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# Quality in the Digital Age: CISQ and the Role of the SI in the Software Supply Chain

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# CEOs are Paying the Price for Poor IT Quality

**“British Airways’ chief executive Álex Cruz says he will not resign despite a “catastrophic” IT system failure that grounded scores of flights”**



**Paul Pester forced to stepping down as CEO of TSB after the disruption caused to millions of customers by the bank’s, very public, failed IT upgrade.**

**Former Equifax CEO Richard Smith says he is "deeply sorry" for the security breach in which sensitive personal information of as many as 143 million Americans was compromised.**

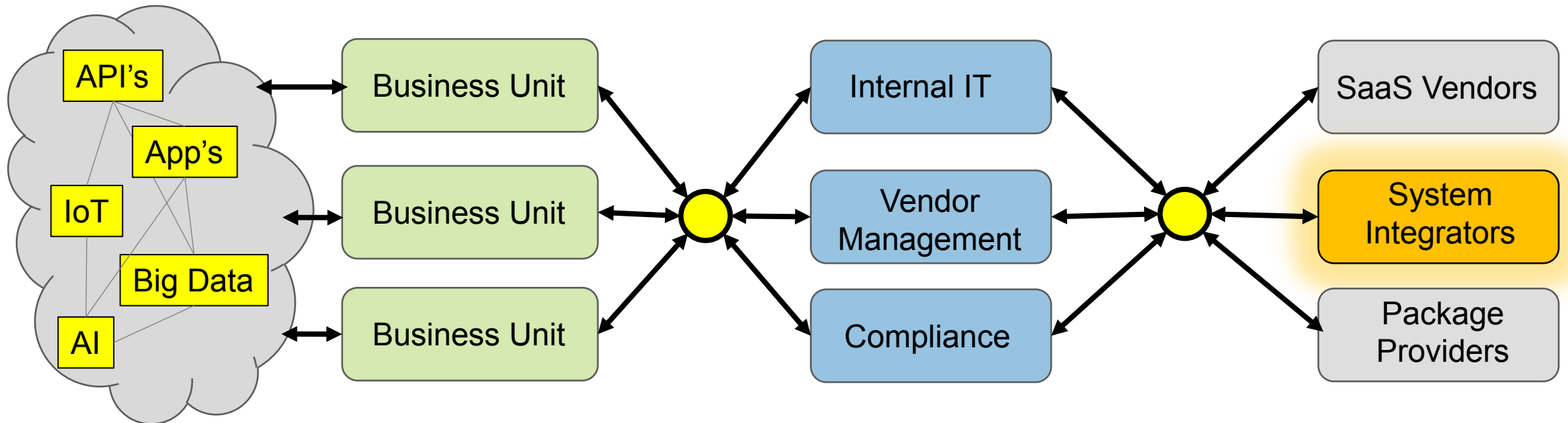


# Quality Starts With The System Integrator, They Build The Foundation Digital Business Is Based On

Service & Products

Demand Management

External Suppliers

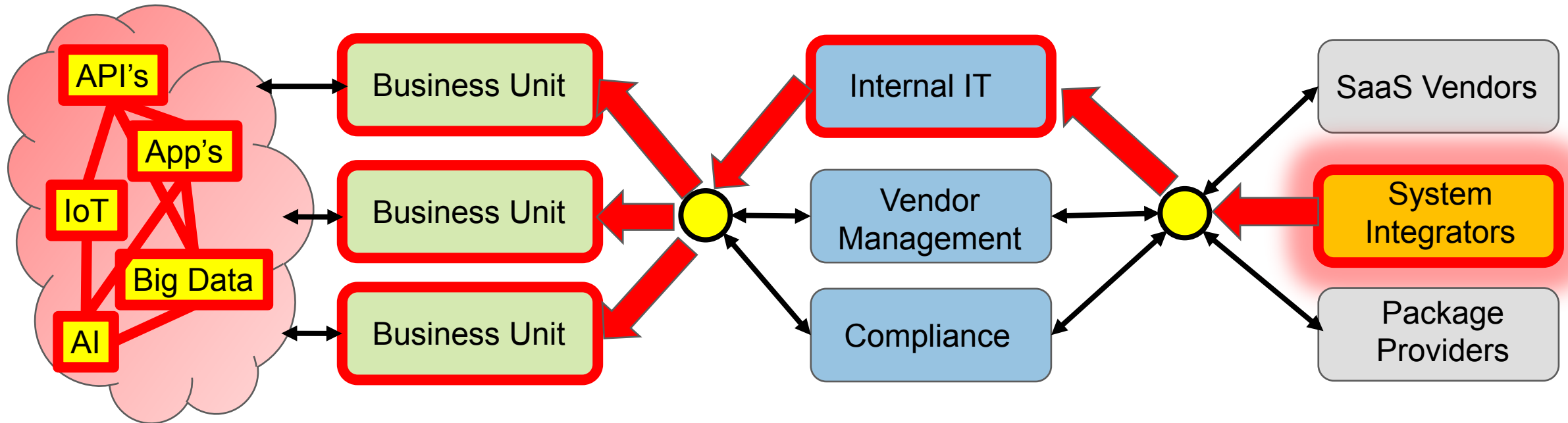


# Weaknesses and Vulnerabilities That Find Their Way Into Products & Services Have Devastating Effects

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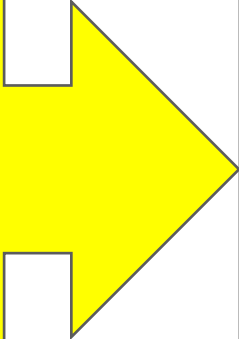
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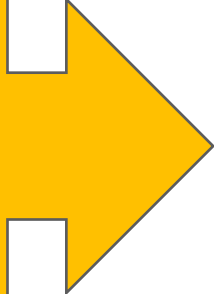
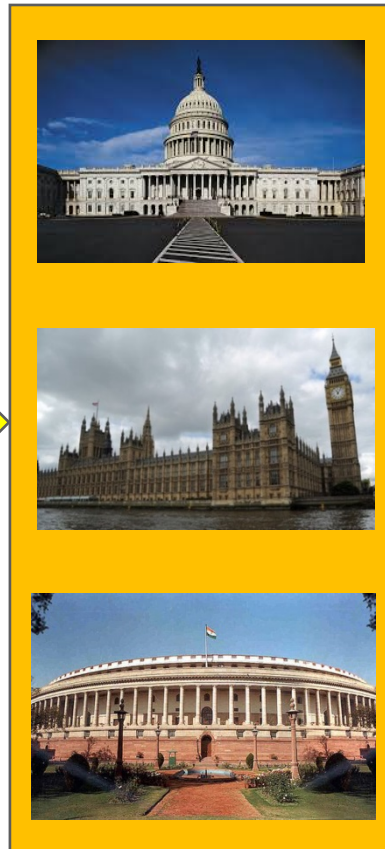


