

QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKING GROUP CHARTER

1. VISION – Our vision is to become the catalyst for Quality Assurance process improvements affecting the ship repair/new construction industry nationwide.

2. PURPOSE – The purpose of the QA Working Group is to implement Quality Process Improvement determined by the customers, suppliers, and stakeholders associated with the ship repair/new construction industry. We will work as a team, including our customers and suppliers, to share ideas, information, successes, and failures. We will strive to make improvements through effective integration of all stakeholders. We will receive guidance, approval, support, and/or limitations from the Steering Group (list names, organization). We will determine applicable action items from inputs received from customers, suppliers, and stakeholders. Our focus for implementing and improving QA related processes would include a system's perspective thereby solicited participation by all stakeholders throughout the Fleet Community. This group has the authority to charter subcommittees and/or lower level teams.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Steering Group
Representative
Downward Linking Pin From
the BOD:

CAPT Phil Johnson
SUPSHIP Pascagoula

QA Working Group Leader and
Upward Linking Pin to the BOD:

Mr. Greg Ewell,
NAVSEA 04XQ

Members:

SUPSHIP QA Officers/Directors
MSR/ABR QA Managers
Type Commanders/Representatives
NAVSEA/PEO
SPAWAR
Naval Shipyard QA Directors

4. COORDINATION:

- ◆ Workshop Hosts are responsible for maintaining the QA Working Group continuity. This includes the identification, execution, and status of action items to ensure their timely completion through communications with Action Item Coordinators.
- ◆ The QA Working Group will strive to arrive at decisions by consensus of its members.
- ◆ The charter may be modified by consensus of its members.

5. OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ Reduction of non-value added steps in QA processes
- ◆ Develop/increase use of QA data
- ◆ Reduce/eliminate non-value added steps in QA processes
- ◆ Improve quality and reduce costs
- ◆ Remove institutional barriers that obstruct the sharing of information and knowledge
- ◆ Promote QA education and training
- ◆ Improve communication
- ◆ Provide customer satisfaction
- ◆ Increase standardization for the benefit of all stakeholders

6. FOCUS:

- ◆ Acquisition reform
- ◆ ISO 9000 Implementation and Training
- ◆ Propose changes to NAVSEA Standard Items directly related to quality
- ◆ Anticipate and manage the implementation of changes to specifications
- ◆ Encourage Specification Reform (i.e., commercial specs/performance specs, past performance)
- ◆ Standardization of processes, systems, and metrics
- ◆ Specific action items as assigned by NAVSEA or the BOD

7. TIMETABLE

- ◆ The focus of the charter will be updated as necessary during each QA Working Group session.
- ◆ The Workshop Host will update action items during the QA Working Group session.
- ◆ Membership will determine agenda items for the next QA Working Group session during the last day of each QA Working Group session.
- ◆ All action items will be subject to milestones/completion as designated by the QA Working Group.