Leveraging Cost Model Development via XML

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The Need

- Promote Sharing of Cost Items, Assemblies, Models, Data, & Other Cost Data
- Bridge Systems by Developing Models that are Independent of the Systems
- Foster Competition & Reduce Reliance on any one Model Builder

Objective

Maximize Interoperability Integration cost data availability cost leveraging consistency automation competition

<u>Minimize</u>

✓ development costs
 ✓ maintenance costs
 ✓ redundancy
 ✓ reliance upon any one model builder
 ✓ reliance on few compatible data sources

The Solution Establish a Bridge - 3 Components

Parametric Cost Model Standard Practice #1 - Parametric cost models Parametric design models **#2 Electronic Standard** - Data definition, transmission, & application #3 Cost Model Library/ Repository/ Network - Centralized - Decentralized/distributed

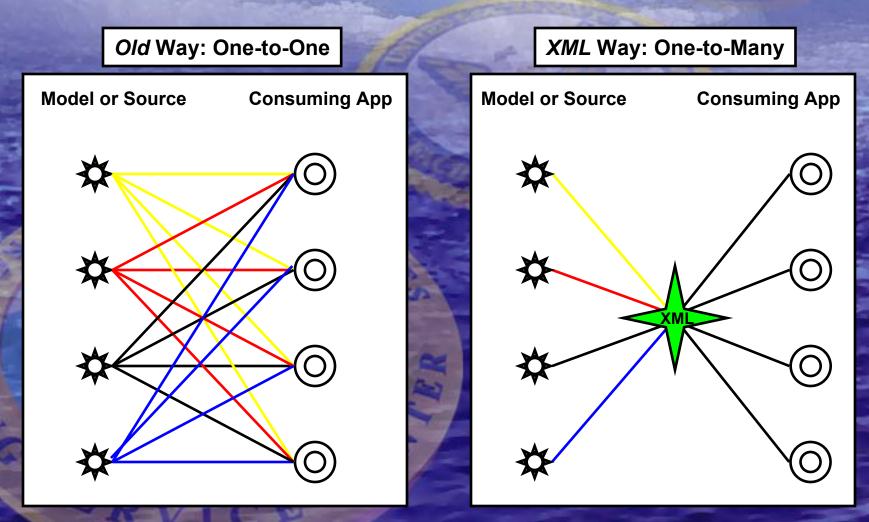
Advantages of XML

Interface/Platform/Application/Network Independent: Cross platform (Windows, NT, Unix)
Cross network (Internet, Intranet, LAN)
Cross application (CTC, RTET, & others)
consuming application can interpret the XML to model the estimate in many different ways

Advantages of XML

 Increases Consistency & Compatibility Leverages Existing Systems: Minimizes development & maintenance costs Allows Multiple Systems to Leverage **Existing Models & Extend Them to Meet Their Unique Needs** Provides Common Ground for Bridging **Agency Budgeting Systems**

Electronic Standard - XML One Source, Many Uses



Example

 Consuming Application Can Interpret the XML to Model the Estimate in Different Ways:
 <u>CTC</u>: a relational database implements the XML standard as a translation of the XML into a relational-based cost model
 <u>RTET</u>: an object-oriented internet-architected application consumes the data as modeled in XML

