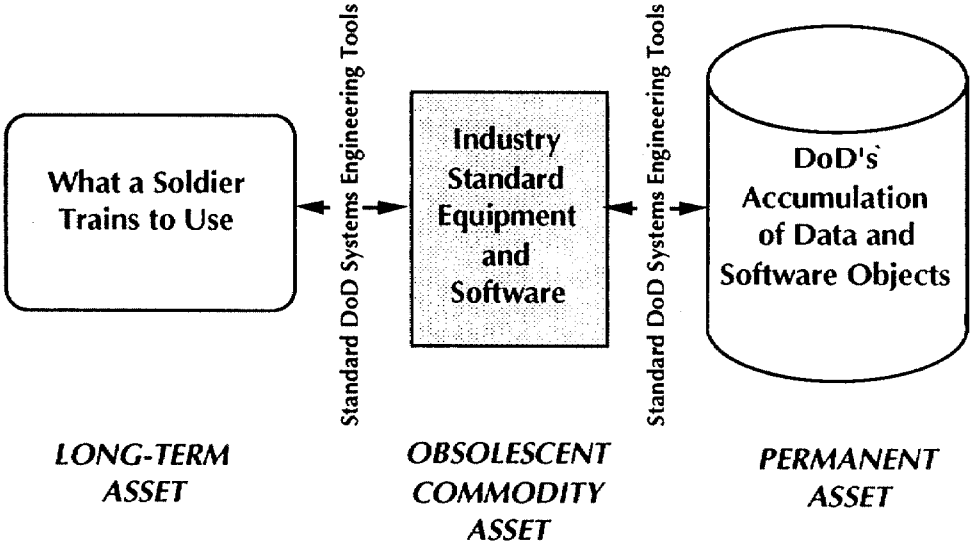
To: Information Technology Policy Board
From: Paul A. Strassmann
Subject: The Significance of the I-CASE Request for Proposal

With Friday's release of the Request for Proposal for a standard I-CASE (Integrated Computer-Aided Systems Engineering toolset) DoD enters into a new era how to manage its software investments. The following diagram shows how I-CASE becomes the key to shifting the value of our information assets:



At present, the soldier's training concentrates on each new application. In the future, a standard "window" will preserve training investments. At present, software components and data elements are application-specific. In the future, data and software objects are permanent and re-usable components. At present, hardware and software are limited by the scope of a specific acquisition. In the future they become easily replaceable items.

I trust that the above summary will place the I-CASE procurement into a proper perspective and emphasize the importance of the excellent contribution made by the Gunter AFB team in fielding the RFQ.

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