

Test Planning Documents – Guidance

Summary

For all operational tests, live fire tests, and all other tests that support DOT&E evaluations, the TEMP should include a matrix that identifies which test planning documents will be submitted for DOT&E approval and which will be submitted for information and review only. The lead OTA shall brief the DOT&E on T&E concepts for the Operational Test Plan as early as possible but no fewer than 180 days prior to start of any such testing. The lead OTA shall deliver the Operational Test Plan to DOT&E for approval no fewer than 60 days before the start. Use of developmental test data for an operational assessment or evaluation should be coordinated with the lead OTA and DOT&E prior to the start of testing, and, when feasible, shall receive prior approval. The DOT&E shall require approval of LFT&E strategies, LFT&E plans, and survivability test plans for covered systems.

References

[LFT&E Statute: 10 USC 2366](#)

[Timeliness of Operational Test and Evaluation \(OT&E\) Plans, DOT&E, 24 June 2011](#)

[Defense Acquisition Guidebook, Chapter 9](#)

Examples

[Document Approval Matrix Example](#)