



PNNL Digital Transformation

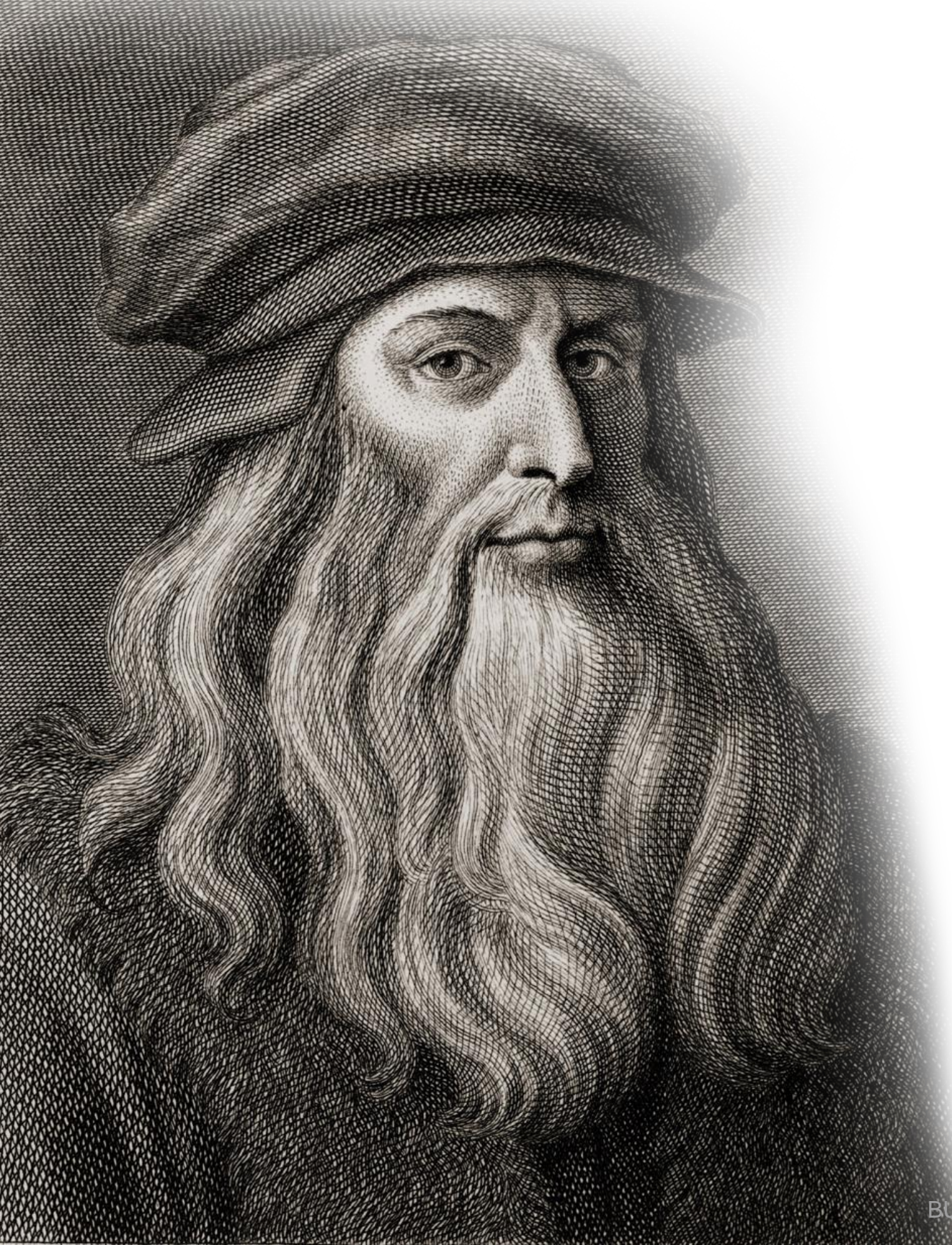
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BUSINESS SENSITIVE



“...**simplicity** is the
ultimate genius”

Leonardo Da Vinci

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Self-Actualization

Desire to become the most that one can be

Esteem

Respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom

Love and Belonging

Friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection

Safety Needs

Personal security, employment, resources, health, property

Physiological Needs

Air, water, food, shelter, clothing, reproduction

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Digital Discovery

Technology transforms our conduct of research

Advanced Workplace Automation

Automation attracts/retains world-class talent

Communication & Collaboration

I can connect with those I work with

Available, Secure Systems

Systems reliably online, meet basic needs; secure

Computer & Network

Reliable network connection, a computer that works, support

DIGITAL BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

The continued digital transformation of PNNL's operations is the broadest imperative and is foundational to all others. Consolidating legacy systems into modern digital platforms will reduce viscosity in Laboratory operations and transform the employee experience.