# Self-Regulation Is Failing, and The Pressure Is Building In The Boardroom

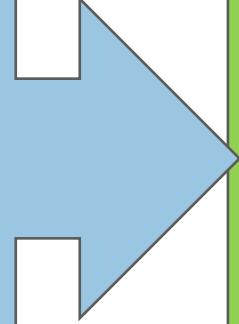
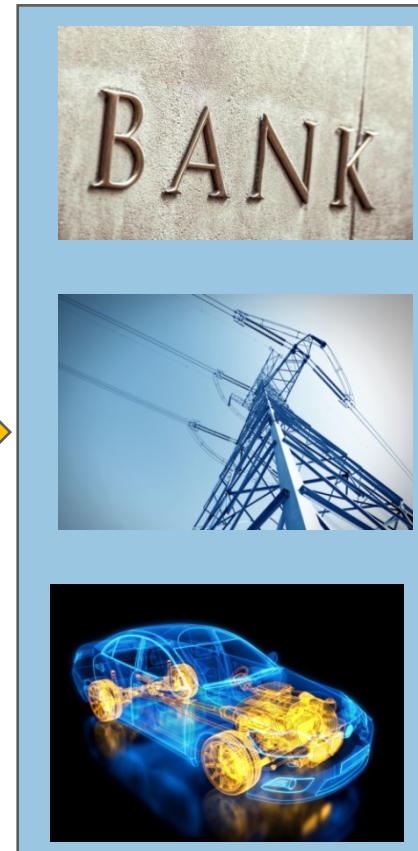
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Markets &  
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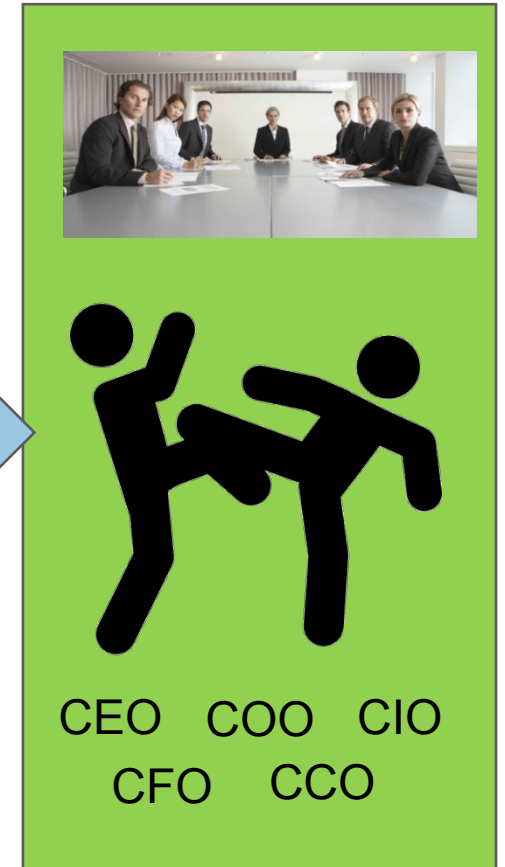
**Lead To  
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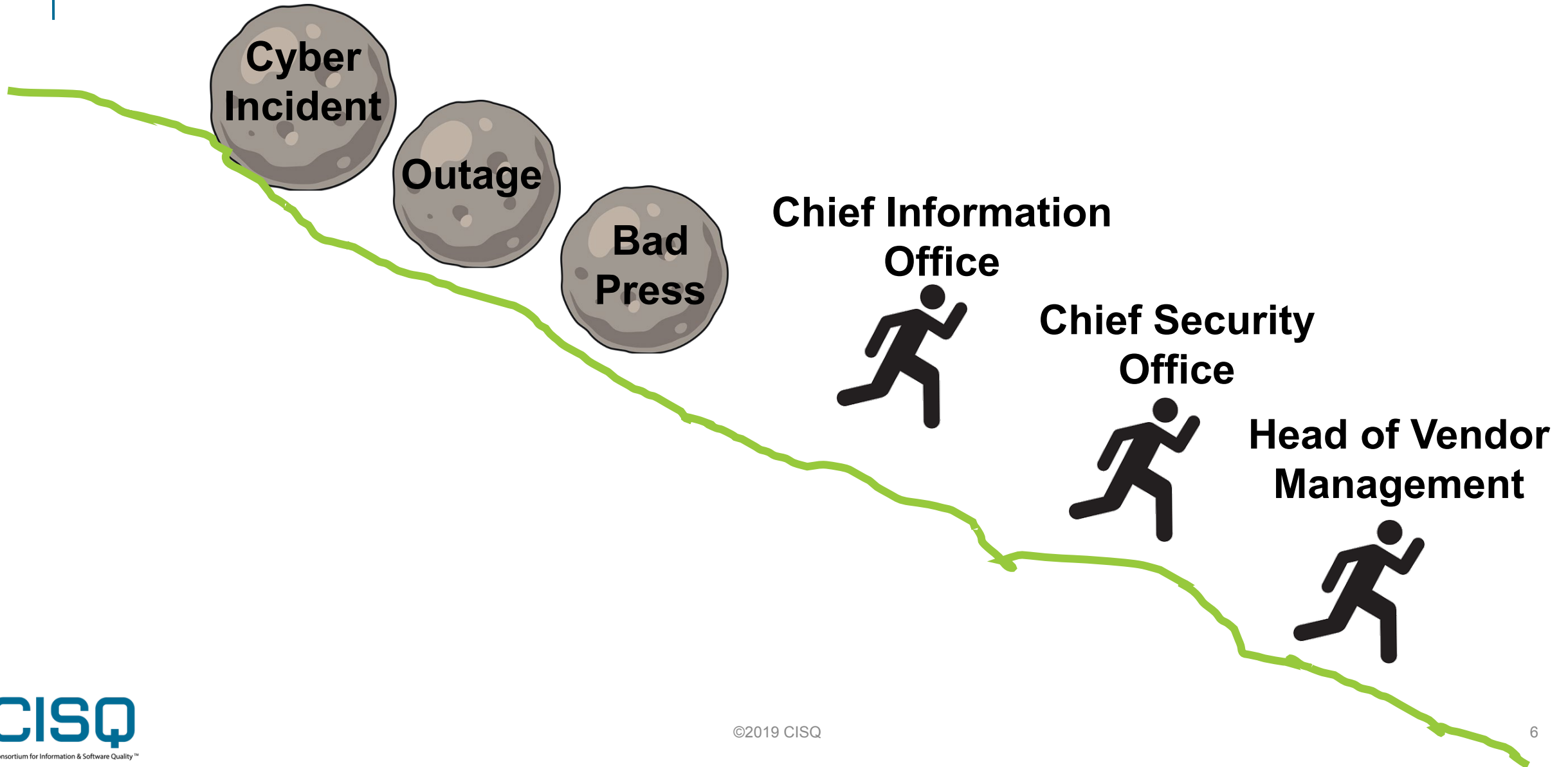
**Regulators Forced  
To Act**



**Recrimination In  
The Boardroom**



# The Blame Roles Down Hill



# If The CIO Has To Throw Someone To The Wolves Its Normally The External – Rightly or Wrongly



*Banks blame 3<sup>rd</sup> party software for outage*

*SI let us down, sorry*

*It was not us, it was them*

# SI and Outsourcing Generally Is Feeling The Pressure – Not Just Because Of Quality & Cyber

- Over 60% of contracts renegotiated
- Over a 1/3 cancelled outright
- In-sourcing is on the rise
- SI losing out to SaaS



But Wait.....



**IT DOES NOT HAVE  
TO BE THIS WAY**

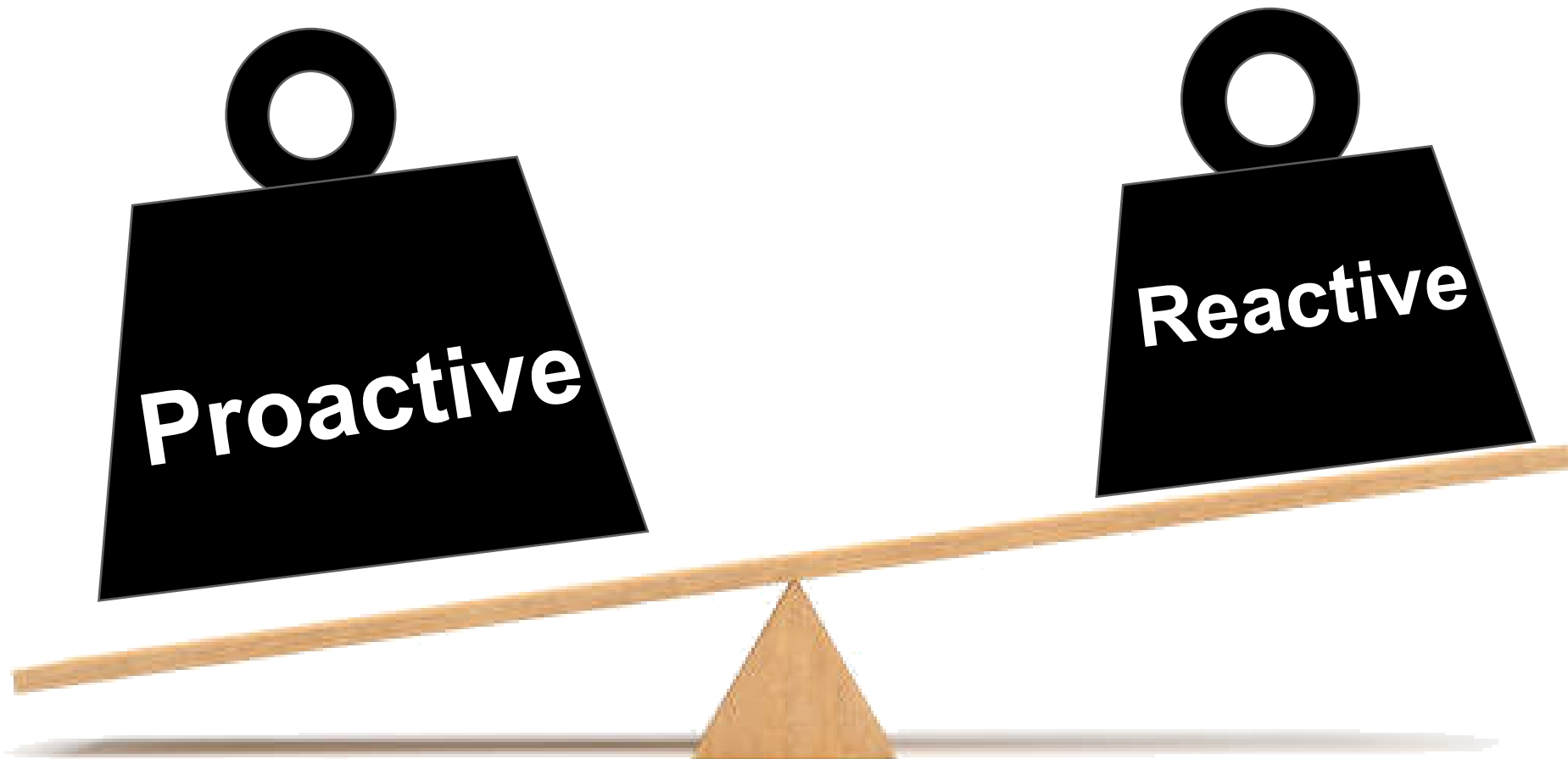
SIs Do Not Have To Be At The Back Of The Line

