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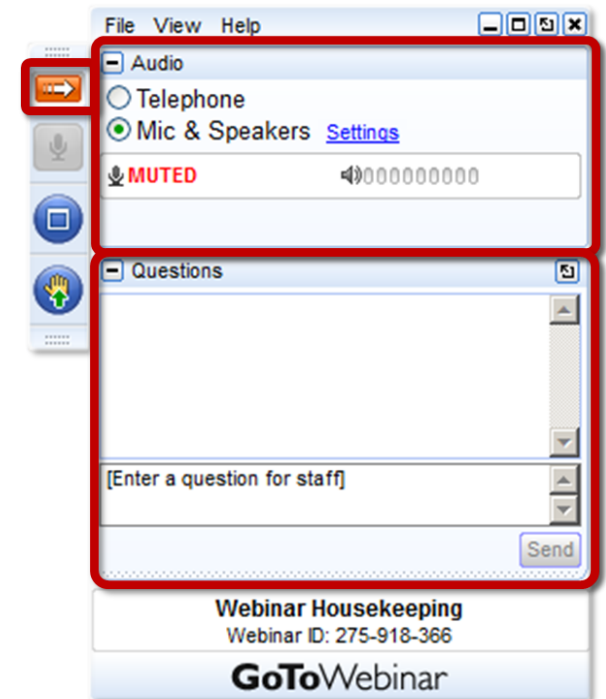
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Presentation Objectives





Presentation Objectives

- ▶ Assess current literature and practice to understand recommended practices and principles that are applied to Lean Six Sigma leadership for operational excellence.
- ▶ Describe the Six Sigma Leadership Framework (S-SLF) to provide a framework that guides leadership practice for successful Lean Six Sigma programs.
- ▶ Demonstrate case study examples of effective leadership and strategic alignment in LSS programs.
- ▶ Identify future focus areas for the S-SLF.

Literature Review





Literature Review

- Performed literature review
 - Academic research-oriented literature
 - Applied journals



Key Research Findings for Six Sigma Leadership

Key Success Factors

- 1 Executive sponsorship = Top management commitment
- 2 Program governance = Need for Six Sigma infrastructure
- 3 Strategic alignment = Selection and prioritization of Six Sigma projects



Key Research Findings: Executive Sponsorship

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- ▶ Consensus for need for top management commitment
- ▶ Project champion role
- ▶ Senior management needs to demonstrate Six Sigma is the engine of the organization's business transformation strategy
- ▶ Top management needs to create infrastructure
- ▶ Top management needs to provide strategic alignment between project goals and business needs



Key Research Findings: Executive Sponsorship Champion Role

1

- ▶ Develop implementation strategy
- ▶ Accountable for program success
- ▶ Obtain, select and allocate resources
- ▶ Empower and hold people accountable
- ▶ Regular review of projects



Key Research Findings: Program Governance

2

- ▶ Belt structure based on training, experience and knowledge
- ▶ Promotion and rewards for success; fast track high performers
- ▶ Training:
 - Levels of training: Black Belt, Green Belt, Yellow Belt, Champion
 - DMAIC method
 - Tools
 - Experiential - project based
- ▶ D-M-A-I-C methodology and tools
- ▶ Six Sigma Network
- ▶ Project-based implementation
- ▶ Process for measuring results



