

## NSRP Project: Knowledge Provisioning to Improve and Simplify ABS Digital Compliance

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## Agenda

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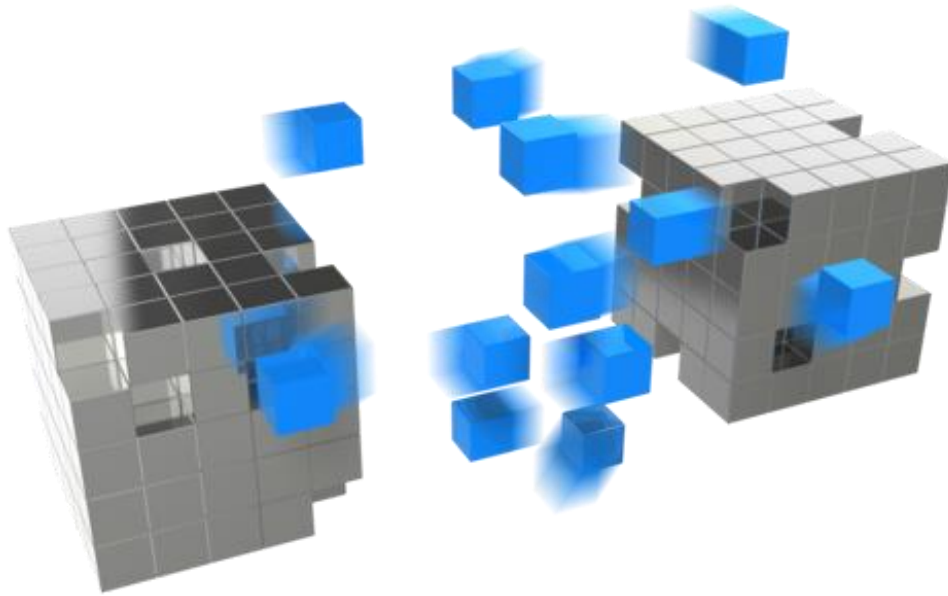
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## Project Overview



# Project Team Members

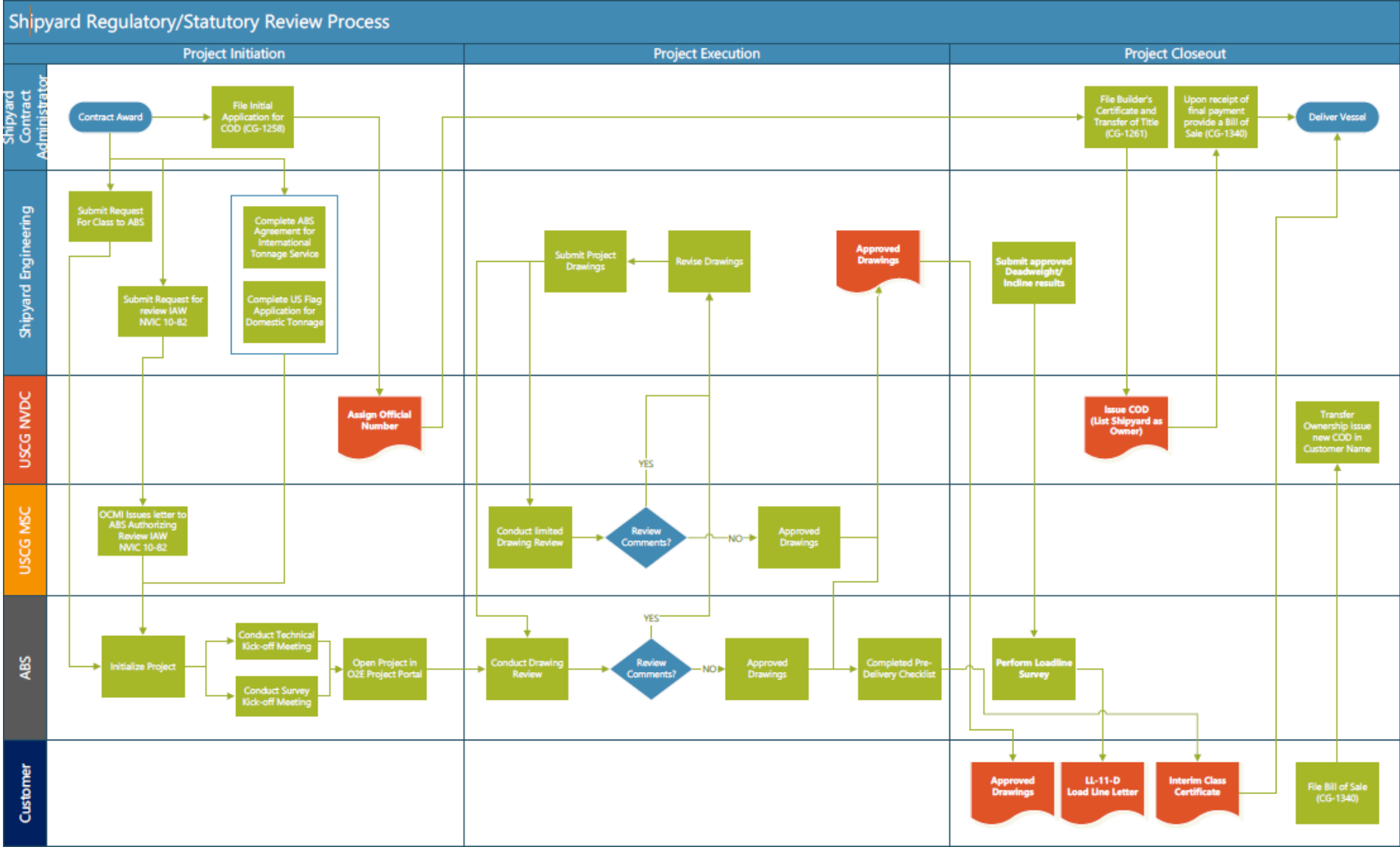
- Conrad Shipyard, LLC
- ABS – American Bureau of Shipping
- Auros Knowledge Systems, LLC
- Hepinstall Consulting Group
- Victoria Dlugokecki, P.E.
- John Walks – Ingalls (PTR)
- Nick Laney – ATI (Technical Manager)

# Overall Project Objective



Improve and simplify the ABS compliance process through digital provisioning and compliance capture using Knowledge Aware techniques