# Leadership



**Quality and Resilience  
This Way**

# SIs Should Be Proactively Using & Developing New Quality Practices and Standards To Support Digital



# Building A Foundation Quality Standards That Fit Modern Methods and Architecture

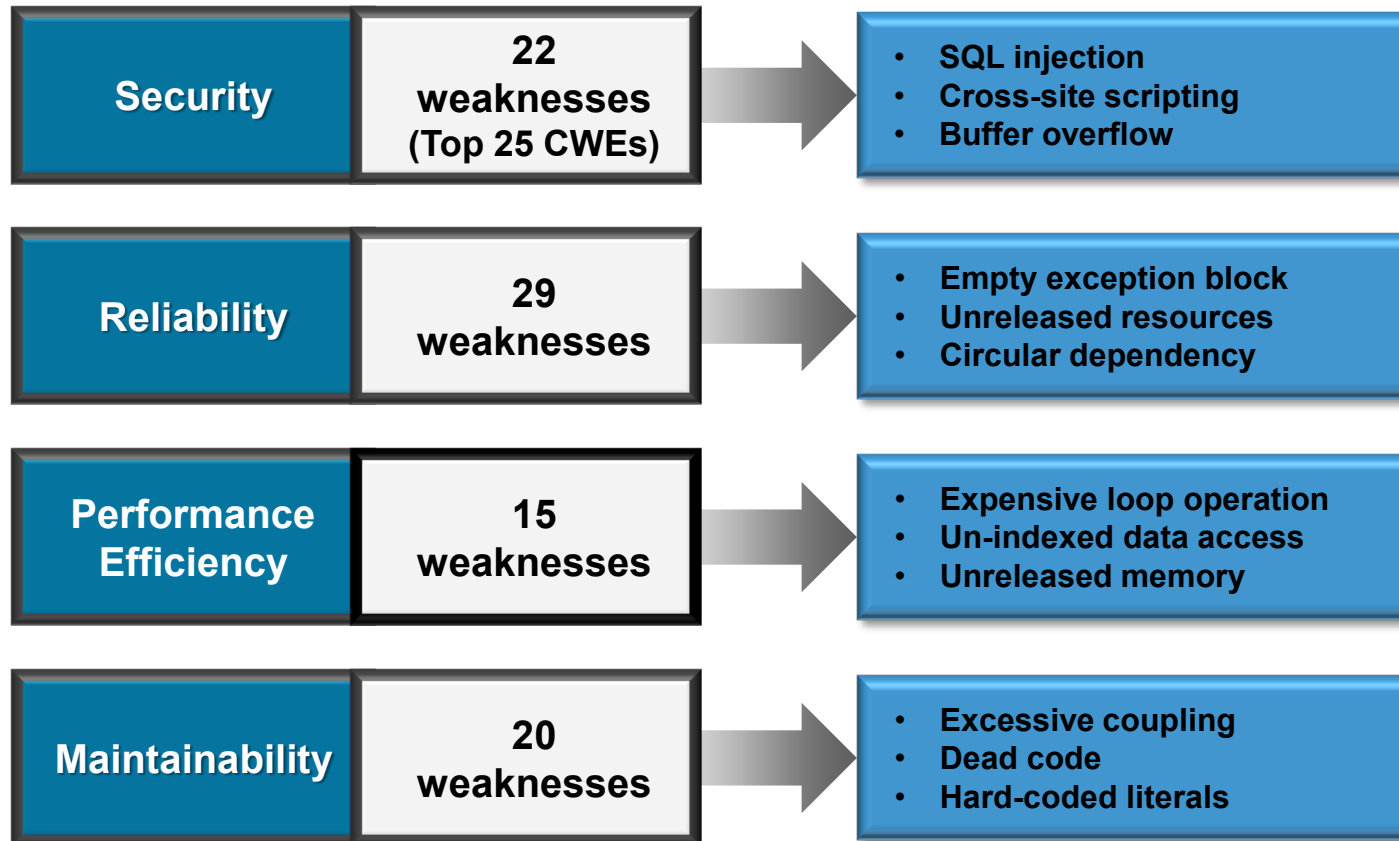
## Quality Standards That Are:



- Automated
- Product focused vs project
- Support Event and API Architecture
- Integrated into DevOps & DevSecOps toolchain

# Start With CISQ Structural Quality Metrics

## CISQ Structural Quality Measures



## Example architectural and coding weaknesses included in the CISQ measures

An international team of experts selected the weaknesses to include in CISQ measures based on the severity of their impact on operational problems or cost of ownership.

Only weaknesses considered severe enough that they must be remediated were included in the CISQ measures.

CISQ Structural Quality measures are currently being extended to embedded systems software.

# Benefits To The SI In Using Current CISQ Quality Standards

- Lower the amount of rework and by doing so improve customer relationships
- Lower indemnity risk and cost to the end customer
- Increase velocity and shorten lead-time without sacrificing quality or increasing risk
- Reduce technical debt for individual applications and portfolios leading to greater productivity
- Increase the size of the portfolio that can be developed and maintained without increasing headcount - more revenue and bigger margin

# Building A Trust Relationship Based On Standards



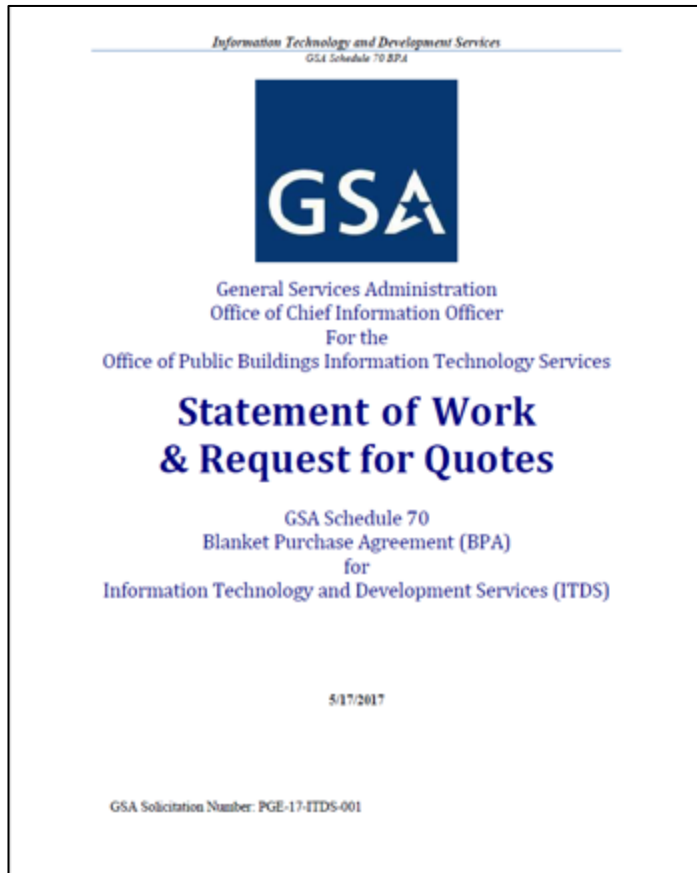
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## Sample RFP