Key Research Findings: Strategic Alignment

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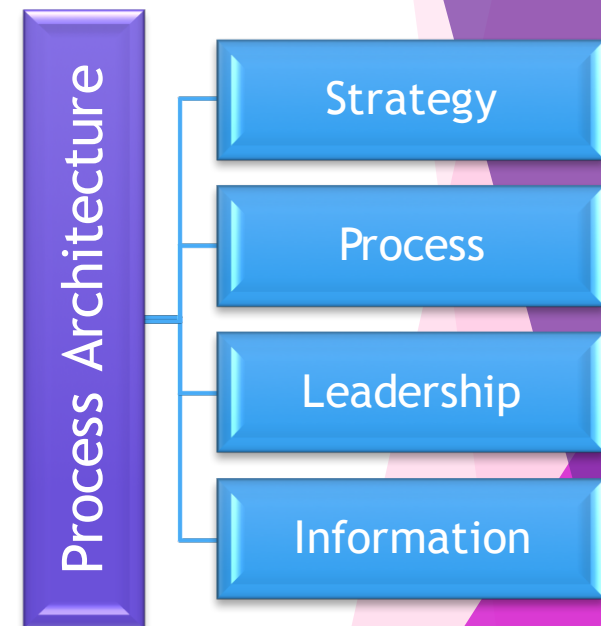
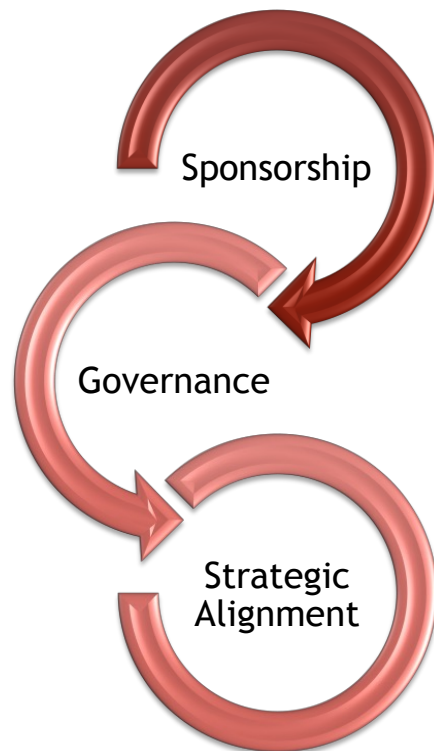
- ▶ Organization should be clear on expectations of Six Sigma program, how fits with current structure and strategy
- ▶ Projects selected need to be aligned with business needs, and have significant impact
- ▶ Project charter helps with getting alignment in defining objectives; project champion should have input
- ▶ Monetary justification
- ▶ Balanced Scorecard (BS) can be used to align Six Sigma activities against BS targets (align metrics with strategy)
- ▶ Business goals, department goals and personal objectives should be aligned
- ▶ Six Sigma competencies aligned with IT at the core
- ▶ Focus on customer satisfaction and business improvement
- ▶ Strategic roadmap used to create operating model
- ▶ Strategic competencies that give competitive advantage and value

Six Sigma Leadership Framework (S-SLF)





Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF





Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF Sponsorship

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- ▶ Executive Sponsor Role
- ▶ Communication of consistent message
- ▶ Cultural alignment



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Sponsorship - Role

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► Executive Sponsor Role

- Ensure strategic alignment
- Obtain and select resources
- Remove barriers
- Reward, celebrate
- Communicate consistent message
- Ensure cultural alignment
- Define infrastructure and governance



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Sponsorship - Role

1

Example

Process Council- Actively meet on a monthly or quarterly basis to:

- ▶ Select process improvement key priority initiatives for cross LOB, departmental processes
- ▶ Align process improvement initiatives with business & technology strategy
- ▶ Designate Champions / End Process Owners for entire organization including key strategic process improvement initiatives
- ▶ Solve project issues, resources and communicate organization and role changes to support process improvement initiatives with centers of excellence
- ▶ Communicate, recognize and celebrate continuous process improvement initiatives implemented by Champions, Process Owners, Project teams
- ▶ Leverage best practices sharing & implementation across similar LOB's processes and improvements
- ▶ Review status of cross functional process initiatives
- ▶ Review and set process improvement goals associated with process and business scorecard reviews
- ▶ Support and encourage a culture of continuous process improvement, ensuring alignment with our existing culture
- ▶ Update the Leadership Group quarterly of the status of Process Transformation projects, improvements and scorecards/process metrics.



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF 1

Sponsorship - Communication of consistent message

Process Transformation will help
make processes:

Simpler, Faster, and More Valuable

Simpler = Less steps, less complexity, easier to perform, less waste and cost

Faster = More timely to meet customers' expectations

Valuable = Meeting customers' requirements at low cost and high service

Example



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF 1

Sponsorship - Communication of consistent message

Example

► Communication of consistent message

- Elevator speech
 - Who are we?
 - What we are going to do?
 - Why must we do it?
 - What will the results be?
 - What do we need from you?





Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Sponsorship - Cultural Alignment

1

From Traditional Thinking	To CI Principles & Thinking
Problem-driven	Customer-driven
Reacting to dissatisfaction	Preventing dissatisfaction
Results at any cost oriented thinking	Cross-functional, process oriented thinking & discipline
Used to waste and rework	Eliminate waste to improve processes & throughput
Fixing blame	Fixing the problems
People management	System management, reducing variation, process measurement
Reward fire-fighting & crisis management	Reward team effort and improvement
Measure cost and productivity	Measure throughput, customer satisfaction, processes, quality
Authoritative	Empowerment, accountability



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Sponsorship - Cultural Alignment

1

Example

Example: How do the principles of Six Sigma and Continuous Improvement align with our Service Excellence Standards?

Service Excellence Standards
1. We participate in a daily meeting to discuss a service standard.
2. We embrace our service vision.
3. We promote our guiding principles.
4. We have a culture that supports our Promise to Associates.
5. We treat all customers, prospects and associates with mutual respect and understanding. Every service encounter becomes our opportunity and responsibility to work together. We take immediate action, create a plan and provide updates throughout the process. We respond to all communication by the end of the business day.
6. We take pride and care to ensure our personal appearance and work areas are neat and professional.
7. We provide a positive experience for every customer by following these 10 essential elements of customer engagement during in-person interactions.
8. We have, at a minimum, a basic understanding of our products and services.



To PT Principles
1. Customer-driven
2. Preventing dissatisfaction
3. Cross-functional, process oriented thinking & discipline
4. Eliminate waste to improve processes & throughput
5. Fixing the problems
6. System management, reducing variation, process measurement
7. Reward team effort and improvement
8. Measure throughput, customer satisfaction, processes, quality
9. Empowerment, accountability



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Sponsorship - Cultural Alignment

1

Example

Example: How do the principles of Six Sigma and Continuous Improvement align with our Service Excellence Standards?

Service Excellence Standards
9. We answer the telephone within 3 rings, provide our names and departments and offer to help. We return calls as soon as possible, and always before the end of the day.
10. We own each problem we encounter: acknowledge the problem immediately, inform the customer of our plan, provide updates throughout the process and facilitate an acceptable solution.
11. We are accountable for creating and achieving individual and department goals that support our corporate goals and strategic plan.
12. We are ambassadors in and outside the workplace. As ambassadors, we act with integrity to enhance and protect the reputation of the bank.
13. We actively seek and share information about our bank, our communities and our industry.
14. We are proud of what we do and who we represent. We volunteer our time and talents in our communities.
15. We protect the assets of our bank by using our resources wisely.



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Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF Governance