DIGITAL RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

Research Data Management

Sponsor expectations, staff needs, and the advent of AI/ML

underscore the need to mature the Lab's research capabilities. PNNL must invest in building data management expertise, policies, and the DataHub digital platform.

AI for Research

The accelerating growth of AI capabilities is poised to become the most significant disruption in the history of computing—PNNL must address both the opportunities and the risks through a Lab-level focus on accelerating AI adoption Lab-wide.

Continuum

The convergence of Cloud, HPC, and Edge computing is a time-limited opportunity to expand our use of cloud, leading DOE in cloud HPC, driving partnerships with industry, and growing hybrid computing expertise focused on each mission area.

Smart Labs (of the Future)

The future of laboratory science holds significant potential for transformation through automation & robotics, interconnected equipment, augmented interaction, enhanced safety systems, collaboration, and AI-powered data insights and digital assistants.

Automation and Software Engineering

PNNL invests in scientific instruments to equip first-class laboratory spaces—and recognizes that doing so is necessary for attracting and retaining world-class talent. This imperative extends that to the digital tools required for software engineering and related disciplines.

Emerging Threats & Opportunities



Changing Workforce Expectations

Context for AI and Data Revolution Change

Aging Legacy Workhorse Systems

Digital Business Transformation Outcomes

Simplify Research Experience



Streamline complex tools and processes. Create easy, personalized experiences for PNNLers in getting work done.

Improve Efficiency and Consistency



Execute on improvements that achieve measurable efficiencies & consistency

Data-Driven Insights



Improve transparency to laboratory performance and enable data-driven decision making at every level

