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Advanced Support Concepts



Advanced Service Concepts

- Evergreen
- Excellence
- Diagnostic Center



Evergreen, The Concept

- Lifecycle extension model
 - Eliminate wholesale system replacements
 - Eliminate major project aspect to system upgrades
 - Reduce lifecycle cost
 - Upgraded image available at Client convenience



The Approach

- Constant incremental upgrades
 - Client image maintained at latest shipping version
 - Server based enhancements added to client applications
 - Application health monitoring
 - Watchdog timers
 - Database consistency checks
 - Etc.



The Approach Cont.

- On an approximate annual basis
 - Move Scientech image of Client system to latest shipping R*TIME version
 - Incorporate OS revisions and upgrades as appropriate
 - Update Client Database
 - Build Client application in current version
 - Validate against documented validation suite





The Deliverables

- Update Change Report
- Validation Report
- Updated Electronic image



The Benefits

- Reduced Life-cycle cost
 - Eliminate Major Project Aspect to System Upgrade
 - Decreased on going maintenance
 - Maintain technically current staff knowledge
 - Reduce future aging workforce issues
- Fresh Technology
- Improving functionality



Excellence

- Advanced Proactive maintenance
 - Key focus: Patch Management (for current operating unit configuration)
 - Additional focus: Support Client troubleshooting
 - Improve Utility staff utilization



Excellence - Deliverables

- Recommended (certified)
 Operating System patches
- Security update recommendations



Diagnostic Center

- Scientech Central Monitoring
 - Monitor health of Client installation
 - Focus is computer infrastructure not plant operation
- Goal
 - Provide notice of failures or pending failures before system performance effects Operations
 - Monitor for resource and performance degradation
 - Off load plant staff from routine tasks



Questions?

