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Lean Portfolio Management
An enterprise can implement Lean approaches to strategy and investment funding, Agile portfolio operations, and Lean governance for a SAFe portfolio. These collaborations give the enterprise the ability to execute existing commitments reliably and to better enable innovation.

Business Solutions and Lean Systems Engineering
An enterprise can move large and complex software and cyber-physical systems from stage-gated approaches to a flow-based, value delivery-focused model that optimizes all the activities necessary to successfully specify, design, construct, test, deploy, operate, and evolve large, complex solutions.

DevOps and Release on Demand
The principles and practices of DevOps provide the enterprise with the capability to release value, in whole or in part, at any time necessary to meet market and customer demand. This enables the organization to lower development costs, reduce risk, and outmaneuver the competition.

Team and Technical Agility
These critical skills and Lean-Agile principles and practices are needed to create high-performing teams who can create high-quality, well-designed technical solutions in support of current and future business needs. The result is increased productivity, faster time-to-market, and predictable delivery of value.

Lean-Agile Leadership
Lean-Agile Leaders drive and sustain organizational change by empowering individuals and teams to reach their highest potential. They do this by learning, exhibiting, teaching, and coaching SAFe’s Lean-Agile Mindset, values, principles, and practices. The result is happier, more engaged employees, and increased productivity and innovation.

The Five Core Competencies of the Lean Enterprise are critical to sustaining a competitive advantage in the marketplace through the practice of Lean, Agile, and DevOps.

Today, many of the world’s largest organizations and governments are moving toward a Lean approach to continuously deliver value with minimal waste and processes.

SAFe 4.6 identifies five key attributes—‘core competencies’—that Lean organizations must embrace to achieve these goals. Mastery of the five core competencies empowers organizations to successfully navigate the transformation to Lean, Agile, and DevOps, which equips them to respond effectively to volatile market conditions, changing customer needs, and emerging technologies.
The Five Core Competencies of the Lean Enterprise address these challenges

- Lack of alignment between portfolio strategy, funding, governance, and operations
- Poor flow of value and innovation
- Inability to compete in an unpredictable marketplace
- Systems are deployed late, over-budget, with unpredictable capabilities and quality
- Reduced profits, diminished strategic value, and a domino effect of other business problems
- Digital disruption challenges the company’s ability to deliver and support their products and services
- Difficult to react quickly to customer demand and needs with digital solutions
- Workers lack skills and knowledge needed to create quality solutions quickly and reliably
- Teams not able to deliver on the larger vision of the organization or evolve effectively to meet current and future business needs

Learn how your organization can gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace through mastering the Five Core Competencies of the Lean Enterprise

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