OV-1 Quick-Start Development Guide

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Creating an OV-1 graphic involves several key steps that focus on capturing and communicating the overarching operational concept of a system or project. Creating an effective OV-1 graphic requires a clear understanding of the operational context and the ability to distill complex information into a format that is easy to understand for various stakeholders.

The goal is to provide a high-level, visual representation of the operational concept that aids in communication and decision-making. By visually summarizing key elements and interactions, OV-1 graphics help stakeholders grasp the essential aspects of complex operations quickly.

Here's a quick-start, step-by-step guide to creating an effective OV-1 graphic:

1. Define the Scope and Purpose

- Identify the operation or system you are describing.
- Define the scope of the operation, including geographical, functional, and temporal limits.
- Clarify the purpose of the graphic, which helps guide the content and detail level.

2. Gather Information

- Consult with stakeholders to understand their views, gather requirements, and compile supporting information.
- Review existing documentation related to the operation or system, such as mission statements, strategy documents, ICDs, and operational plans.

3. Identify Key Elements

- List main participants including organizations, units, sub-systems, and systems involved in the operation.
- Define the operational environment in which the activities will take place, including any geographical or environmental considerations such as littoral, arid, jungle, or LEO space.
- Detail the primary activities or missions that the operation encompasses.

4. Develop a Conceptual Layout

- Determine the format and size of the OV-1 and the manner in which it is to be presented and distributed (print media, electronic, briefings, whitepapers, proposals).
- Sketch a draft of how elements might be represented and interact. Review previously developed OV-1 graphic resources as examples, such as **VisualPros™** at www.WinningProposalVisuals.com.
- Decide on artwork, symbols, and notations to use, which might be standard military symbols, stock imagery, or more generic icons depending on the audience.

5. Design the Graphic

- Using specialized OV-1 graphics development software such as **VisualPros OV-1Pro™** and **VisualPros ezOV-1™** tools, arrange the main elements (participants, key elements, sub-systems, activities, environment, location) in a logical and visually coherent manner.
- Connect these elements with lines or arrows to show relationships and interactions.

6. Add Descriptive Elements

- Include brief descriptions or labels to explain roles, activities, sequence of actions, and interactions.
- Provide a legend if using specific symbols or colors that need explanation.
- Incorporate a title and any necessary annotations that provide context or clarify complex parts of the diagram.

7. Review and Refine

- Solicit feedback from stakeholders to ensure accuracy and clarity.
- Make revisions based on the feedback to improve the understandability and accuracy of the graphic.

8. Finalize and Distribute

- Finalize the graphic with any required aesthetic adjustments.
- Prepare accompanying documentation that explains the graphic in more detail if necessary.
- Distribute the final OV-1 graphic to all relevant stakeholders and include it in broader architectural documentation.