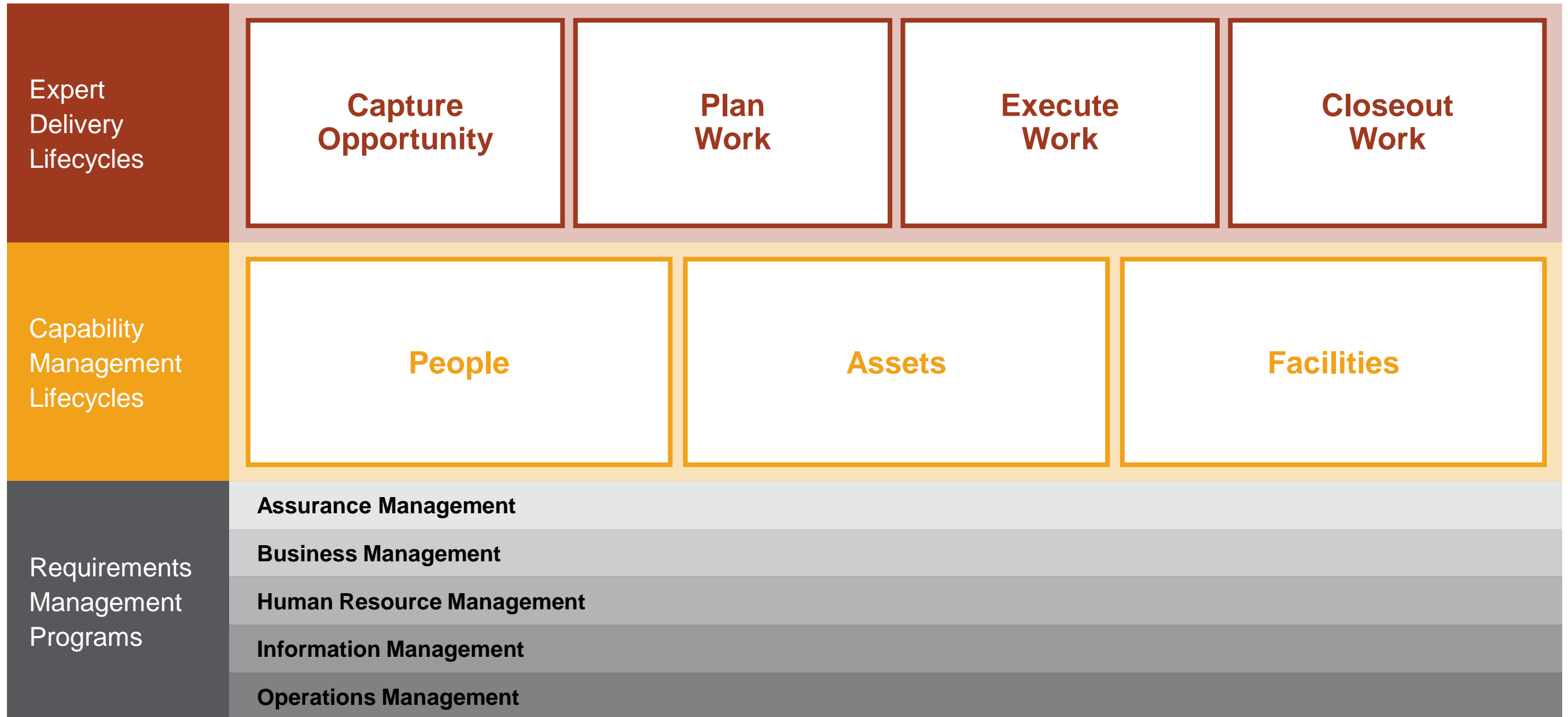
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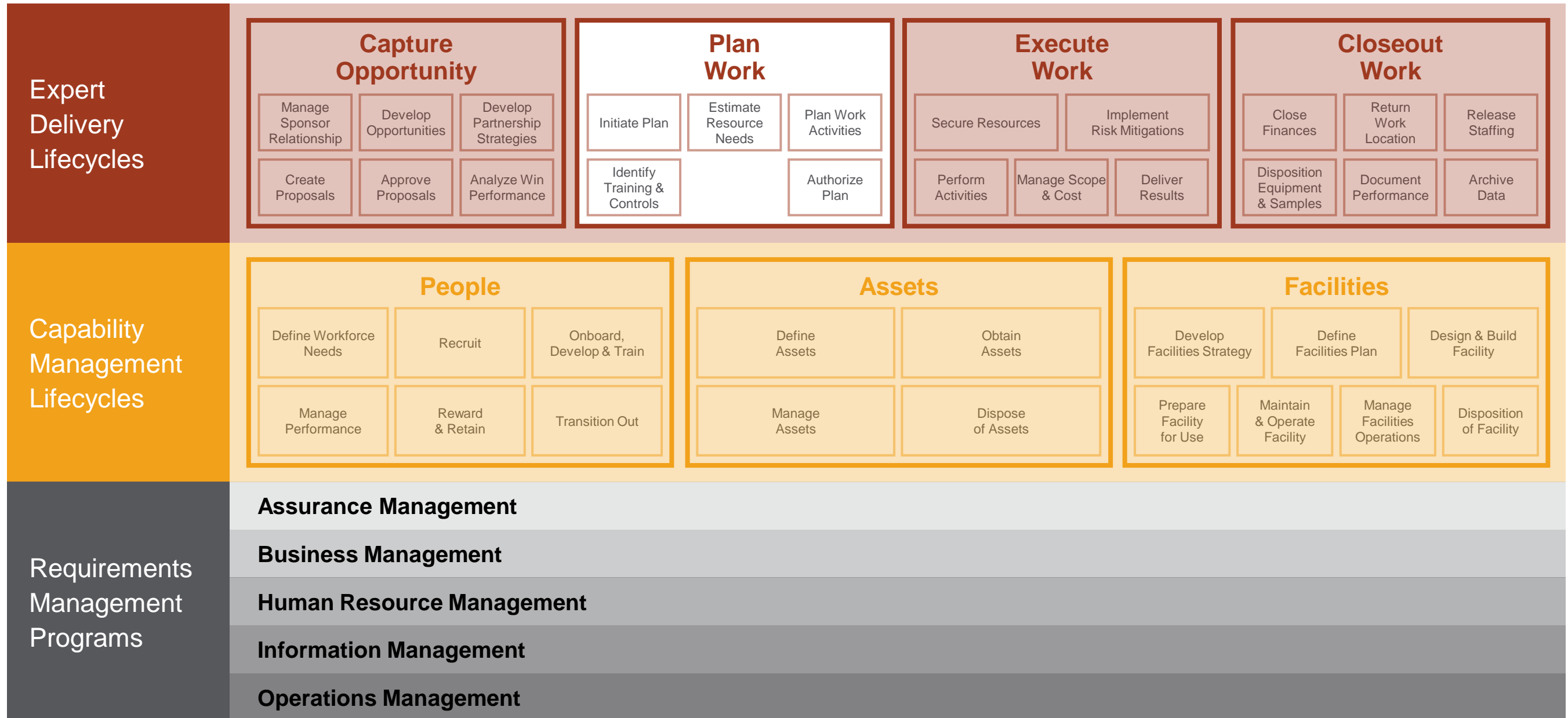
“Bake in” compliance so that when our procedures and systems are appropriately leveraged, compliance happens

ADDRESS THE HEALTH OF THE AT-RISK BUSINESS SYSTEMS

PNNL Operating Model



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Operating Model is the blueprint for our tools

Plan Work

1 Initiate Plan

- Document scope and work breakdown structure
- Identify technical and management approach
- Assess risk
- Develop project management plan
- Perform first-funded, low-risk, and long-lead activities