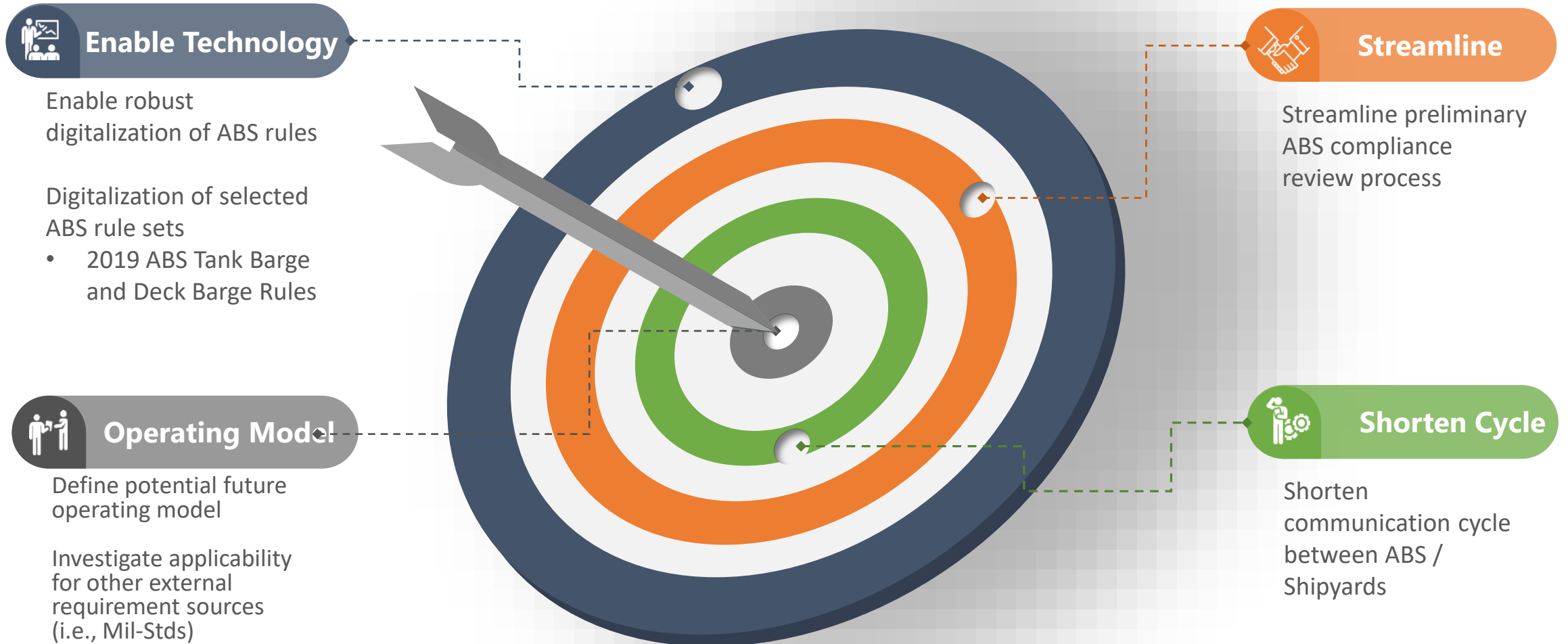
# Problem Statement



# Advantages

- Simplify ABS Regulatory Compliance
- Rules are Active vs Passive
- Single Source of Truth
- Rules are always current
- Eliminate building checklists and calc sheets
- Ultimately link into CAD for Compliance Validation

# Project Deliverables and Goals





## Knowledge Aware and Knowledge Provisioning



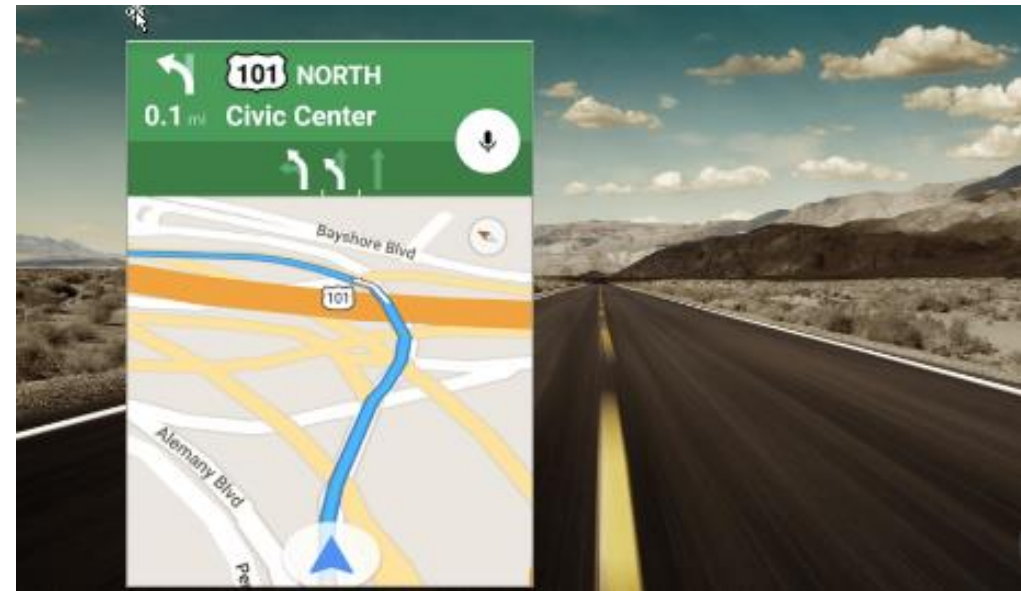
# Knowledge Aware (KA)

**'Knowledge Aware' represents a fundamental shift in how knowledge is managed and provisioned.**



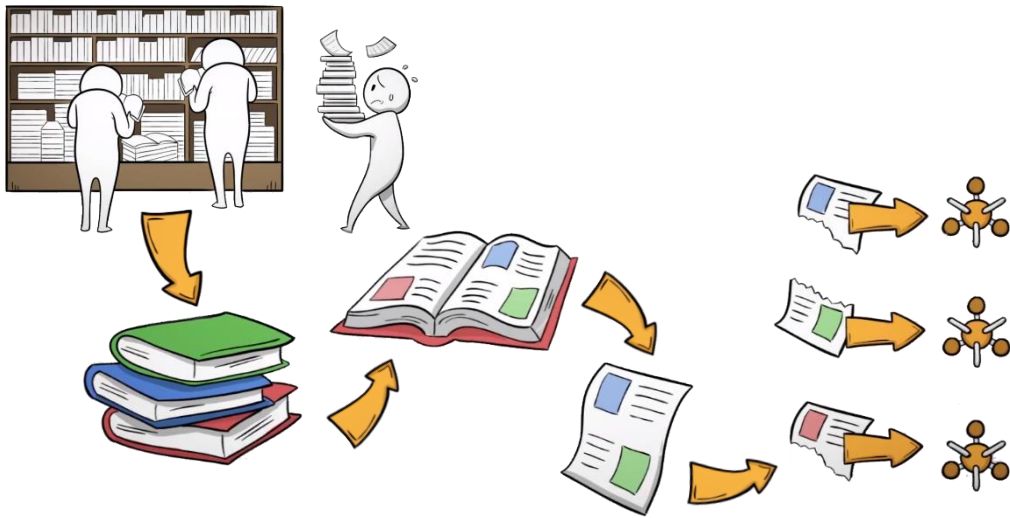
**Static**  
**Immediately out of date**  
**Impossible to use while driving**

