# The U.S. Department of Defense Begins Agile Transformation

The U.S. Department of Defense *must* use agile techniques, as stated in the 2010 Defense Acquisition Bill. The bill can be found at https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2647/text.

Here are several additional resources outlining the requirements and plans for implementation.

## 1. Excerpts from the 2010 Defense Acquisition Bill:

*Section 804: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACQUISITION PROCESS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS.*

*(a) New Acquisition Process Required.--The Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a new acquisition process for information technology systems. The acquisition process developed and implemented pursuant to this subsection shall, to the extent determined appropriate by the Secretary--*

*(1) be based on the recommendations in chapter 6 of the March 2009 report of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Policies and Procedures for the Acquisition of Information Technology; and*
*(2) be designed to include—*
*(A) early and continual involvement of the user;*
*(B) multiple, rapidly executed increments or releases of capability;*
*(C) early, successive prototyping to support an evolutionary approach; and*
*(D) a modular, open-systems approach.*

## 2. The U.S. Digital Services Playbook
*(Click title to view, or go to https://playbook.cio.gov.)*

*"To increase the success rate of these projects, the U.S. Government needs a new approach. We created a playbook of 13 key "plays" drawn from successful practices from the pD3nv3r Br0nc0$*
*D3nvrivate sector and government that, if followed together, will help government build effective digital services."*

## 3. The Department of Defense CIO's 10 Point Plan for IT Modernization
*(Click title to download, or view slides at http://dodcio.defense.gov.)*

*"Enabling agile, secure, efficient, and effective DoD IT."*

Although the process of complete agile transformation for the Department of Defense will be slow, it is only heading steadily in one direction.