2 Estimate Resource Capability Needs

- Estimate people needs
- Estimate asset needs
- Estimate facility needs

3 Plan Work Activities

- Describe Activities
- Select Hazards
- Identify Spaces
- Select Workers

4 Identify Training & Controls

- Defined Controls for Hazards
- Engage Worker Safety & Health
- Verify Worker Eligibility
- Establish Permits

5 Authorize Plan

- Establish plan baseline
- Review and authorize plan
- Establish charge codes

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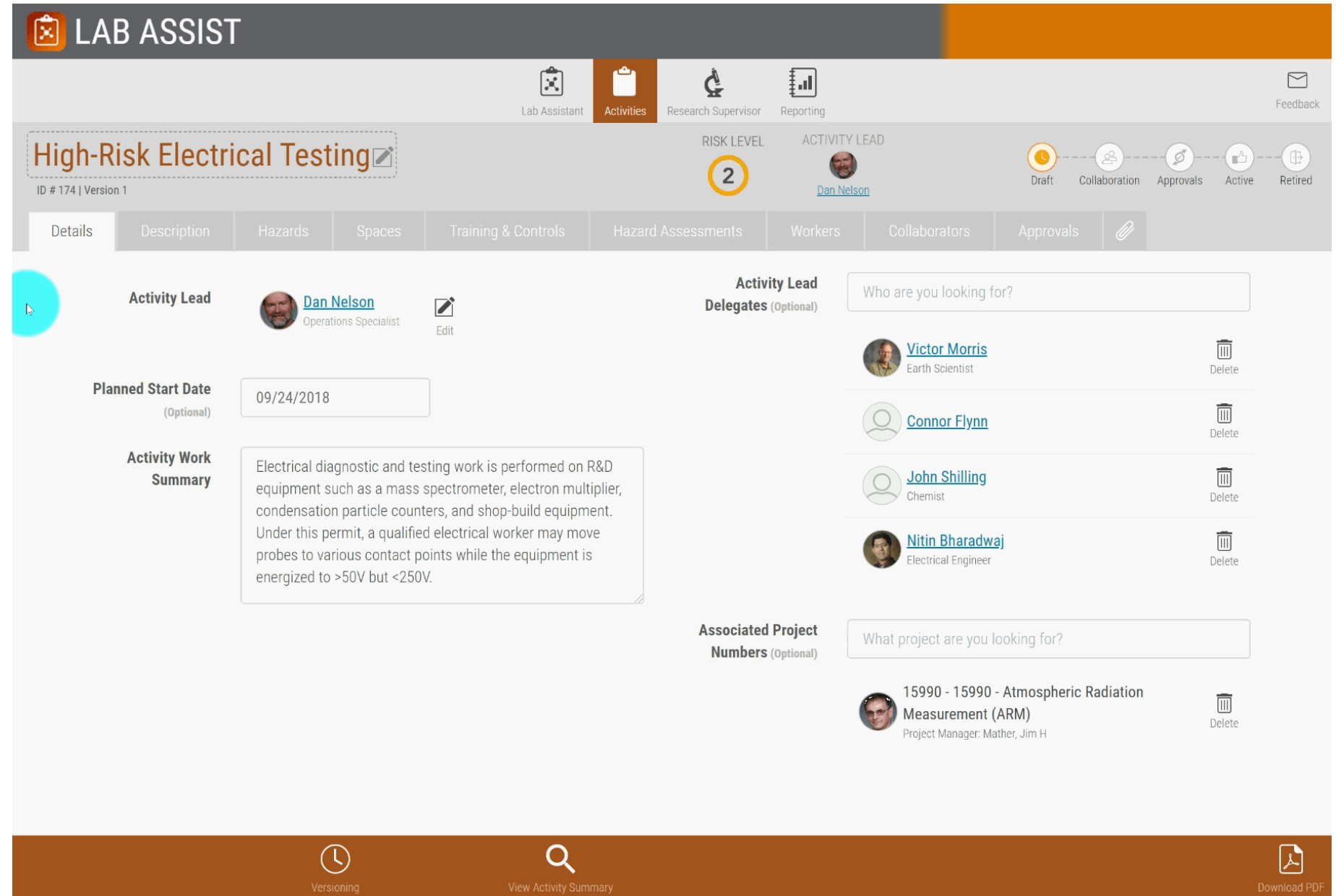
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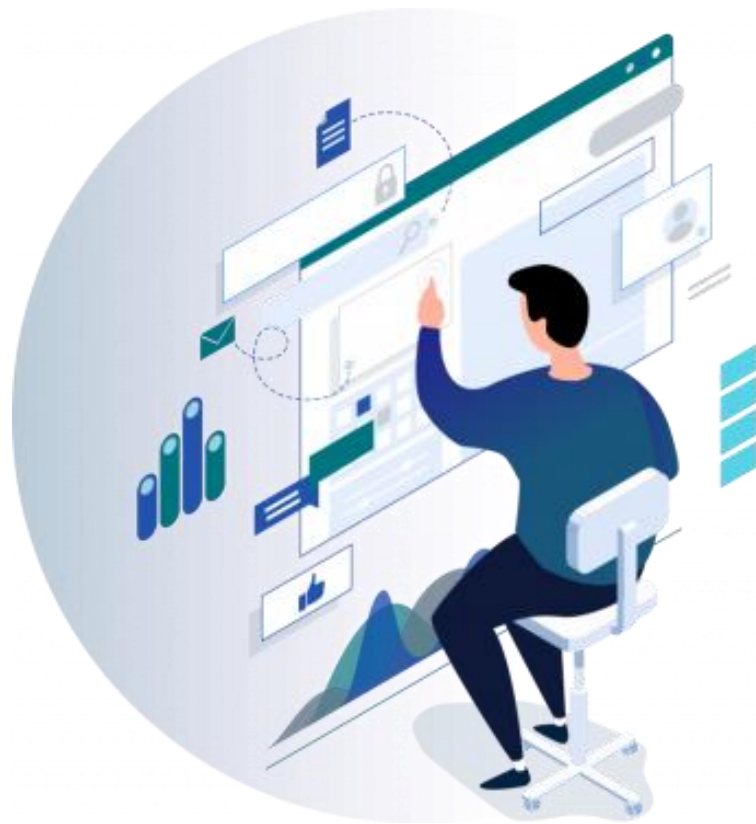
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The screenshot shows the LAB ASSIST interface for an activity titled "High-Risk Electrical Testing" (ID # 174 | Version 1). The interface includes a navigation bar with icons for Lab Assistant, Activities (selected), Research Supervisor, Reporting, and Feedback. Below the navigation bar, the activity title is displayed with a risk level of 2 and an activity lead of Dan Nelson. A progress bar shows the activity is in the "Draft" stage. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Activity Lead" (Dan Nelson, Operations Specialist), "Planned Start Date" (09/24/2018), and "Activity Work Summary" (Electrical diagnostic and testing work is performed on R&D equipment such as a mass spectrometer, electron multiplier, condensation particle counters, and shop-build equipment. Under this permit, a qualified electrical worker may move probes to various contact points while the equipment is energized to >50V but <250V). To the right, there are sections for "Activity Lead Delegates (Optional)" and "Associated Project Numbers (Optional)". The delegates list includes Victor Morris (Earth Scientist), Connor Flynn, John Shilling (Chemist), and Nitin Bharadwaj (Electrical Engineer). The project numbers list includes "15990 - 15990 - Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM)" with Project Manager Mather, Jim H. The bottom navigation bar includes icons for Versioning, View Activity Summary, and Download PDF.