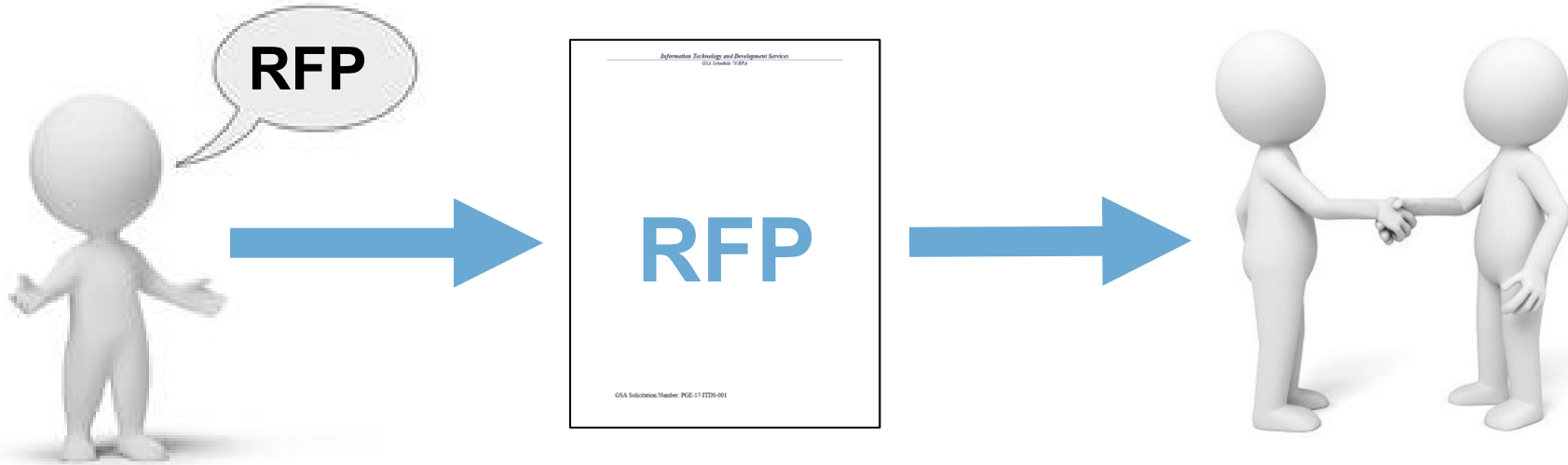


CISQ has been referenced by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), **formally citing CISQ requirements in a Information Technology (IT) statement of work from the Office of the CIO for the Office of Public Buildings.** GSA is an independent agency of the U.S. government that supports general services of Federal agencies.

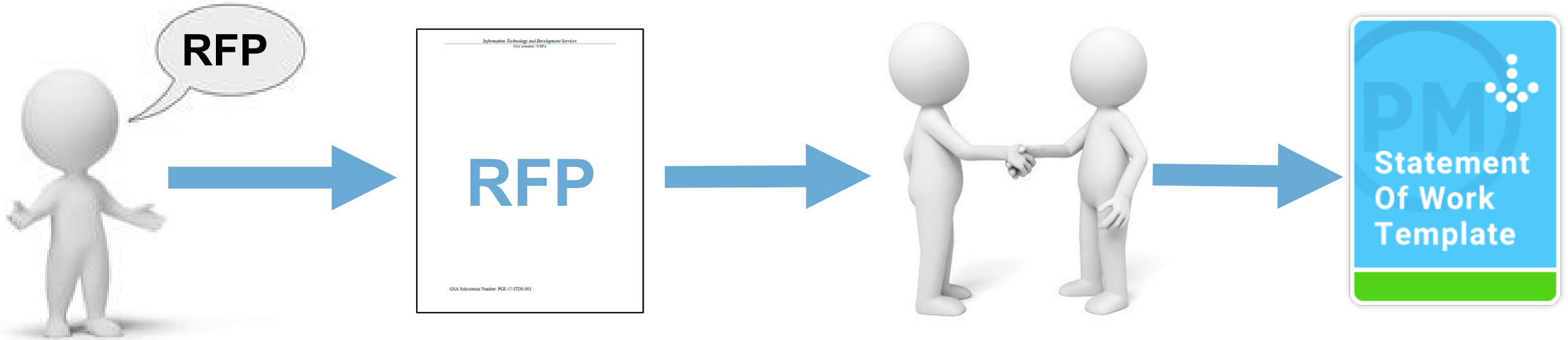
See page 21, section 5.9 in GSA's document, Schedule 70 Blanket Purchase Agreement for IT and Development Services...

*"PB-ITS (Project Based IT Services) is seeking to establish code quality standards for its existing code base, as well as new development tasks. As an emerging standard, PB-ITS references the **Consortium for Information Software Quality (CISQ) for guidance on how to measure, evaluate and improve software.**"*

# Agree Productivity Levels With Suppliers Based On Automated Sizing Code – Combine With Manual Sizing Of Requirement



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## 1. Contracting and Productivity

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The contracted is based on a bases level of productivity of **18 Function Pointers per Staff Month** <sup>[1]</sup>. A staff month is defined as 22 days per calendar month, 8 hours per day, equalling 176 working hours per month.

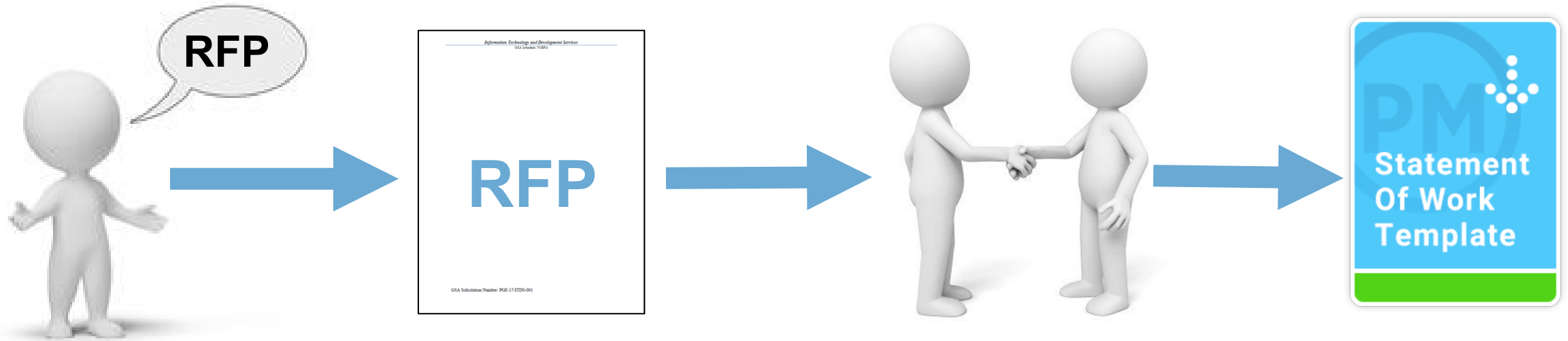
Attentively the contracted is based on a bases level of productivity of 9.5 hours per function point <sup>[1]</sup>.