**Dynamic**  
**Easy to use**  
**Provisions directions as needed**  
**Provide insights from other drivers**



# Knowledge Packets

Existing  
Documentation  
& Know-How



Knowledge  
Packets (K-PACs)

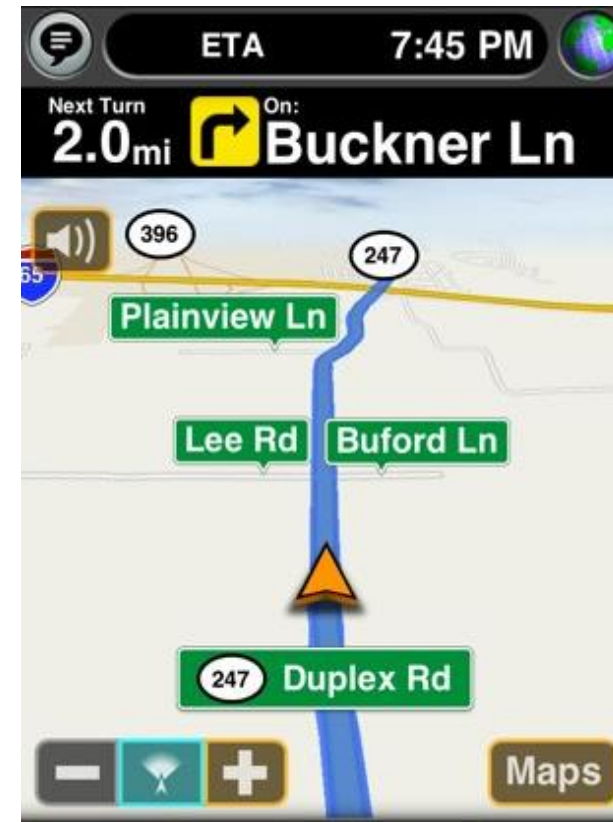
# Assessment Controls



# Knowledge Packet & Assessment Control Technologies



Knowledge Packets



Assessment Control

# Knowledge Aware for Regulatory Compliance

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CHAPTER 2 Hull Structures and Arrangements

SECTION 1 Longitudinal Strength

1 General

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3 Longitudinal Hull Girder Strength

3.1 Strength Standard

The required hull girder section modulus  $SM_L$  amidships, to the deck and bottom is to be obtained from the following equation:

$$SM_L = KSM_0 \text{ cm}^3 - \text{m}(\text{in}^2 - \text{ft}^3)$$

where

$$K = 0.629 + M_0 / (f_y SM_0) \text{ but is not to be taken less than } 1.0$$
$$M_0 = \text{maximum still-water bending moment in the governing loaded or ballasted condition in kN-m (ft-k, Lf-ft). When still-water bending moment calculations are not submitted, } K \text{ will be taken as } 1.0.$$
$$f_y = 17.5 \text{ kN/cm}^2 (1.784 \text{ tf/cm}^2, 11.33 \text{ Ltf/in}^2)$$
$$SM_0 = C_1 C_2 L^2 B (C_3 + 0.7) \text{ cm}^3 - \text{m (in}^3 - \text{ft}^3)$$

$C_1 = 4.11$	$30 \leq L < 45 \text{ m}$
$= 16.33(L/100)^2 - 15.47(L/100) + 7.77$	$45 \leq L < 95 \text{ m}$
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$= 10.75 - \left(\frac{L-1148}{292}\right)^{1.5}$	$1148 \leq L < 1640 \text{ ft}$

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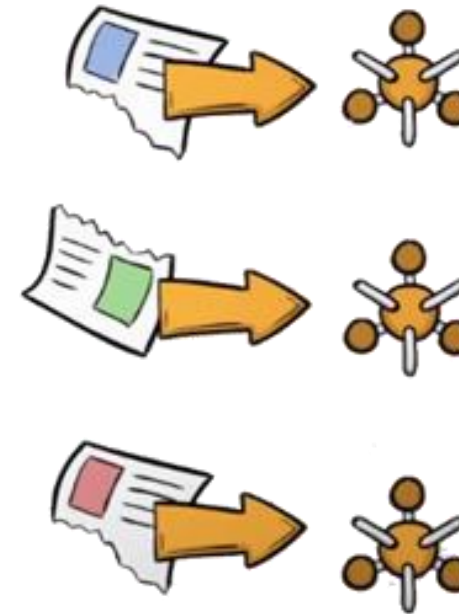
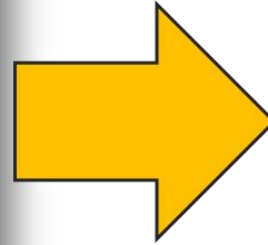
5 Hull Girder Moment of Inertia

The hull girder moment of inertia  $I$  amidships is to be not less than obtained from the following equation:

$$I = 0.03SM_L L \text{ cm}^4 - \text{m}^4(\text{in}^4 - \text{ft}^4)$$

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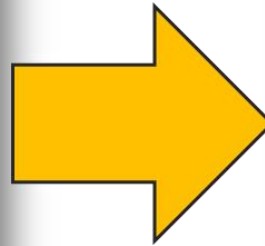
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$$I = 0.035M_o L \text{ cm}^4 - m^2(\text{m}^2 - h^2)$$

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K-PAC Detail View - Chrome

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2019\_BR-99 Vehicle Loading (2014)

ABS Rule

DETAILS

RELATIONS

TEAMS

DISCUSSIONS

Description

Vehicle Loading (2014)

Where provision is to be made for the operation or stowage of vehicles having rubber tires, and after all other requirements are met, the thickness of deck plating is to be not less than obtained from the following equation:

$$t = 25 \cdot 2 K n \sqrt{C W} \text{ mm}$$

$$t = K n \sqrt{C W} \text{ in.}$$

where

$$K = [21.99 + 0.316(a/s)^2 - 5.328(a/s) + 2.6(a/s)(b/s) - 0.895(b/s)^2 - 7.624(b/s)] 10^{(-2)}, \text{ derived from the curves indicated in 3-2-3/17 FIGURE 1}$$

$n = 1.0$  where  $\ell/s \geq 2.0$  and  $0.85$  where  $\ell/s = 1.0$ , for intermediate values of  $\ell/s$ ,  $n$  is to be obtained by interpolation.