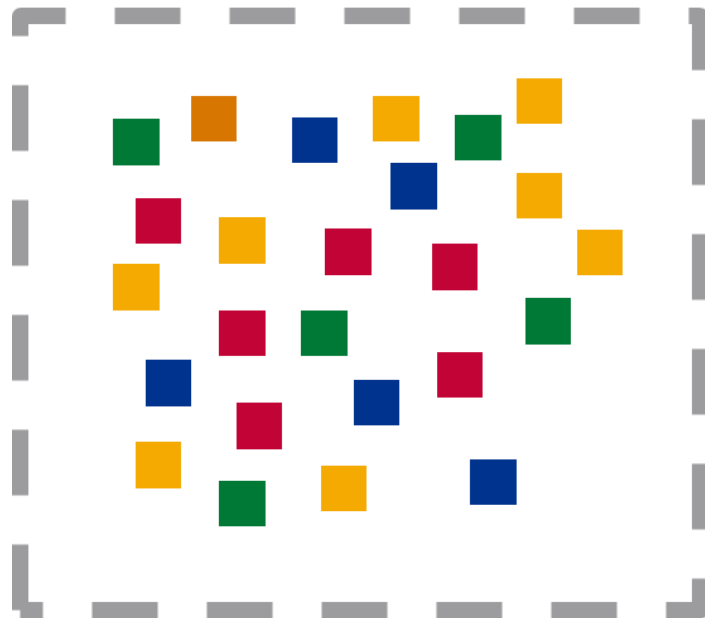


DIGITAL WORPLACE BLUEPRINT

From Legacy Systems to Digital Platforms

Legacy Systems

Disparate & Silo'd



Today

200+

19

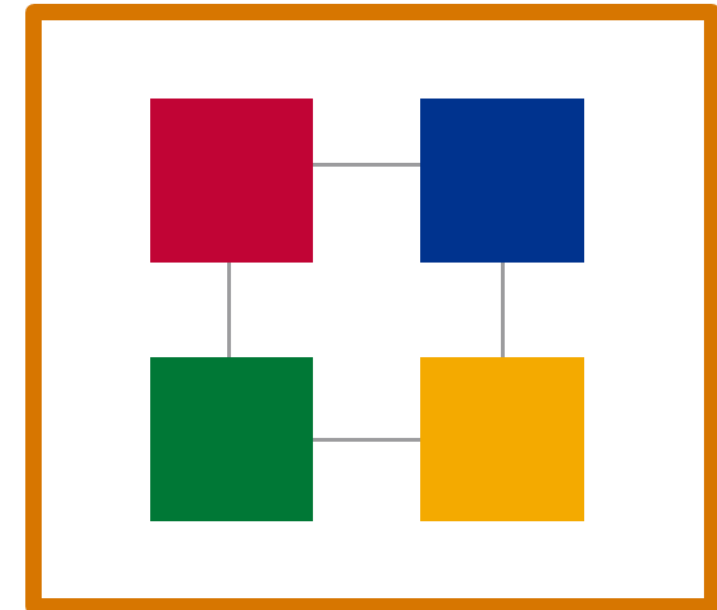


Mapping

Retain, Retire + Refresh

Digital Platforms

Tightly Integrated



Future

PNNL Digital Workplace

Scout / Hub / myPNNL – Digital Gateways to Everything ✓ ✓ ✓

Insight – Lab Operational Analytics ✓


Opportunity
Capture

Lab Assist



Project Central
(Work Execution & Close)