### 1. Rate

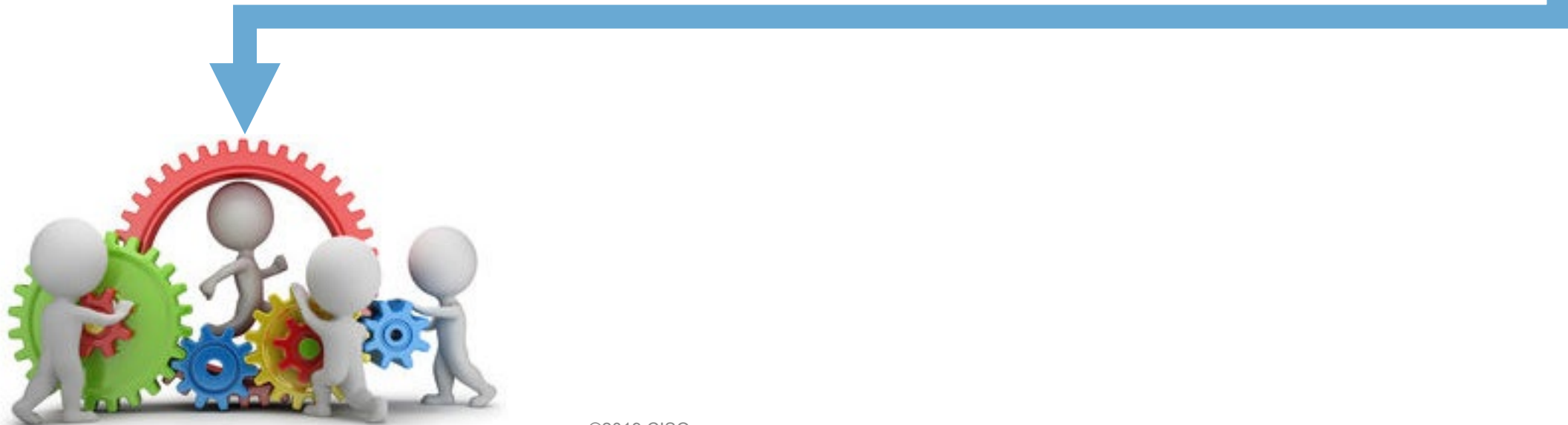
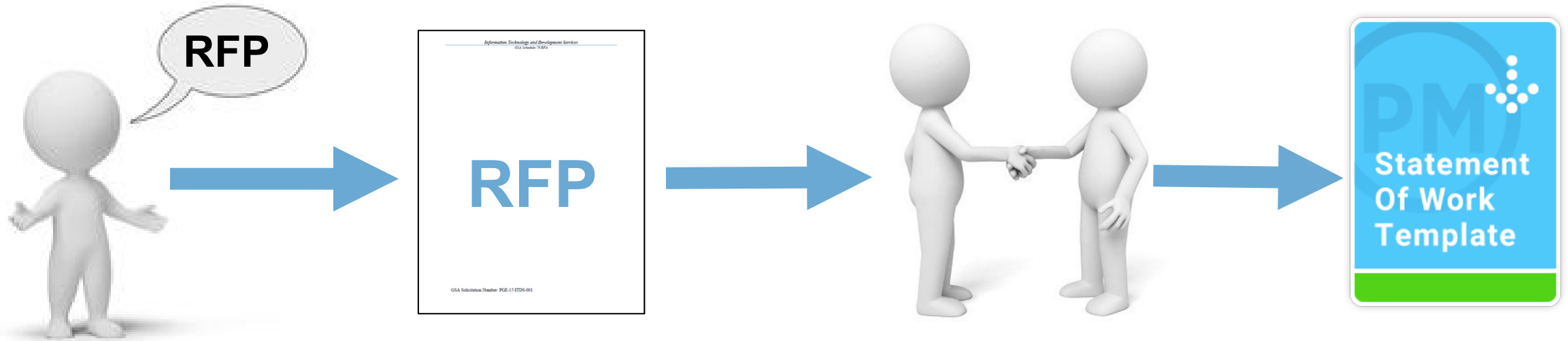
The supplier shall invoice at a rate of € 300 <sup>[2]</sup> per function point delivered to the client as measured by **ISO 19515 Information technology — Object Management Group Automated Function Points (AFP), 1.0** defined in section 3.4

Exceptions to the rate and activities that will not be invoiced by function point must be agreed in advance of contract signing.

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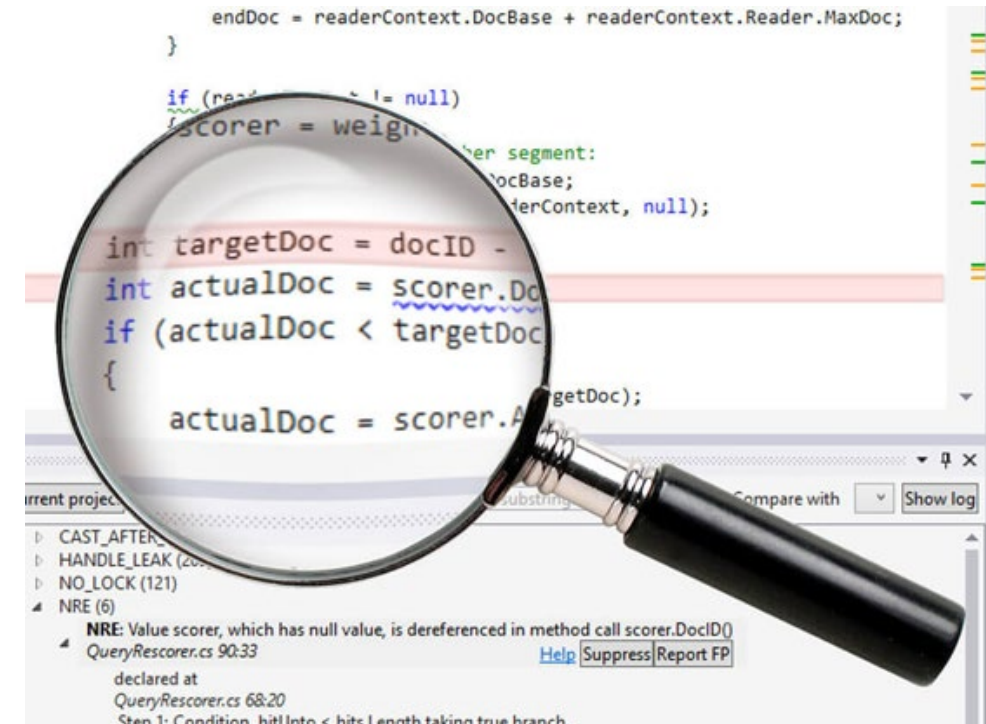


# Suppliers Teams Should Use Tools That Support CISQ AFP/ISO Sizing Standards

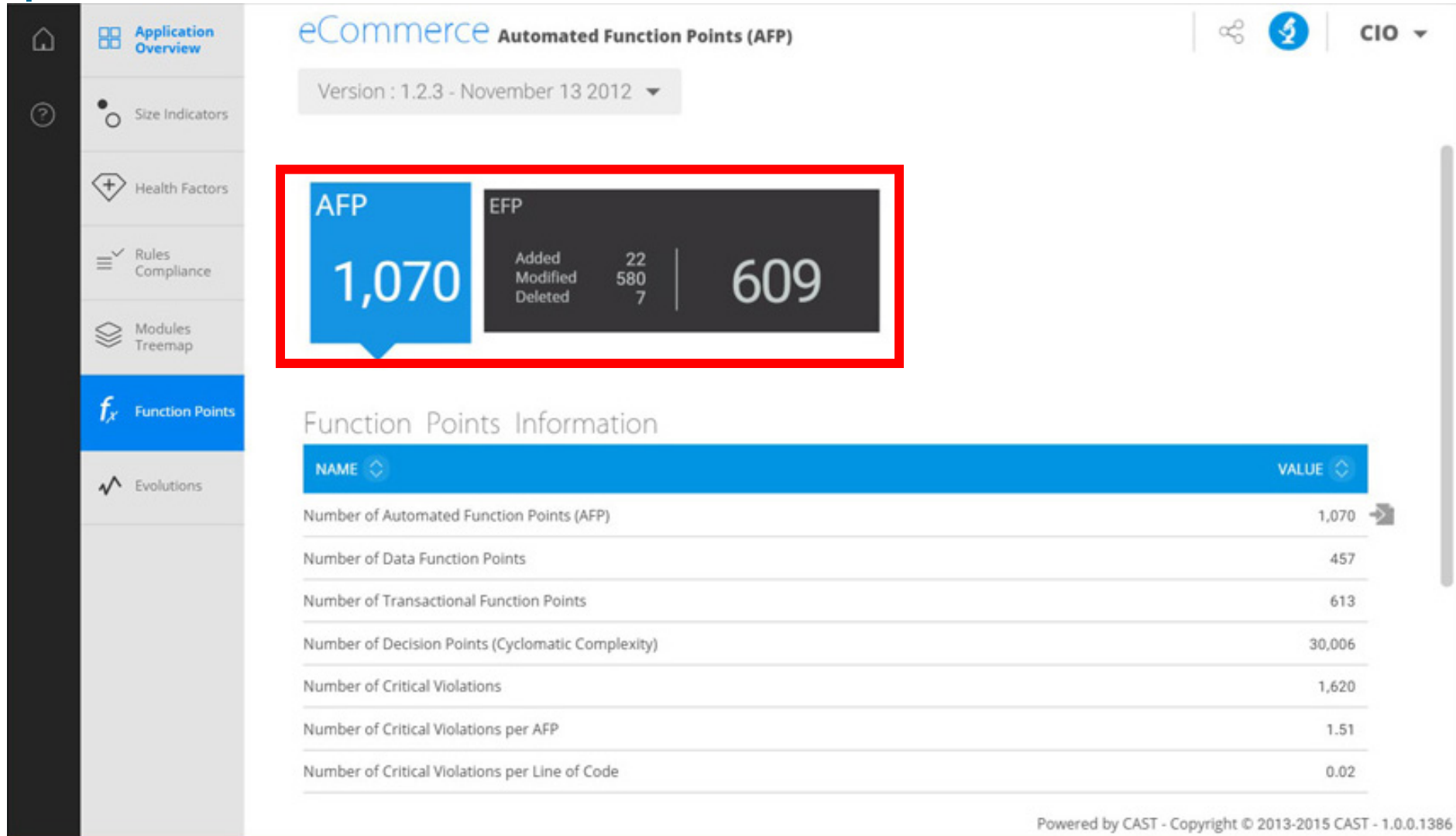
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TestServlet.java X
1 package my;
2
3 import java.io.IOException;
4
5 import javax.servlet.ServletException;
6 import javax.servlet.ServletException;
7 import javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet;
8 import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;
9 import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;
10
11 public class TestServlet extends HttpServlet implements Servlet {
12     static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;
13
14     public TestServlet() {
15         super();
16     }
17
18     protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest request,
19         HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException {
20         doPost(request, response);
21     }
22
23     protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest request,
24         HttpServletResponse response) throws ServletException, IOException {
25         response.getWriter().println("blah");
26     }
27 }
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How do I create a profile to format Java code in Eclipse?