$C = 1.5$  for wheel loads of vehicles stowed at sea and  $1.1$  for vehicles operating in port

$W$  = static wheel load, in tonnes (tons)

$a$  = wheel imprint dimension, in mm (in.), parallel to the longer edge,  $\ell$ , of the plate panel

$b$  = wheel imprint dimension, in mm (in.), perpendicular to the longer edge,  $\ell$ , of the plate panel

$s$  = spacing of the deck beams or deck longitudinals, in mm (in.)

$\ell$  = length of the plate panel, in mm (in.)

Additional Information

FIGURE 1 - Wheel Loading Curves of K

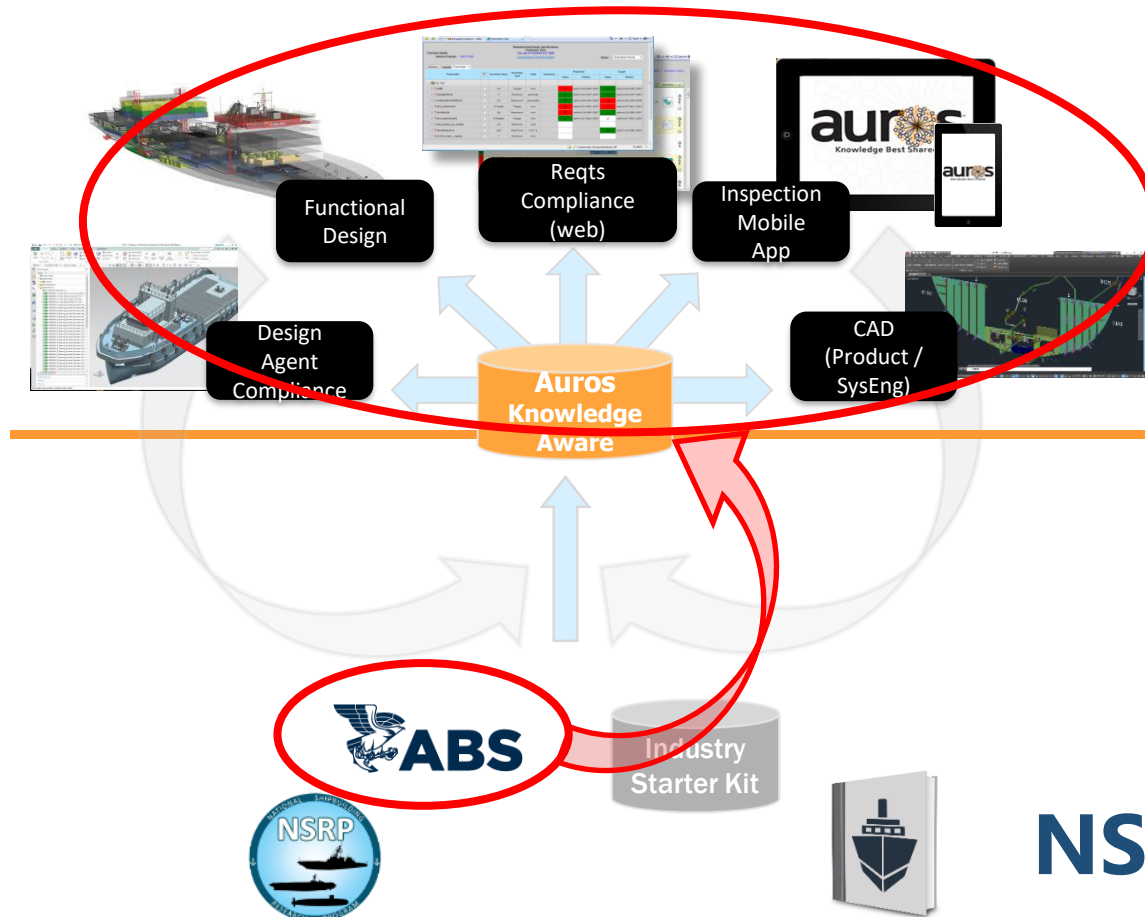
Value Table

Vehicle Type	Vehicle load Plate Thickness Required	K	n	C	Vehicle load Plate Thickness Actual
"wheel_loads_of_vehicles_stowed_at_sea"	$K n \sqrt{C W}$	$[21.99 + 0.316(a/s)^2 - 5.328(a/s) + 2.6(a/s)(b/s) - 0.895(b/s)^2 - 7.624(b/s)] 10^{(-2)}$	1.0	1.5	$t_{deckplate\_vehicle\_loaded\_required}$
"vehicles_operating_in_port"	$K n \sqrt{C W}$	$[21.99 + 0.316(a/s)^2 - 5.328(a/s) + 2.6(a/s)(b/s) - 0.895(b/s)^2 - 7.624(b/s)] 10^{(-2)}$	1.0	1.1	$t_{deckplate\_vehicle\_loaded\_required}$
Reference	Derived Value	Derived Value	Derived Value	Derived Value	Minimum
vehicle_type	$t_{deckplate\_vehicle\_loaded\_required}$	K	n	C	$t_{deckplate\_vehicle\_loaded\_actual}$