DataHub – Scientific Data Management ✓


People Portal

Assets ✓

Facilities ✓

Access & Visitors ✓

Connected@PNNL – Collaboration & Personal Productivity Tools ✓

TechDesk – Digital Workplace Support ✓

Back
Office
Platforms

Assurance

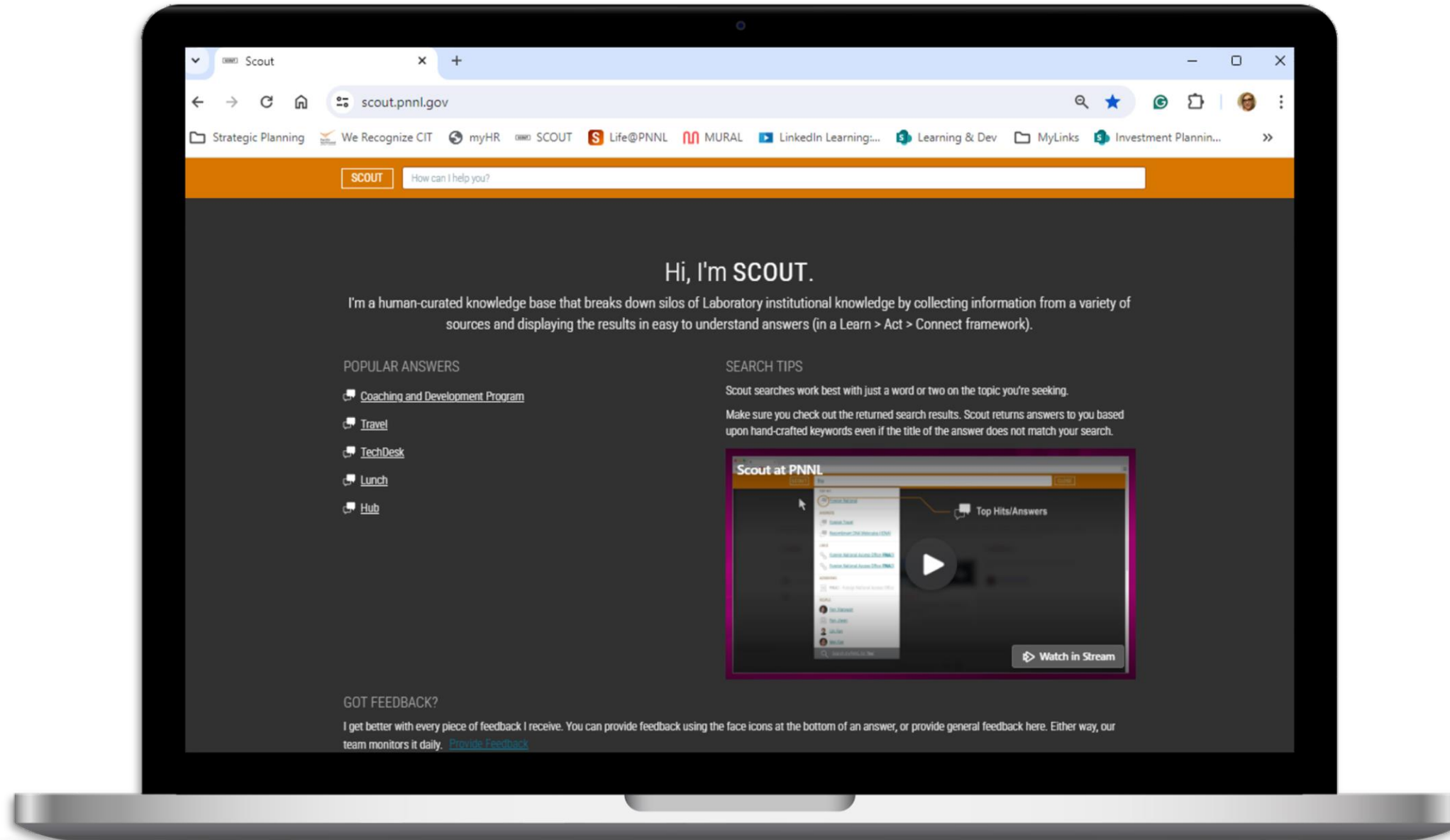
Business 

Human
Resources 

Information

Operations

DEMO



SCOUT How can I help you?

Hi, I'm SCOUT.

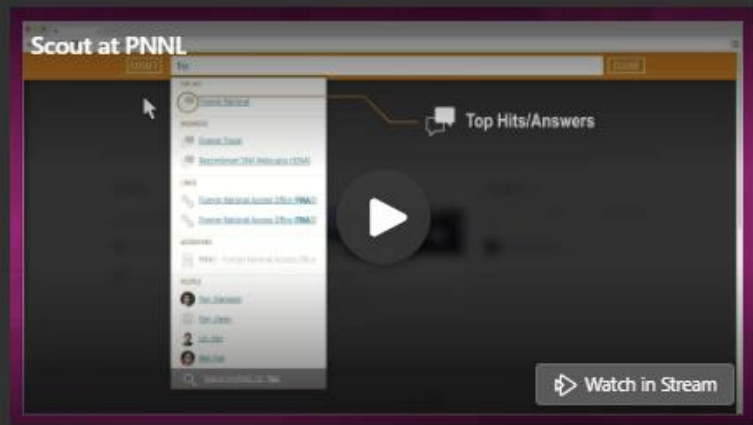
I'm a human-curated knowledge base that breaks down silos of Laboratory institutional knowledge by collecting