## Automatic Analysis Of The Size Of The Code In Function Points

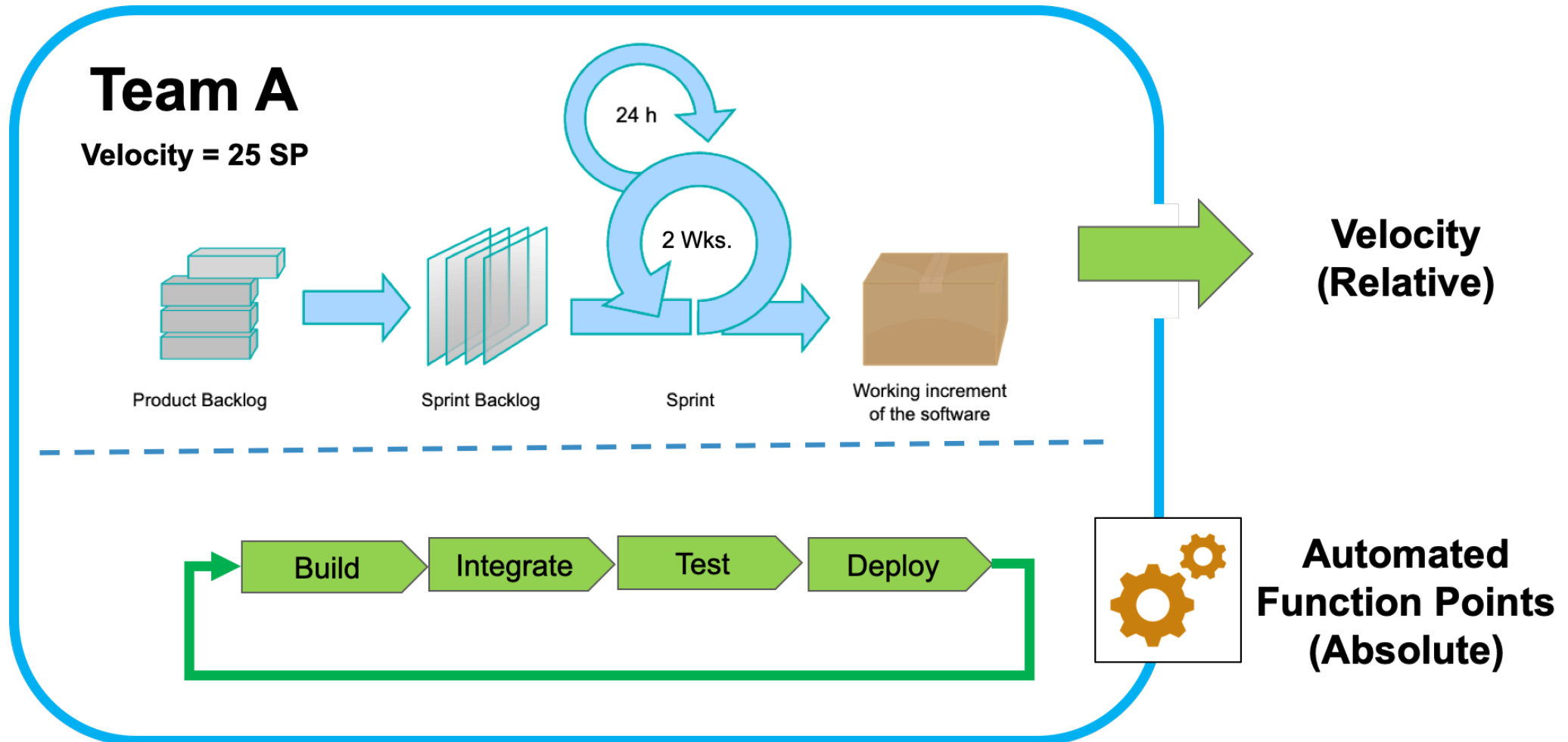


# Team Dashboards Should Clearly Show The Size Of Code Developed and Enhanced

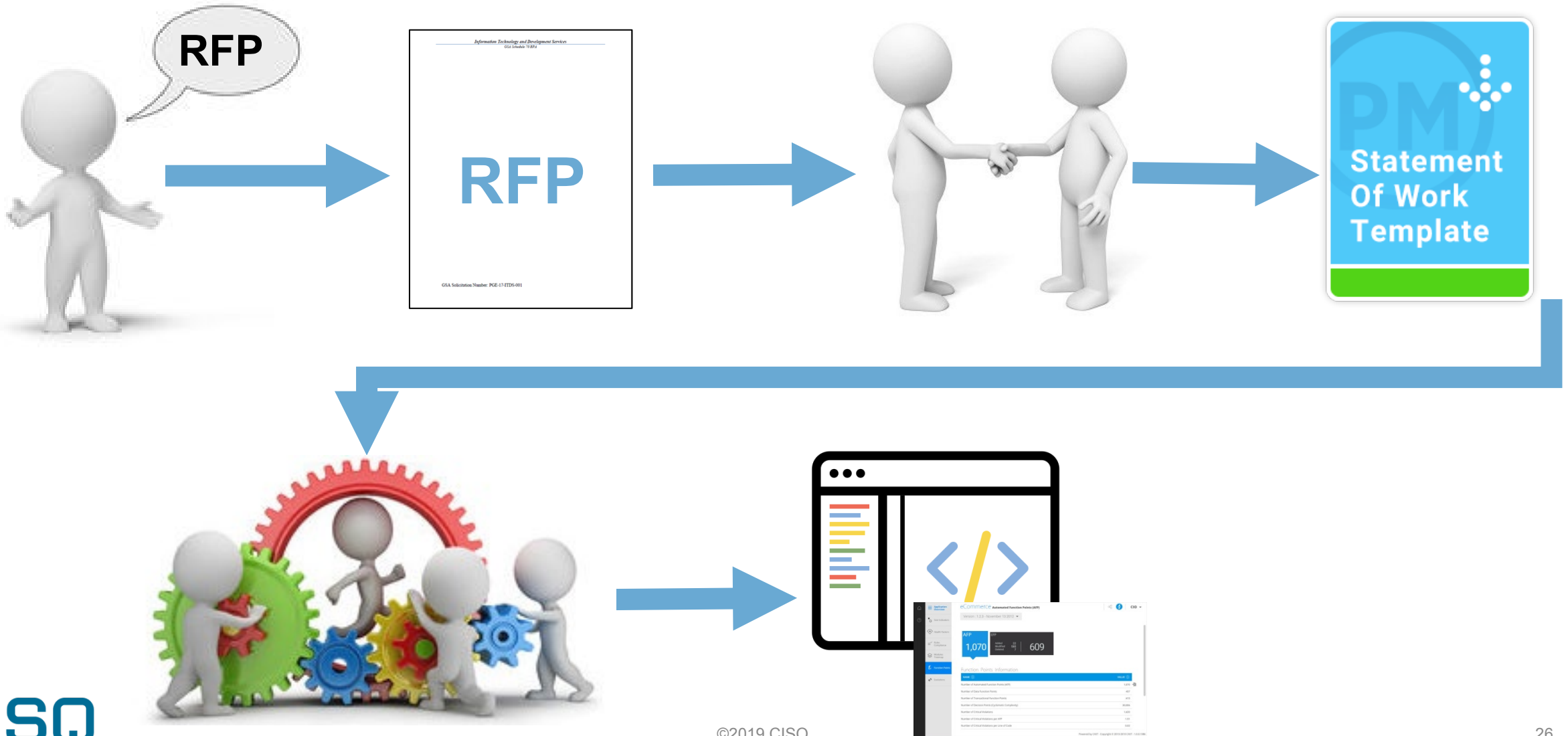




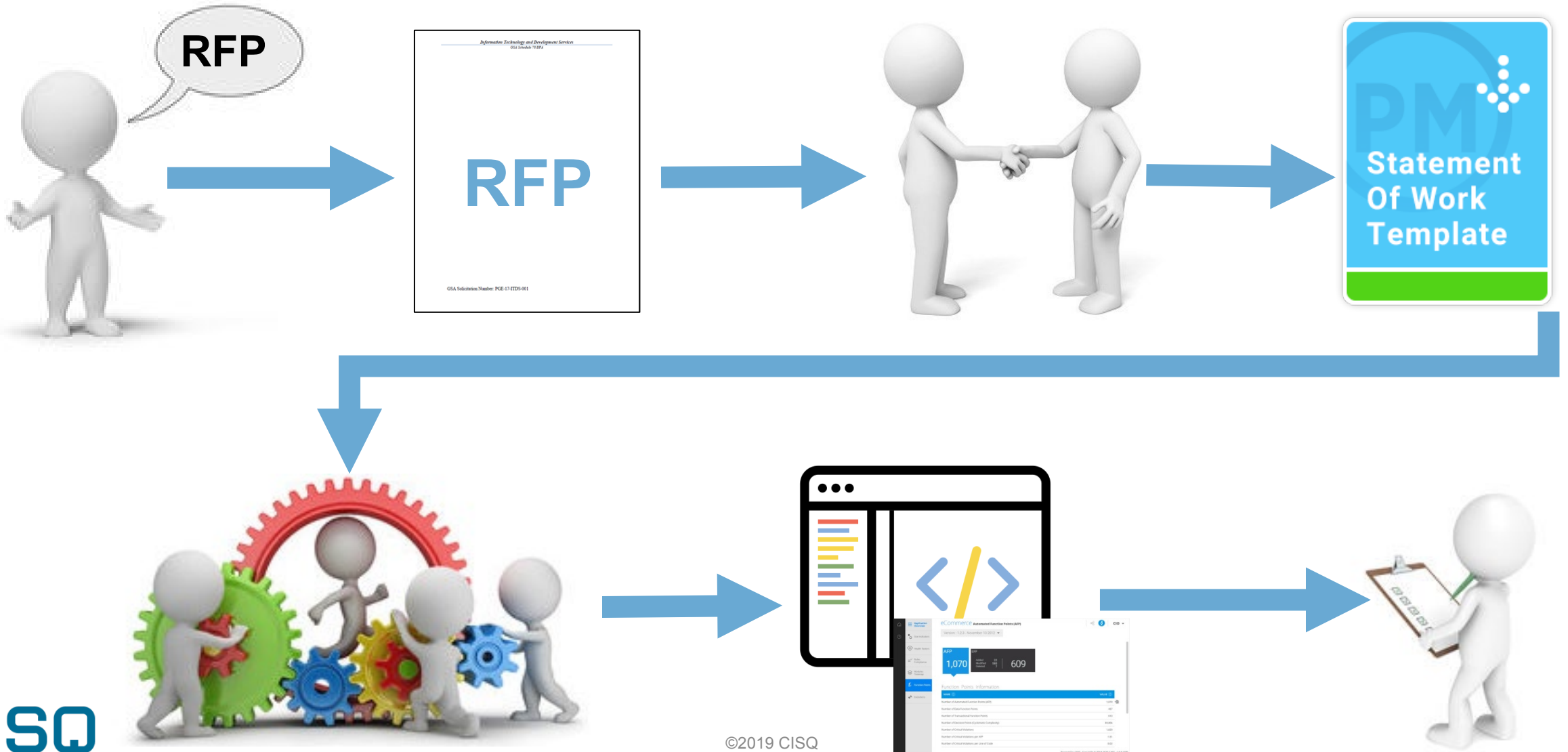
