

***Agency Hearing Conservation  
Buy-Quiet/Quiet-by-Design Program Status***

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# Thursday platform presentation

- ☰ Why limit noise emissions instead of controlling employee noise exposure?
  - ☰ Why aim for a low-noise workplace?
  - ☰ The place of low-noise procurement and design in an occupational hearing conservation program
- ☰ Overview of NASA Buy-Quiet program
- ☰ ***Buy-Quiet Process Roadmap*** demo
- ☰ Vision for a NASA “Quiet-by-Design” Program

# Buy-Quiet History



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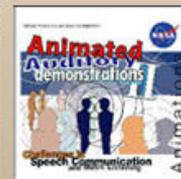
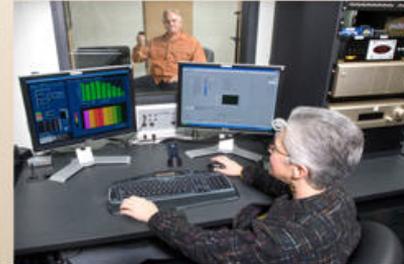
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# Procurement Review of Roadmap

- ☐ Met with Marilyn Chambers, Jon Mullin, Pete Prassinis and Guy Camomilli at HQ (Feb 10)
- ☐ Discussed several topics related to Buy-Quiet
  - ☐ Adding occupational health language to NPR 8715.3 and NPR 8715.1
  - ☐ Adding “high-noise” line item to NF 1707 (“Special Approvals and Affirmations of Requisitions”) Section 6 (Safety)
  - ☐ Brainstormed procurement-related conceptual changes to *Roadmap*

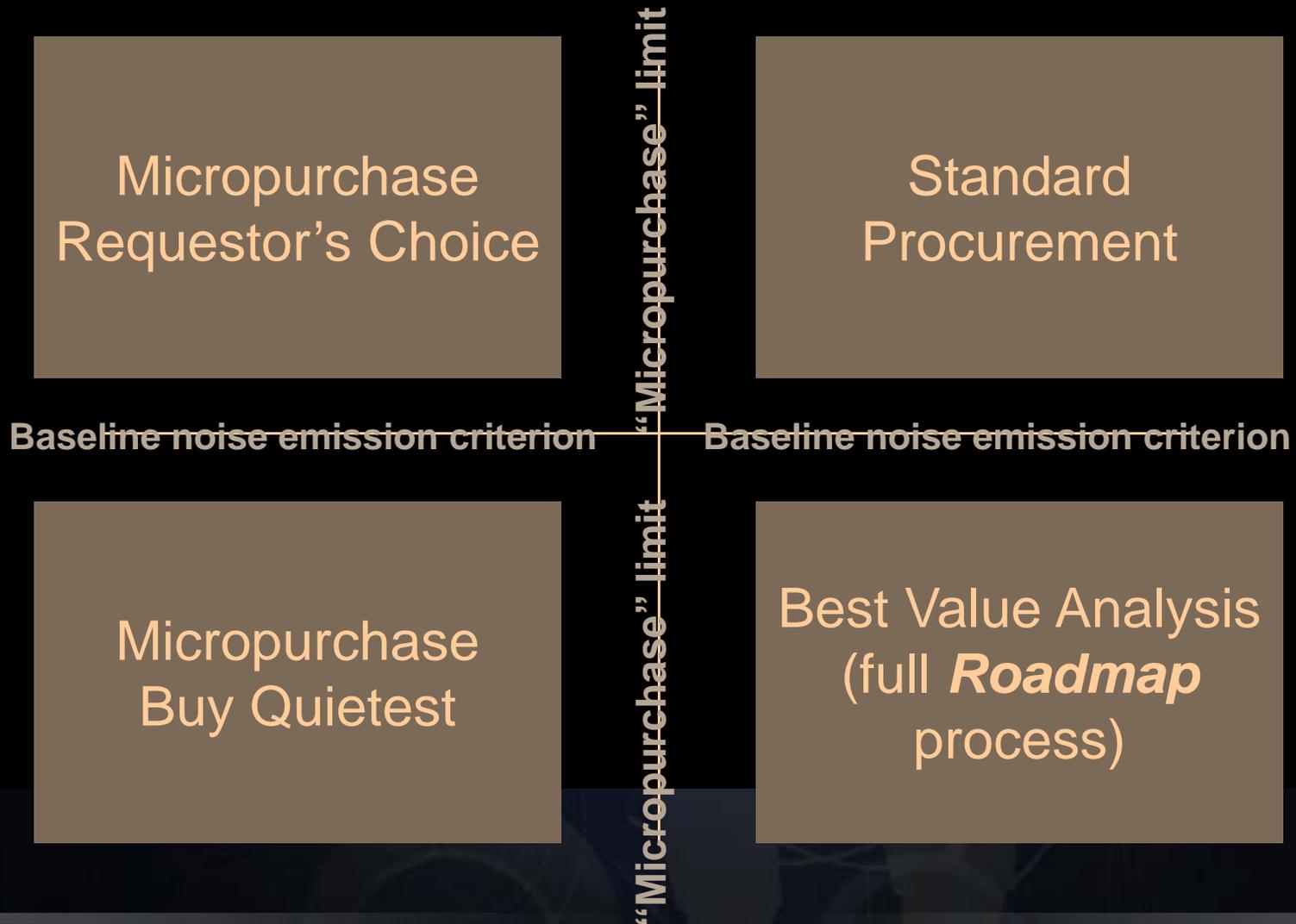
# Procurement issues with *Roadmap*

- ☐ Roadmap intentionally built to be applicable beyond NASA
- ☐ Language doesn't follow NASA nomenclature (“purchaser,” “bids,” etc.)
- ☐ Roles and functions (requester/user vs. Contracting Officer) don't reflect NASA policy
- ☐ Not synchronized with NASA procurement vehicles (e.g., micro-purchase, “best value analysis,” etc.)

# Pending *Roadmap* Changes

- ☰ GRC funded contract to develop and implement changes from HQ meeting
  - ☰ Acoustical consultant and web developer team
- ☰ Met with contract team (May 10)
  - ☰ Conceptual and structural changes drafted
- ☰ Need to write up changes for web developer
- ☰ Next meeting scheduled for July 6-8
- ☰ Expect to see changes posted by end Nov.

# Revised Buy-Quiet structure



# Other status

## ☰ Outside organizations heralding NASA program

- ☰ Presented NASA Buy-Quiet programs at AIHce
- ☰ NIOSH is promoting (and using) **Roadmap**
- ☰ INCE Product Noise Technical Committee citing NASA program in advocacy for voluntary product noise labeling

## ☰ No OCHMO support funding for FY 10

- ☰ Currently on special full-time assignment at GRC
- ☰ Expect to resume full-time agency-wide role 06/2011
- ☰ Will schedule status telecons and Roadmap tutorials then

## ☰ Next up: NASA “Quiet-by-Design” Program

- ☰ Submitted 3-year funding proposal to HQ OSMA in May