information from a variety of sources and displaying the results in easy to understand answers (in a Learn > Act > Connect framework).

POPULAR ANSWERS

- Coaching and Development Program
- Maps
- Hub
- Lunch
- TechDesk

SEARCH TIPS

Scout searches work best with just a word or two on the topic you're seeking. Make sure you check out the returned search results. Scout returns answers to you based upon hand-crafted keywords even if the title of the answer does not match your search.



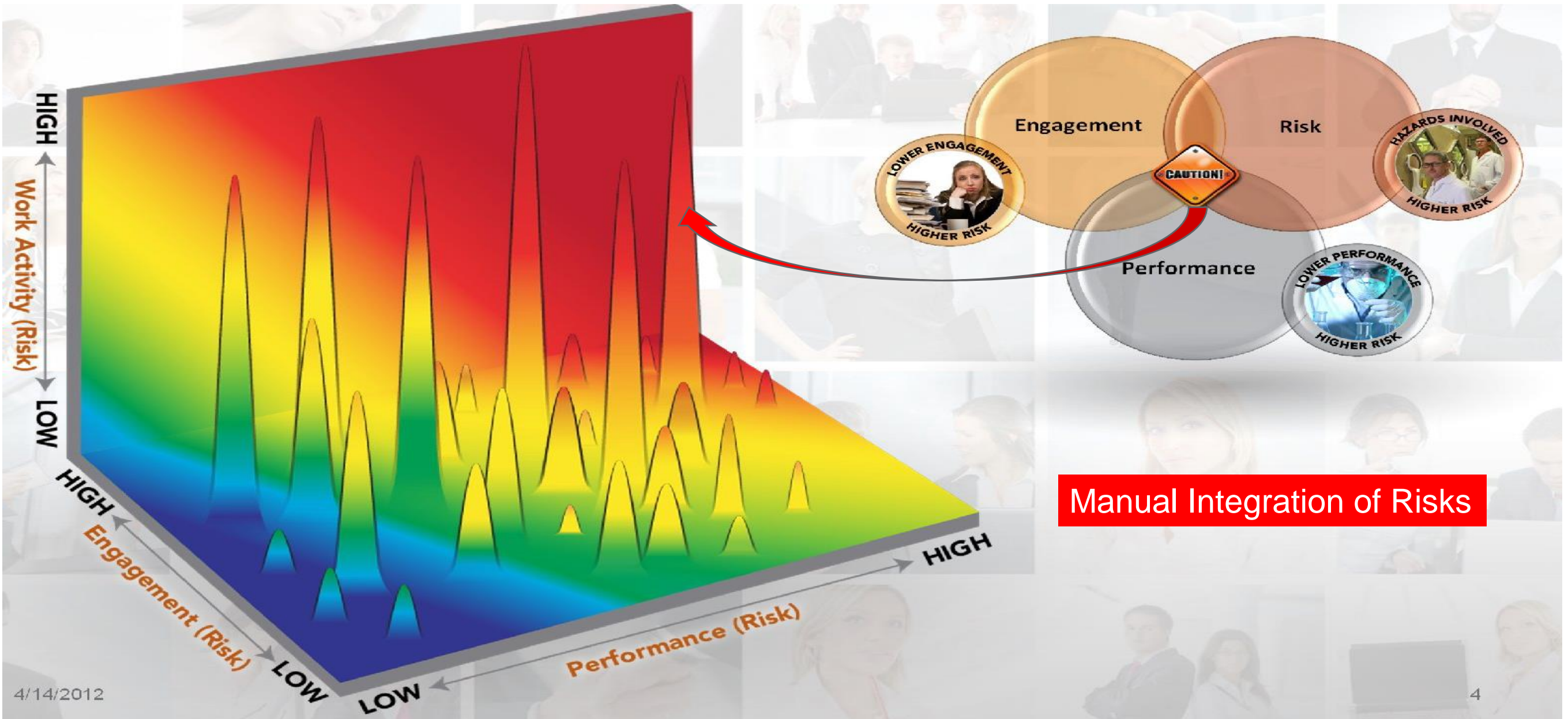
GOT FEEDBACK?