# Teams Are Still Free To Use Agile & DevOps Story Point Sizing, Automated Function Points Counted In The Background



# Do Not Just Focus On Size of The Code, Verify The Quality – Automatically

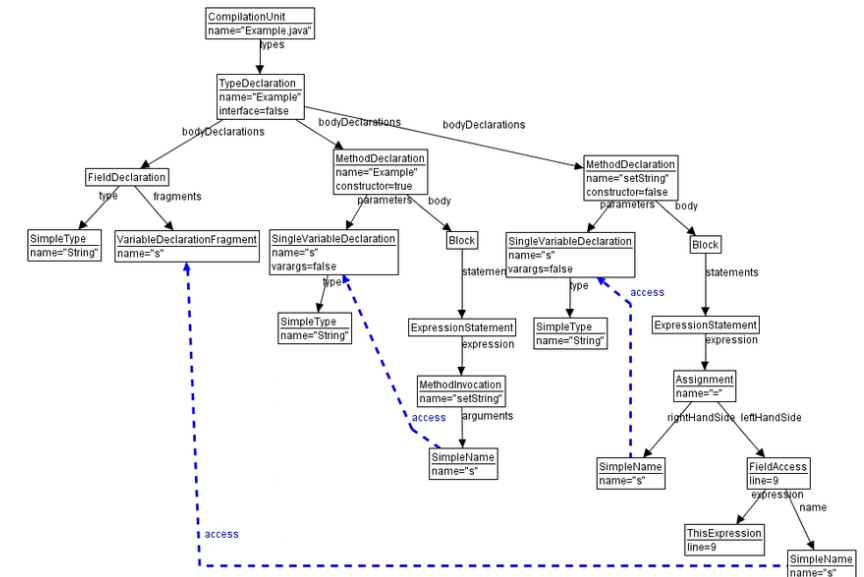
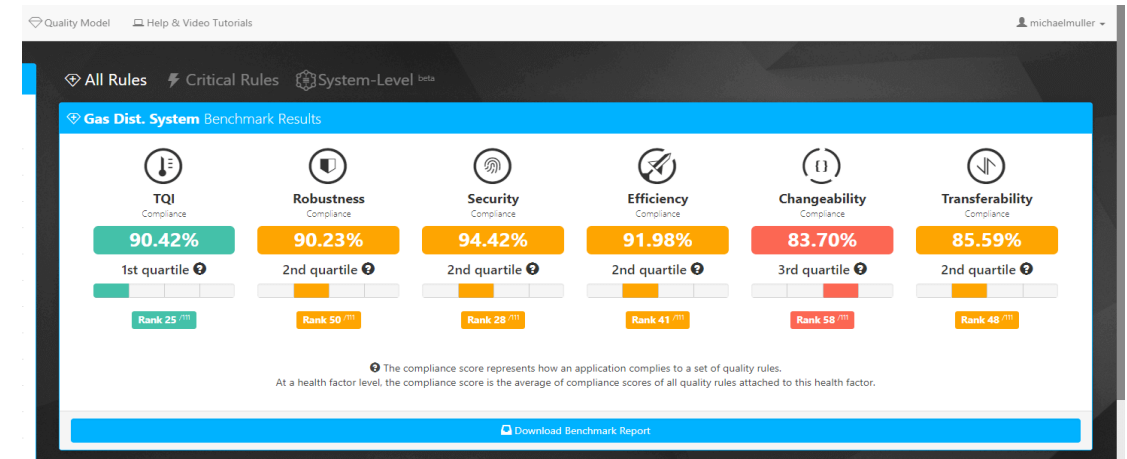