Other Info

Report Document

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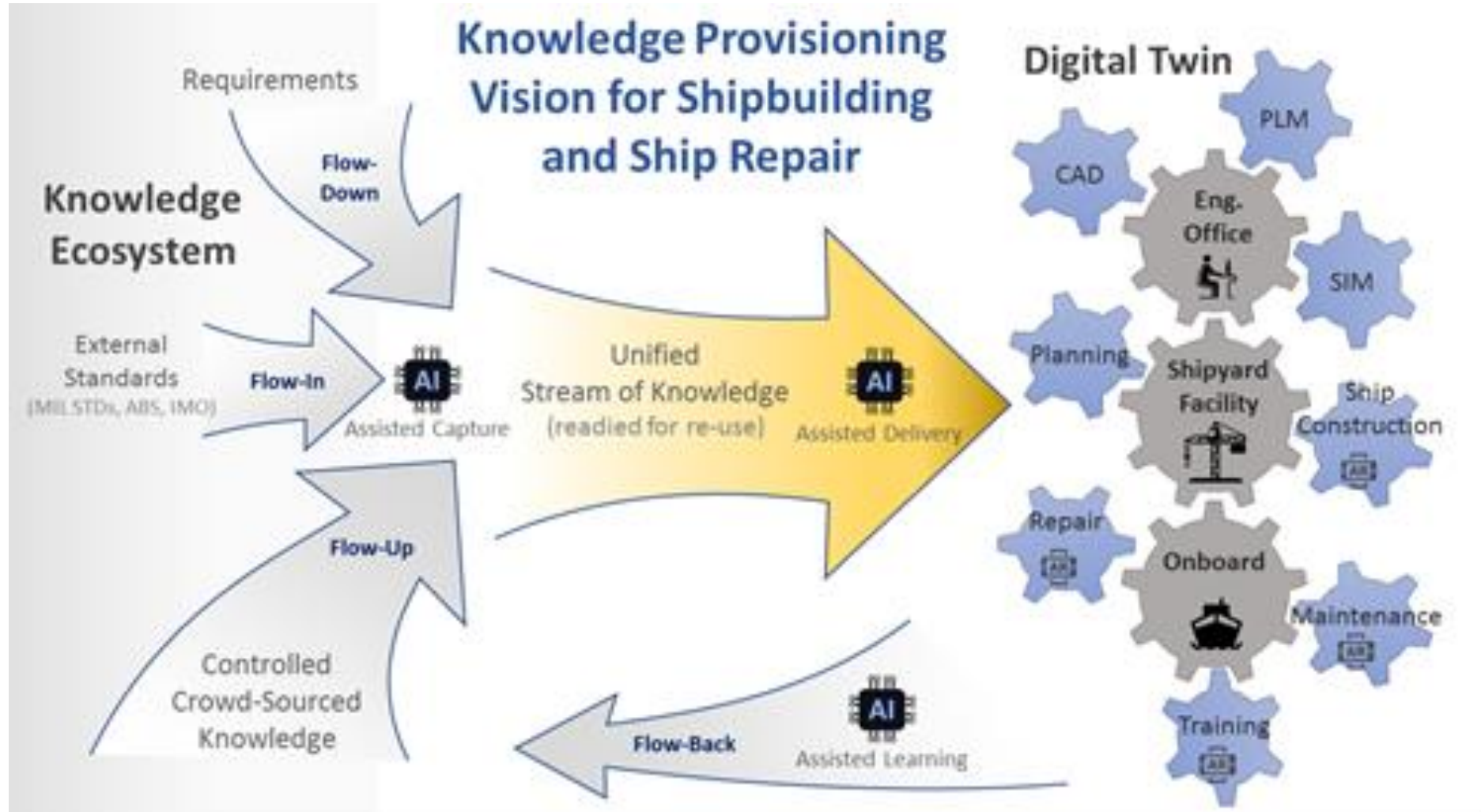
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# KP Vision for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair





**Project Results**



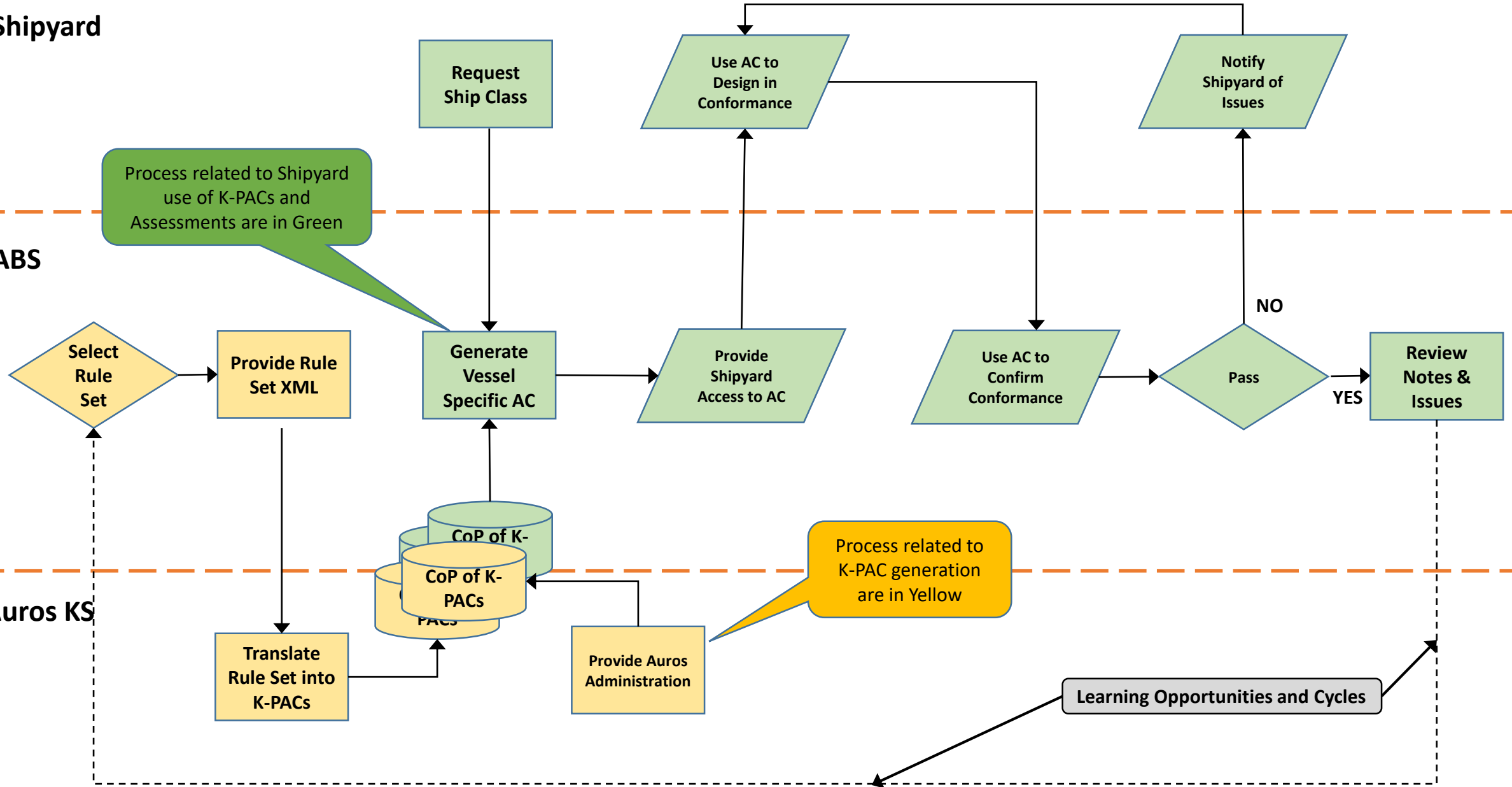
## Shipyards

## ABS

## Auros KS

Process related to Shipyard use of K-PACs and Assessments are in Green

Process related to K-PAC generation are in Yellow

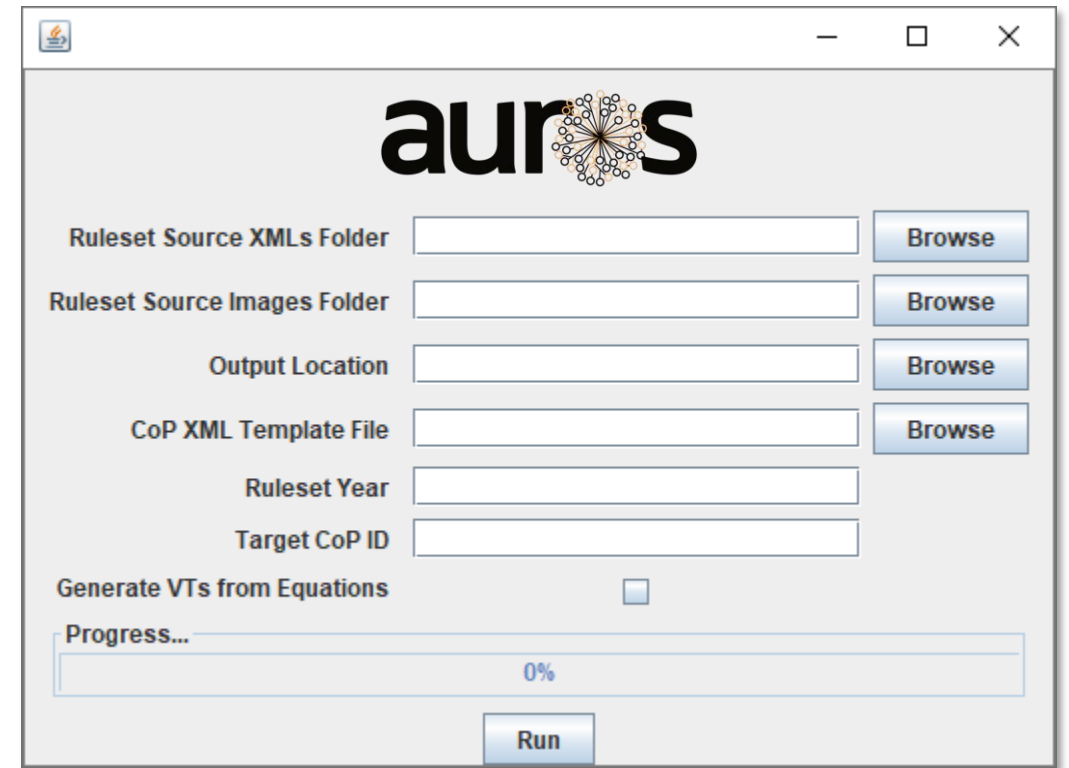


# Levels of Knowledge Packet Integration

- Tier 1
  - Rules converted into Knowledge Packets containing text and images
  - Non-executable
- Tier 2
  - Tier 1+
  - Executable equations (outside of CAD applications)
- Tier 3
  - Tier 2+
  - Executable equations with data exchange with CAD applications

# XML Translator

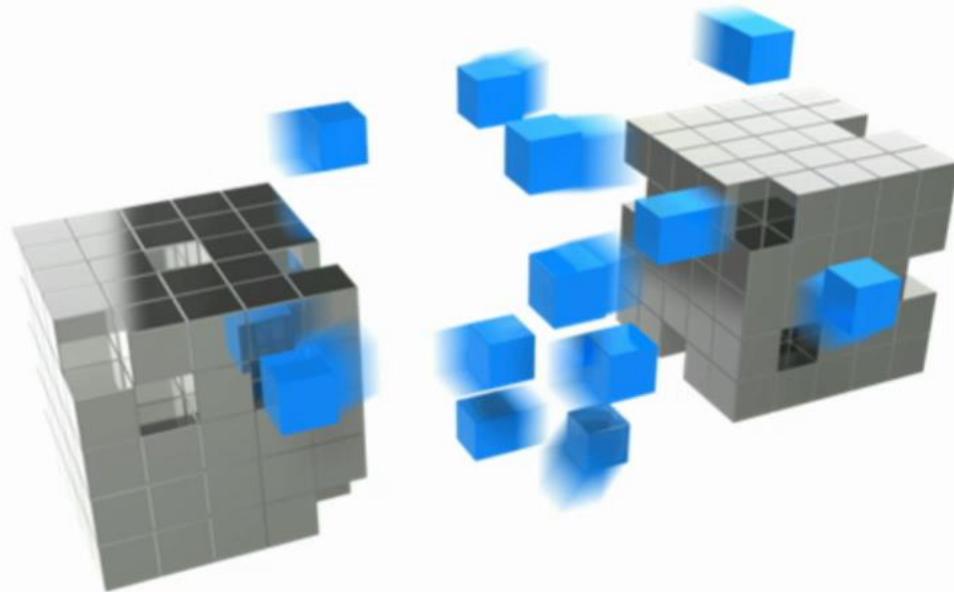
- Stand-alone Java based XML Translator application
- Converts ABS DITA XML source files meant for publication into Knowledge Packets
- Converts passive equations into dynamic executable rules



# ABS to K-PAC Translator Status

- Production Version of Translator Released December 2019
- Translated “ABS Steel Barges – 2019”
  - Chapters 3 & 5 (238 pages)
- Statistics
  - 31 ABS XML source files converted
  - Total of 507 Knowledge Packets
  - 75 Knowledge Packets included executable rules
  - Translator conversion time = 11 seconds

# XML Translator Demonstration



# Project Pilot



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**STEEL BARGES**  
**JANUARY 2019**