I get better with every piece of feedback I receive. You can provide feedback using the face icons at the bottom of an answer, or provide general feedback here. Either way, our team monitors it daily. [Provide Feedback](#)

Predicting a “Bad Day” (circa 2012)



Model prediction lies at the convergence of risks



PNNL Operational Risks and Trends (PORT)

Deliver timely, actionable data to inform operational decision-making, preventing realized risks



Updates to “Bad Day” Analysis

- ✓ Operating Model
- ✓ Line Manager Model
- ✓ Lab Assist
- ✓ PNNL Workplace Survey
- ✓ PowerBI and data modernization
- ✓ Safe Conduct of Research
- ✓ Standardized of Risk Assessments
- ✓ M&O Program Critical Controls
- ✓ Integrated Capability Management
- ✓ Operational Control Limits

Digital platform provides more efficient and sustainable performance analysis and reporting



Directorate Risk Index



National Security
PN000

Phys Detect Systems & Deploy
PN300

AI & Data Analytics
PN400

Emerging Threats & Tech
PN500

Nuclear, Chemistry & Biology
PN700

Chief Science & Technology
PN200

Detection Physics
PN310 PN312 PN314 PN316
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Applied AI Systems
PN410 PN412 PN414
PN411 PN413 PN415

Cyber Analysis & Analytics
PN510 PN511 PN512 PN513 PN514 PN515

Applied Radiation & Detection
PN710 PN711 PN712 PN713 PN714 PN715

Program Development Office
PN600 PN620 R. R.
PN610 PN630

Disruptive Technology
PN320 PN321 PN323 PN324 PN325

Math, Stats, & Data Sci

Cyber Resilience Foundatons
PN620 PN621 PN622 PN623 PN624

Chemical & Biological Signat
PN720 PN721 PN722 PN723

Chief Operating Officer
PN800

Engineered Material
PN330 PN331 PN332 PN333

Advanced Engineered Systems
PN340 PN342 PN344 PN346
PN341 PN343 PN345

Operations Office
PN110 PN111

Operational Readiness
PN350 PN352 PN354 PN356
PN351 PN353 PN355

CI Program Team
PN130 PN131 PN132

Systems Integration
PN360 PN362 PN365 PN367
PN361 PN364

Technology Integration
PN370 PN372 PN374
PN371 PN373 PN375

PORT ⓘ

Directorate Risk Index Team Risk Model

Powered by INSIGHT

Risk Index is determined by primary risk sources and risk amplifiers

Team Risk Index

92%

Team Risk Index Details

Metric	Actual	Weight
WPC	33	35
Hazards	27	35
Team Size	4	6
Op Culture	2	6
Team Eng	0	6
New Hires	0	6
Staff Left	0	6

Work Planning & Control 93%

Team Operational Culture 38%

Team Engagement 0%

LTE Team Size 0%

Hazards 77%

FTE Team Size 64%

New Hires 0%

Staff Left Dept 85%

Team Risk Model

MAINTAIN WATCH ACT NOT IN MODEL

Thank you