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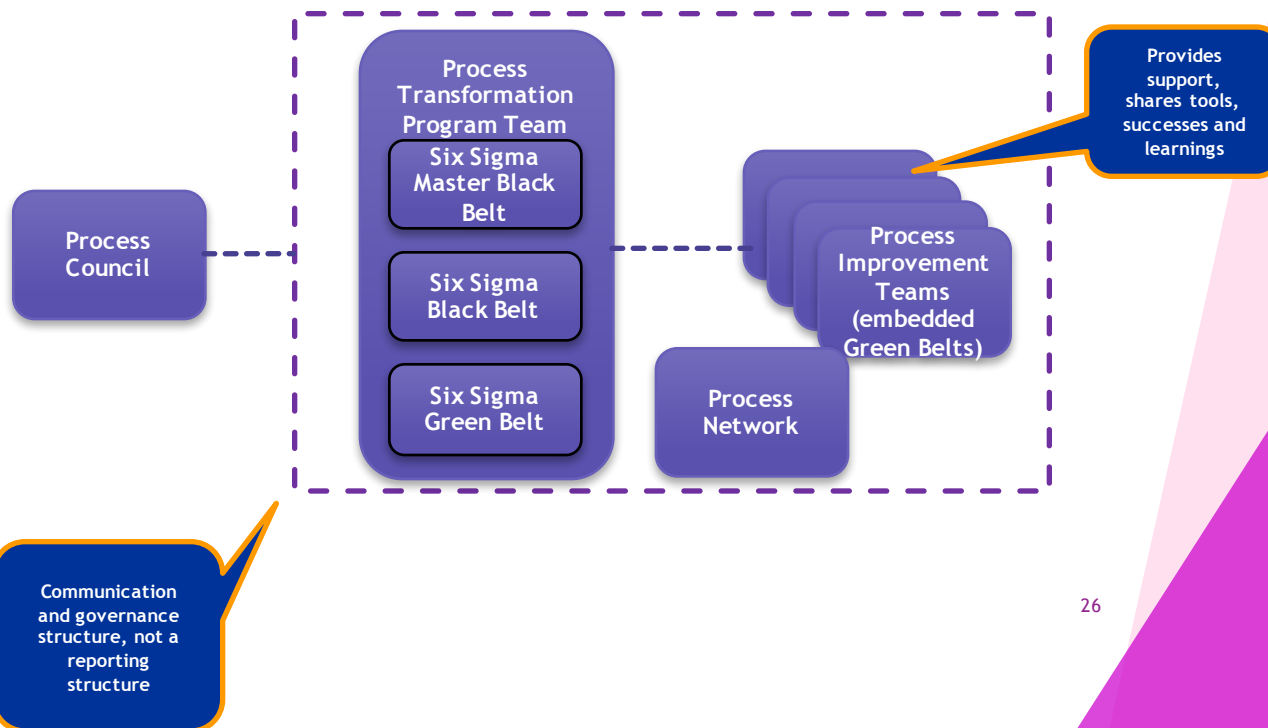
Example

Process Council:

- Identify and prioritize process transformation (PT) strategy and initiatives
- Monitor PT projects' status, reporting and progress
- Reinforce a culture of continuous improvement

Process Improvement Teams:

- Design and implement improvements
- Measure and monitor on-going process metrics and improvements
- In the future, certified Six Sigma Green Belts (process owners) will be embedded in the teams





Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF Governance

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Example

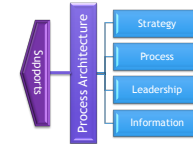
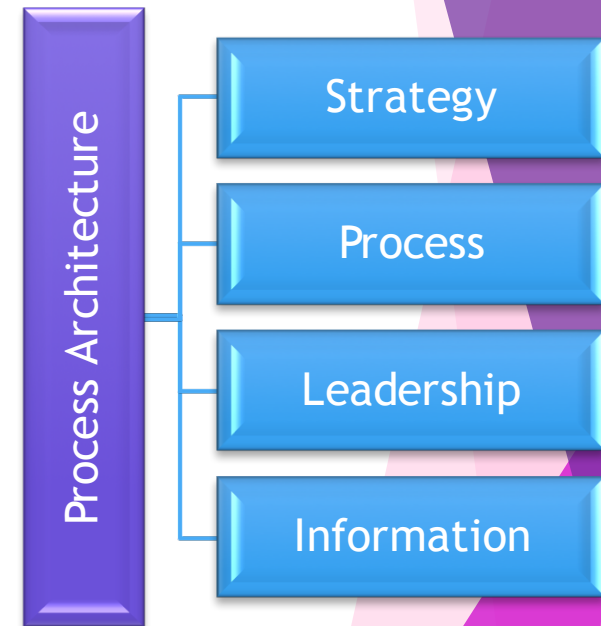
Process Improvement Initiative	Performance				
	Service	Timeliness	Quality	Cost	Revenue
Cash Management Product Setup	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mortgage Loan Origination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trust New Account Opening	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Commercial Loan Origination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Technology Projects with a Process Focus					
Contact Management / CRM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deposit Account Opening	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF Strategic Alignment

► Process Architecture

- Provides repository of enterprise through defined conceptual meta models
 - Strategies
 - Processes
 - Leadership
 - Information