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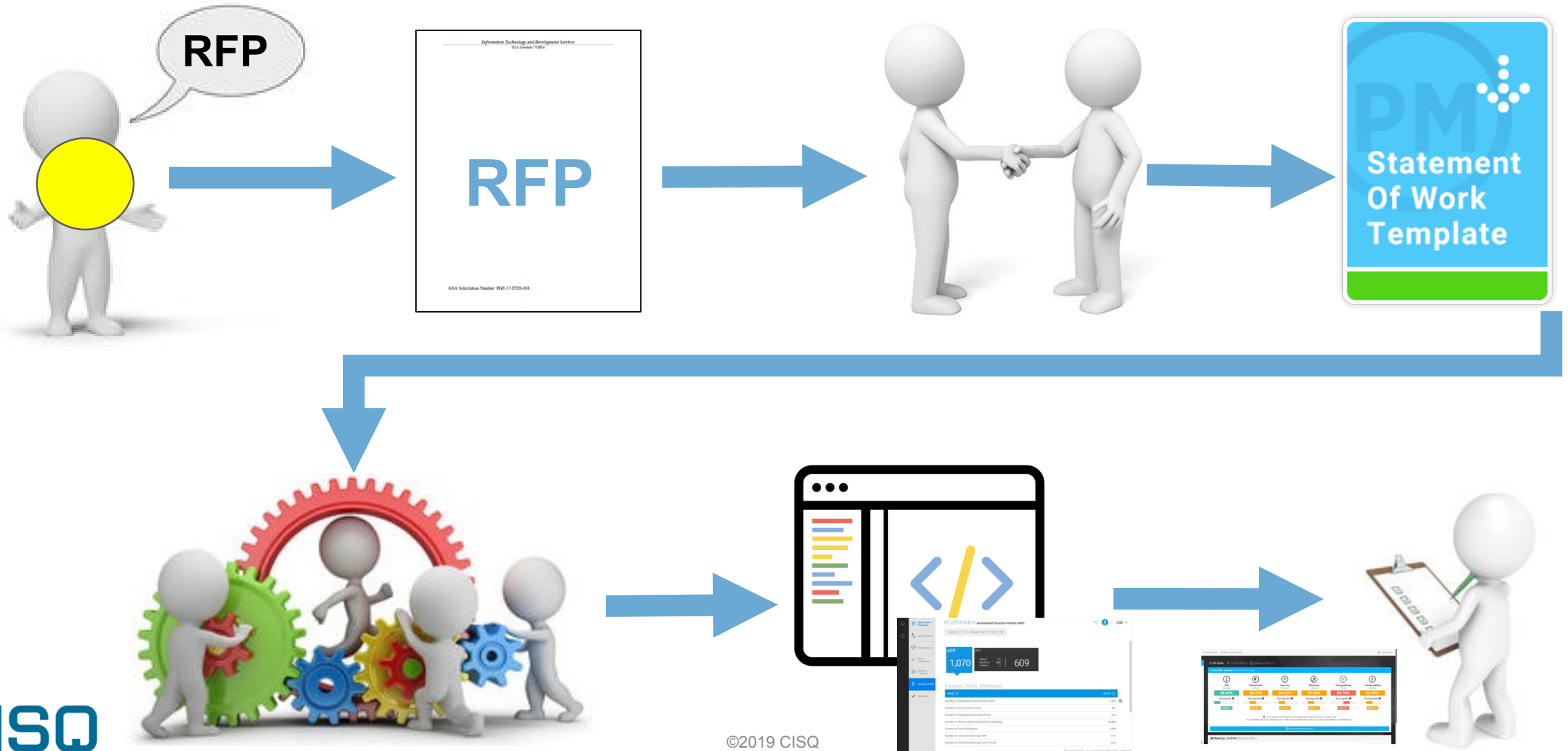


# Suppliers Teams Should Verify Code Quality, and Check For Vulnerabilities Against CISQ Standards

- **Security**: Measures weaknesses in source code representing the most exploited security weaknesses in software including the CWE/Sans Institute Top 25 Most Dangerous Security Errors and OWASP Top 10
- **Reliability**: Measures weaknesses in source code impacting the availability, fault tolerance, and recoverability of software
- **Performance Efficiency**: Measures weaknesses in source code impacting response time and utilization of processor, memory, and other resources
- **Maintainability**: Measures weaknesses in source code impacting the comprehensibility, changeability, testability, and scalability of software
- **Technical Debt**: A measure of corrective maintenance effort due to the CISQ code quality weaknesses remaining in a software application



# End to End Trust Relationship Based On Standards



# And If It Goes Wrong, CISQ Standards Become Your Armor From Friendly Fire

**SI**



**Excuse “It’s the SI’s poor code”**



**Excuse “SI quality is inconsistent”**



**Excuse “SI is not proactive”**



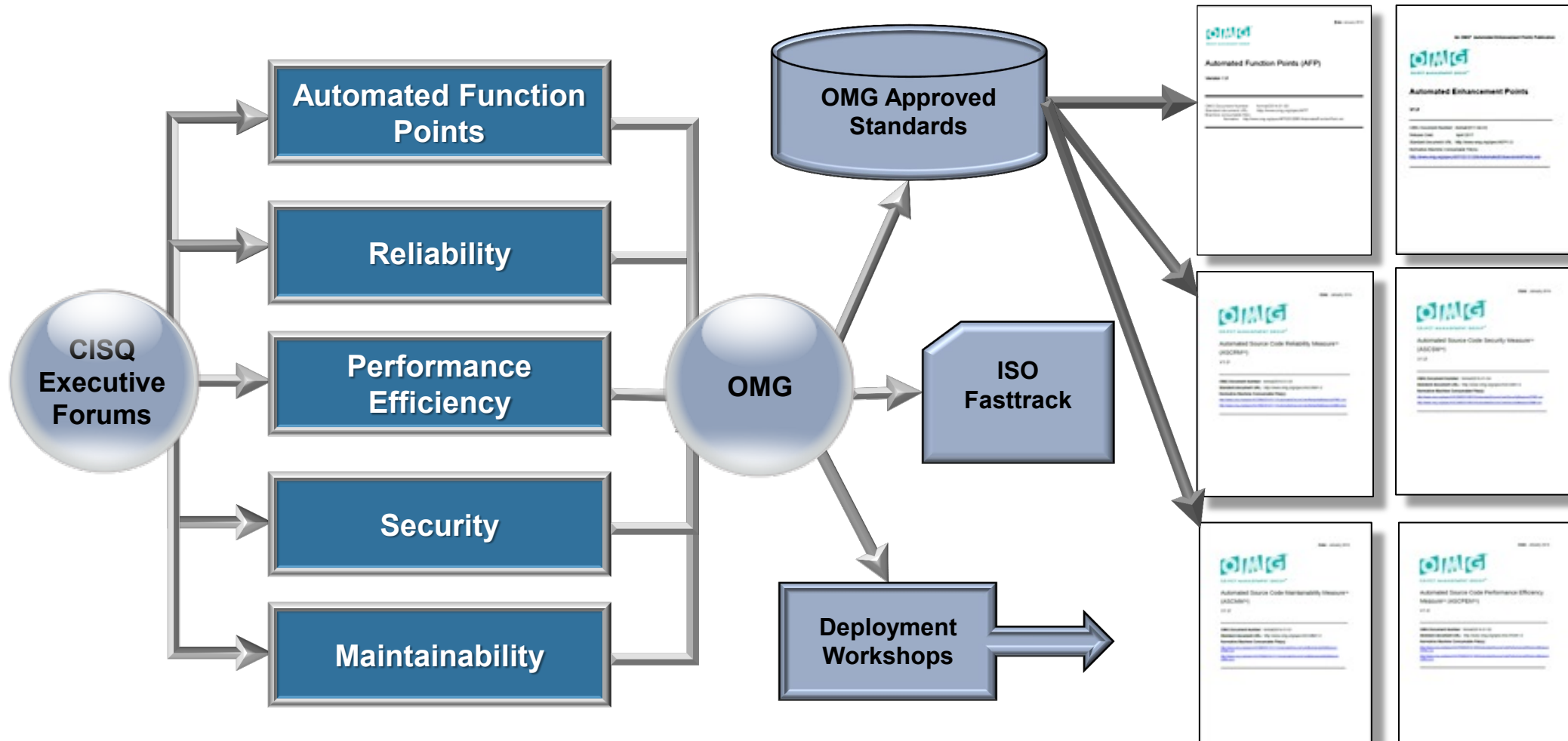
**Client**



## By Engaging With CISQ, You...

- Collaborate on vision for Digital Quality
- Direct input into the development of standards
- Benefits from CISQ related PR
- Demonstrate leadership with customers and prospects
- Influence policy makers and regulators

# And The Benefits Of the CISQ and OMG Standards Process – Months Not Years





*Next Generation Digital  
Quality Standards -  
Engage*



# Thank you



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3,000+ members



750+ companies



7 adopted standards



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