

Air Force A8-XP Creates Efficient Collaboration by Utilizing Decision Lens



THE ORGANIZATION

A8-XP is the strategic planning division of the Air Force. It focuses on orchestrating their annual integration effort to prioritize and allocate resources in their 30-year plan. They capture input from lead command, agency, and core function stakeholders across the Air Force, as the sentence dictates, and have managed this process in alignment with the Strategic Prioritization Framework (SPF).



THE PROBLEM

ALIGNMENT. It was becoming a major time suck and uphill battle aligning core functions and groups of people around a common corporate view, all while not getting lost in individual priorities. Their current process was not flexible enough to handle on-the-fly adjustments while still accounting for the long-term payout of the programs.



THE SOLUTION

STRUCTURE AND RIGOR. The Decision Lens platform enabled the Air Force to develop an enterprise perspective by initiating a common, objective framework for senior Air Force leaders to make key decisions around - specifically related to POM decisions and longer-term, strategic planning choices. This framework made it easy to manipulate and update data, which helped them look at resource decisions across multiple time periods, both mid-term and long-term.



THE RESULTS

VISIBILITY. With a structured process and flexible framework in place, Air Force A8-XP could now more easily understand trade off implications no matter the scope of the initiative. By having multiple ways to review scenario comparisons results, it was easier for them to clearly present resource trade-offs to stakeholders. They have been able to prioritize over 200 initiatives related to major Air Force programs thanks to their new Decision Lens.