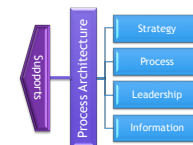


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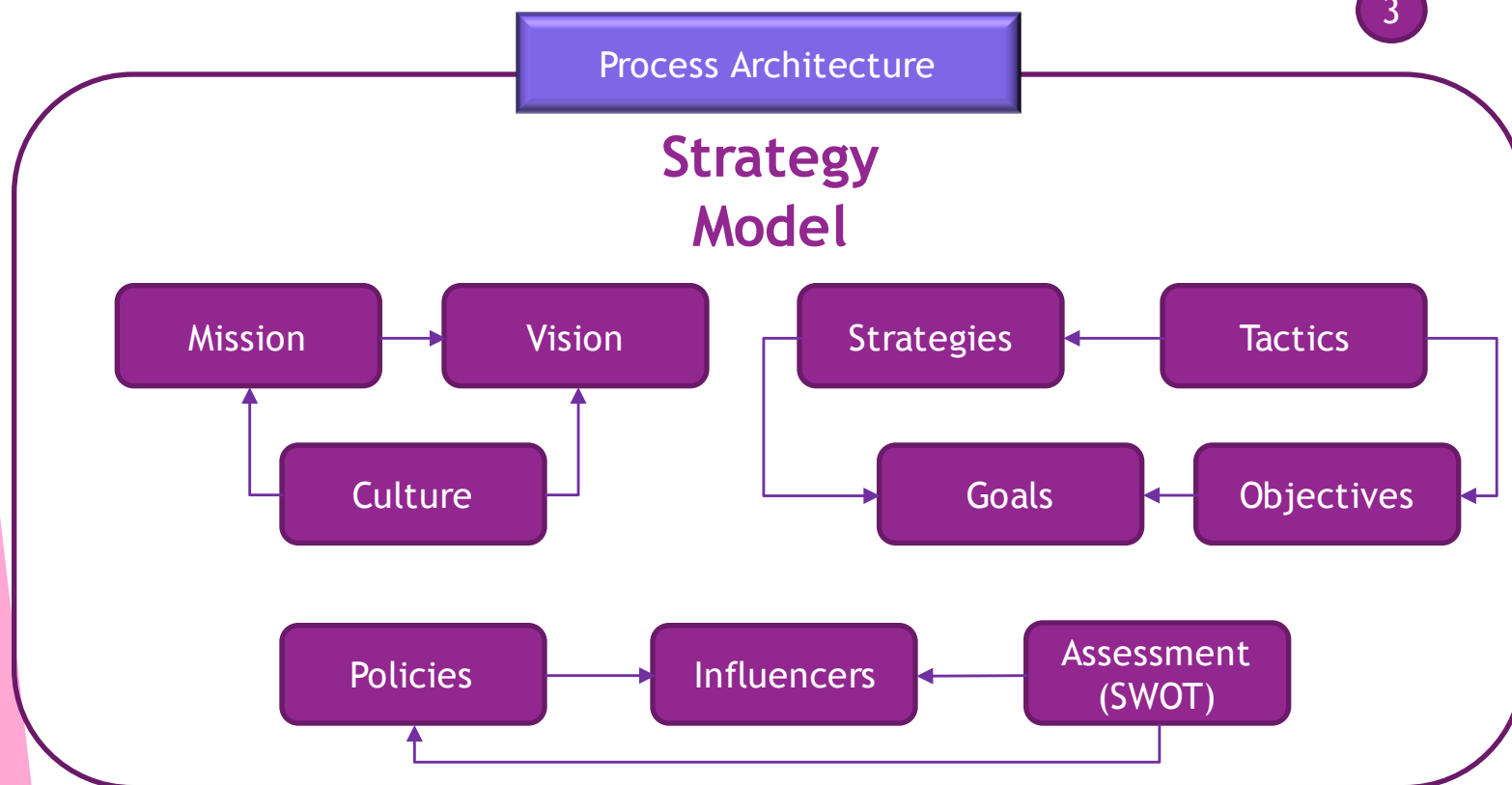


Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Strategic Alignment

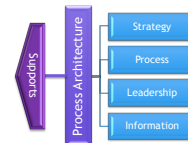


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Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF Strategic Alignment



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Process Architecture

Process Model

Value Chains

Process Maps

Metrics

Leadership Model

Workforce

Leadership

Organization

Information

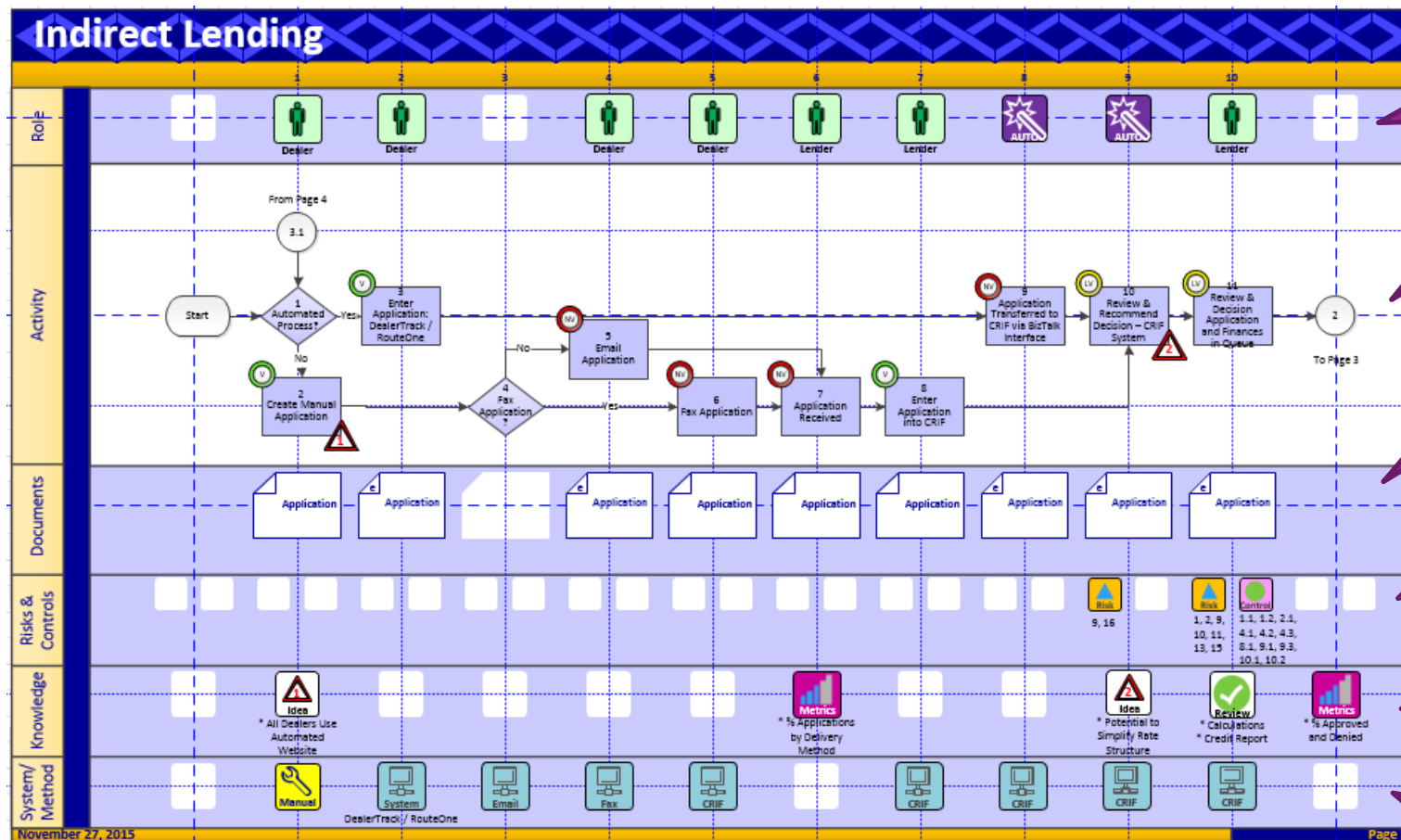
Applications

Information Model



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Strategic Alignment - Process Architecture 3



