Welcome to the Software Engineering Institute. I'd like to extend my greetings and express the hope that your visit is informative, pleasant, and productive.

If this is your first contact with the SEI, you may be interested in the following background information. The Software Engineering Institute is a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC). Our organization was formed in 1984 in response to the need for advances across all phases of the software engineering process. It is operated by Carnegie Mellon University, under contract with the Department of Defense. Our main directives include bringing the ablest professional minds and the most effective technology to bear on the rapid improvement of the quality of operational software in mission-critical computer systems, exploring and disseminating technology, and establishing standards of excellence for software engineering practice.

We concentrate most of our effort on technology transition, although we are actively involved with technology generation as well. Our approach is to shift software engineering from a labor-intensive basis to a technology-intensive basis through automation based on sound models and theories, and to concentrate on technology transition throughout the managerial, professional, legal, economic, and computational facets of software engineering. Programs at the SEI provide a framework for coordinated efforts within defined areas of technology. They build a foundation to support continued improvement in an area of technology, to develop SEI expertise, and to facilitate the transition of technology and information into practice.

I hope your visit exceeds your expectation.

Sincerely,

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