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# Pilot

Conducted at Conrad Shipyard, St. Rose Office, December 2019

- Pilot Participants
  - Conrad
    - Shaun Hunter
    - Britt Zeringue
    - Brent Blackburn
  - Auros Knowledge Systems
    - Steve Boisvert
    - Sean McEvilly
- Scope of Pilot
  - Single Hull
  - Functional Design (Shell Plating / Deck calculations)
- Knowledge Provisioning
  - 27 Assessments Generated
  - ~1 Minute to Create 27 Assessments
  - 21 K-PAC Evaluations Completed
- Pilot Learnings
  - Enhancement Required to Create Input Parameter Instances

# Metrics

- Current Process
  - Time to create Hull Scantling XLS-based calc tool – 1 month
  - Time to calculate Hull Scantlings– 40 hours
- Knowledge Provisioning Process
  - Time to create Auros assessments / quantity of assessments
    - ~1 Minute to Create and Provision 27 Assessments
  - Time to calculate Hull Scantlings
    - Unable to measure during pilot (Software enhancement required to create input parameters instances – Auros IQ4 release 09/2020)
    - Anticipated time reduction of 70% - 90% to calculate Hull Scantlings

# Project Deliverables / Outcomes

- XML translator to automate digitization of ABS rules
- 4 Auros Software Enhancements Identified and Incorporated for ABS Rule Provisioning & Assessment
- ABS Authoring Best Practices Guide to Enable Digitization
- Memorandum of Understanding between ABS and Auros, LLC, scheduled to be signed Spring 2020, to:
  - Digitize and Provision ABS Rule Sets
  - Develop Roadmap to enable Provisioning of Tier 2 & Tier 3 K-PACs

# Application for Mil Stds Provisioning

- Translator approach used for ABS rules (XML files) is not applicable to Mil-Stds
- Mil Stds Source Media includes:
  - Word Files
  - PDF
  - Hard Copy
  - Others
- Utilize recent advances in AI to parse and structure unstructured content – Approved RA Project (TOA 2020-302)

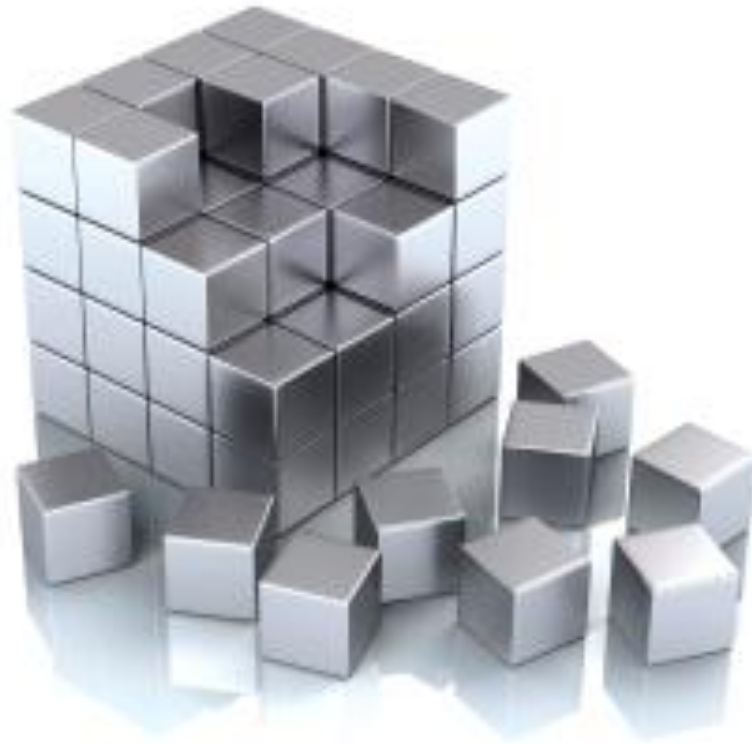
# Evidence of Value

- ABS / Auros Memorandum of Understanding
- Digitalization of ABS Rules includes executable Elements replacing the need to create calculation sheets
- Project Specific Tailored Ruleset can be provisioned rather than an entire Ruleset
- Provides pathway to Automated Compliance Check in CAD



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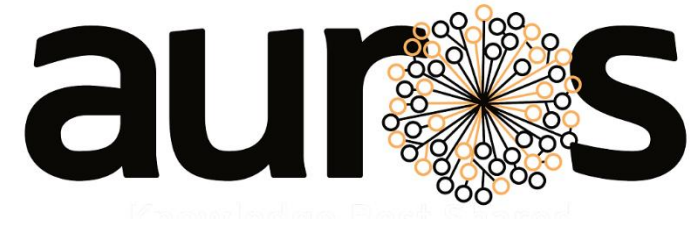


