The Problem of Defense Procurement from a Point of View of the Titanium Industry

**Prevailing Hypothesis:**
Initial US Defense System Procurement does not adequately take system “life-cycle” costs into account. Thereby creating a situation where inferior materials are used to construct systems creating substantial future maintenance problems and added costs.
I propose to begin a thorough investigation into determining if this situation is correct. We have begun with the presentations given during this session.
If it is determined that this hypothesis is correct, I will begin to conduct a research effort to answer the following questions:

- What is the logic of the US Government in conducting procurement in such a manner?
- What are the laws and regulations that mandate procurement be conducted in such a manner?
- What are the Congressional Committees that would have oversight of the situation?
- What are the Executive Branch (Department of Defense) departments that have responsibilities in regard to such procurement and maintenance of systems that would be effected by this situation?
Then I will attempt to draw up a roadmap of what should be done to correct the situation.

- What laws and regulations need to be changed?
- Who can help make these changes, Congress and Department of Defense?
- What other specific actions would be needed?
- What is the position of the OEMs?
- Are there entrenched interests that would oppose such actions?
- How would those interests be countered?
Anyone Want to Help Me?

- Did I miss anything in my outline?
- Any comments and/or questions?