Roles

Activities & Sequence

Documents

Risk & Controls

Knowledge & Metrics

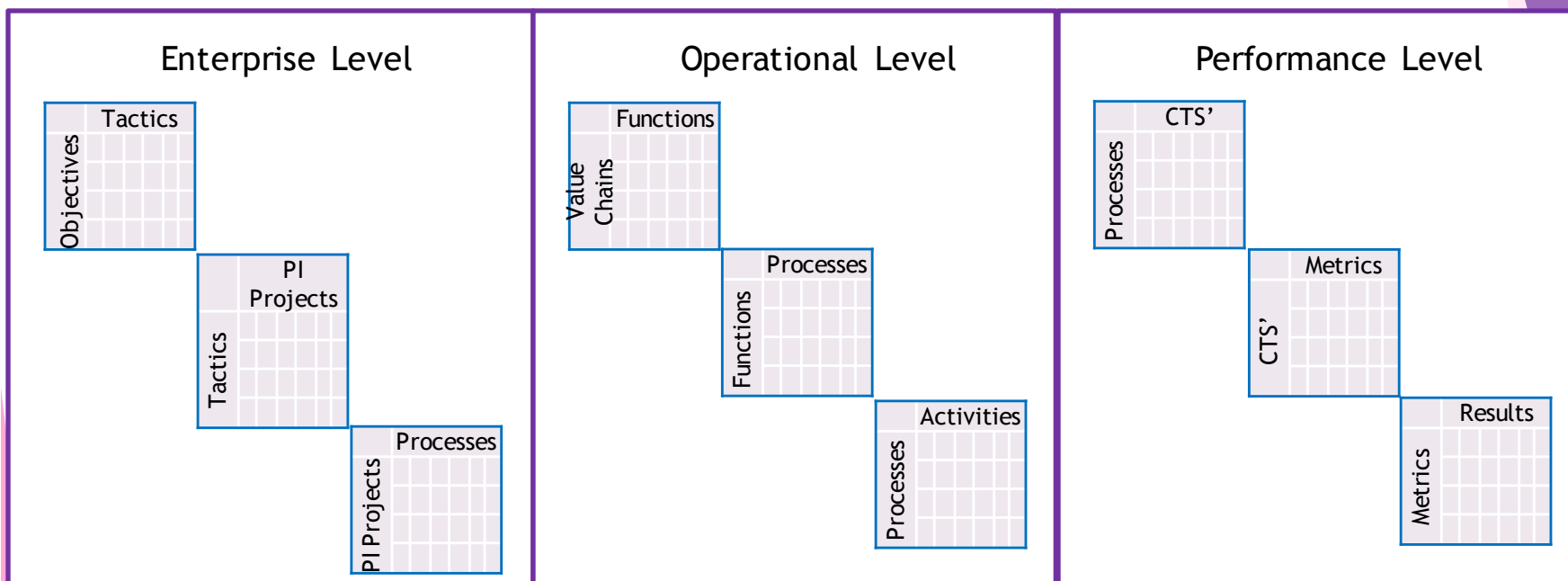
System & Methods



Six Sigma Leadership Framework: S-SLF

Strategic Alignment - Project Prioritization

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Conclusions





Conclusions

S-SLF Framework:

- ▶ Supports the key drivers identified in the literature
- ▶ Keeps the organization focused on what is important to make the Six Sigma program successful
- ▶ Maintains consistent messaging and communication
- ▶ Ensures cultural alignments and movement towards the continuous improvement principles
- ▶ Provides visibility to results and success
- ▶ Enables rewards and celebration

Future Focus





Future Focus

- ▶ S-SLF Framework
 - ▶ Refine the Six Sigma Leadership Framework
 - ▶ Apply strategic alignment to multiple organizations
 - ▶ Assess organizational values, cultural impact and alignment
 - ▶ Assess impact of alternative governance models
 - ▶ Application of the process architecture to process and quality management, and multiple organizational settings



Questions





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