**Next Steps**



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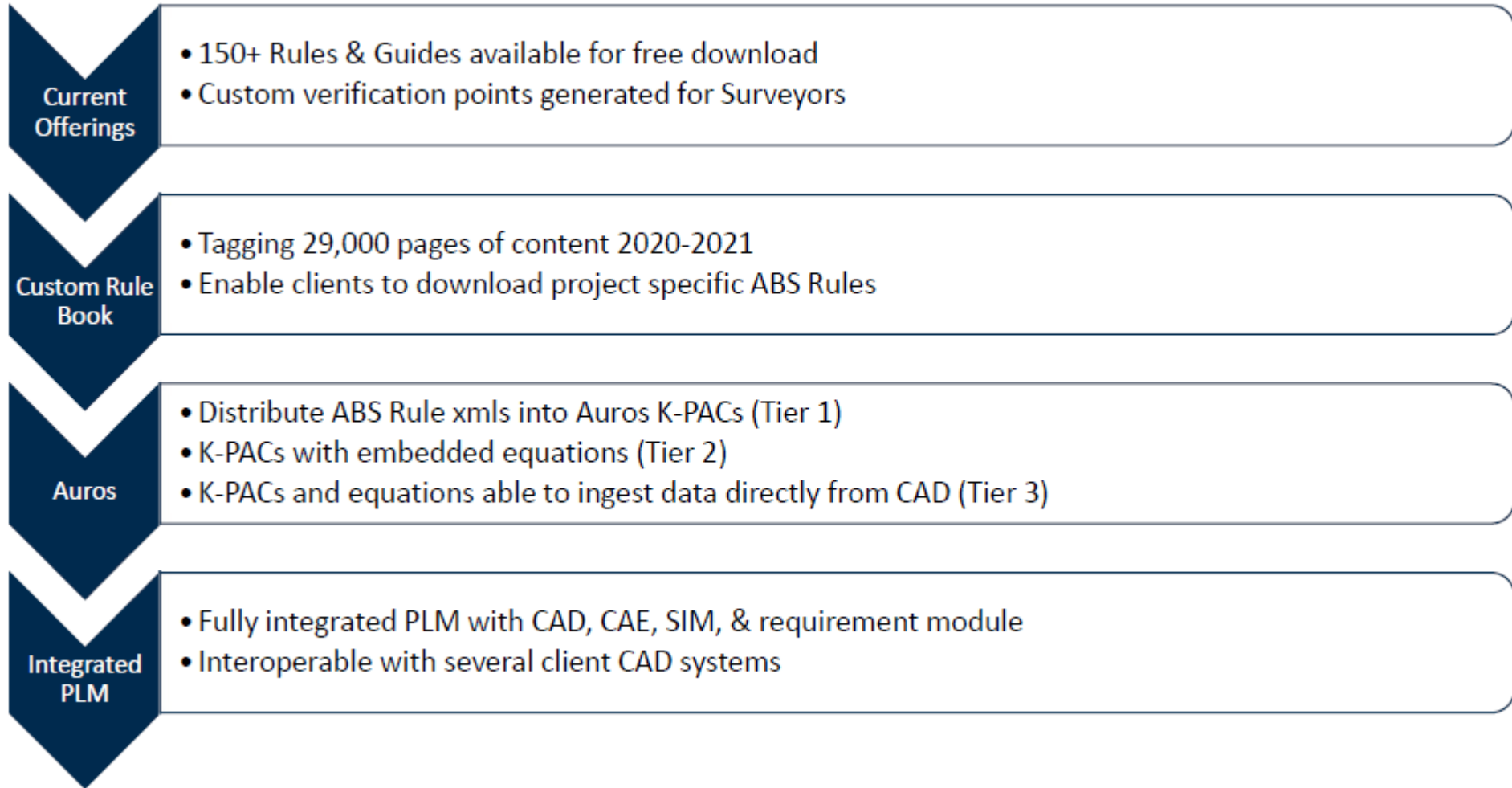
## ABS / Auros Operating Model



# ABS / Auros Operating Agreement

- Purpose:
  - Provide ABS Rules as Knowledge Packets organized in Assessment Controls
- Operating Model is Under Development but will cover:
  - Software Development and Maintenance
  - Conversion of Rules to Knowledge Packets
  - Generation of Assessment Controls on demand

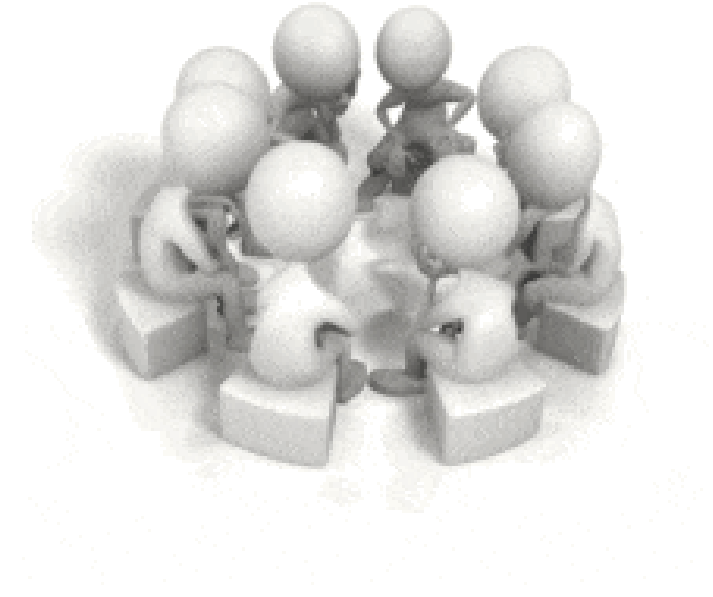
# ABS Digital Vision



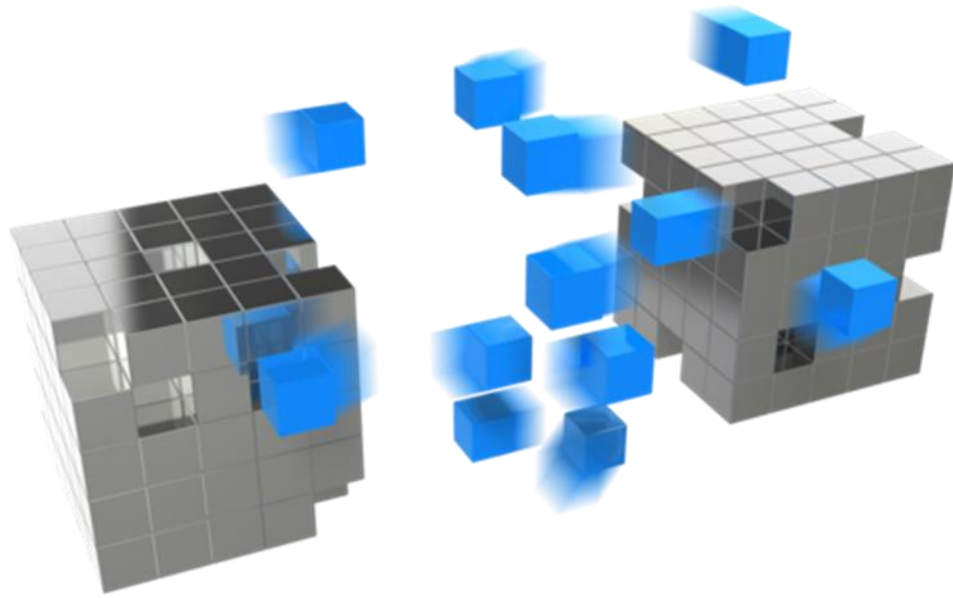
# Phased Rollout

- Tier 1
  - Available once Operating Agreement is Finalized
- Tier 2
  - Phased in by Ruleset as:
    - Authoring Best Practices are Applied
    - Continued development of Translator as New Patterns are Identified with each Ruleset
- Tier 3
  - Phased in by Ruleset as:
    - Parameter Naming Convention included in Rulesets
    - Continued development of Translator to incorporate Parameter Naming Convention with each Ruleset
    - Availability of Applicable CAD Connectors
      - ShipCon Connector
      - Other CAD Connectors are already available

# Questions and Comments



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# Thank You