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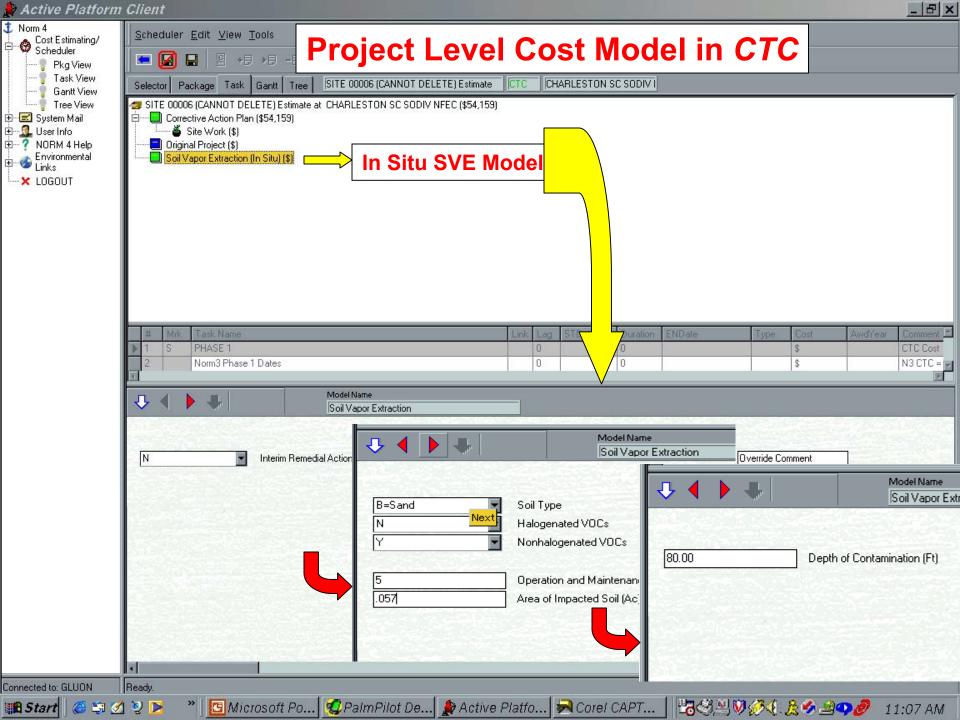
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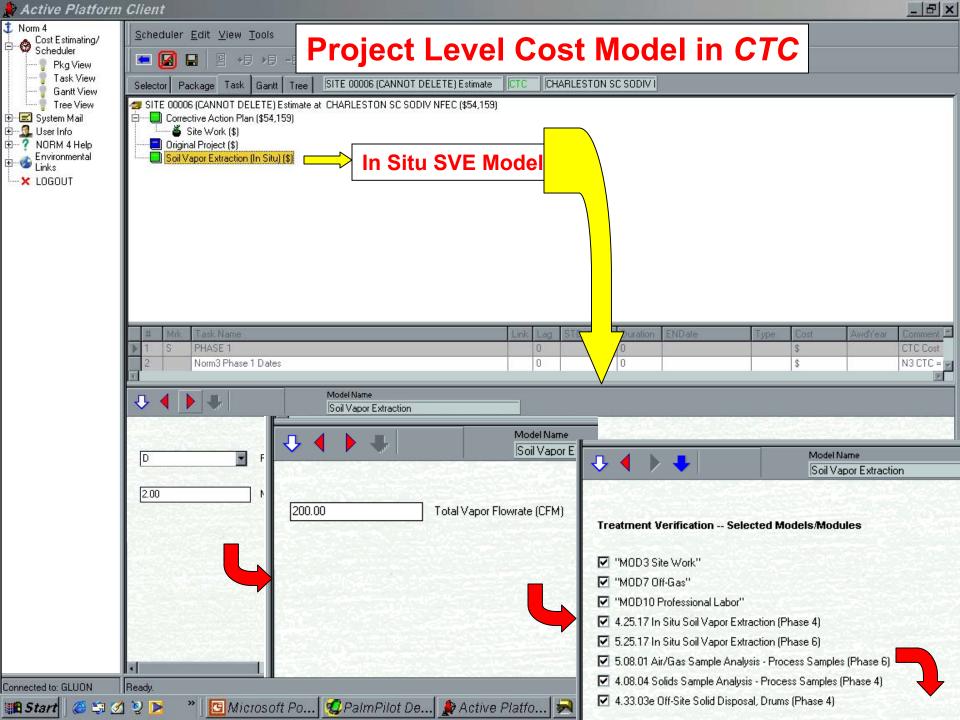
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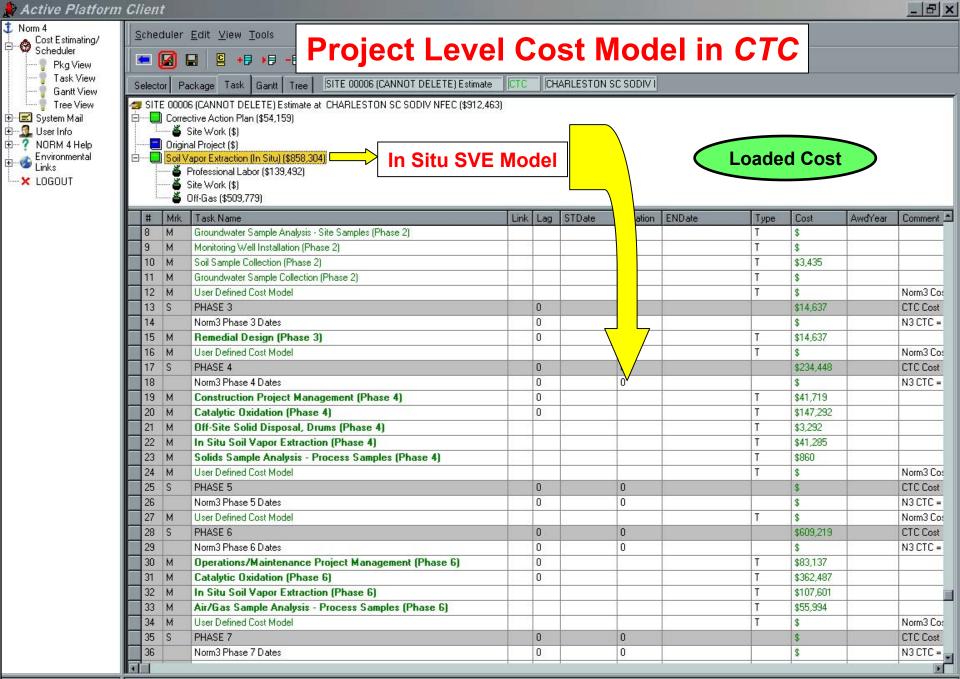
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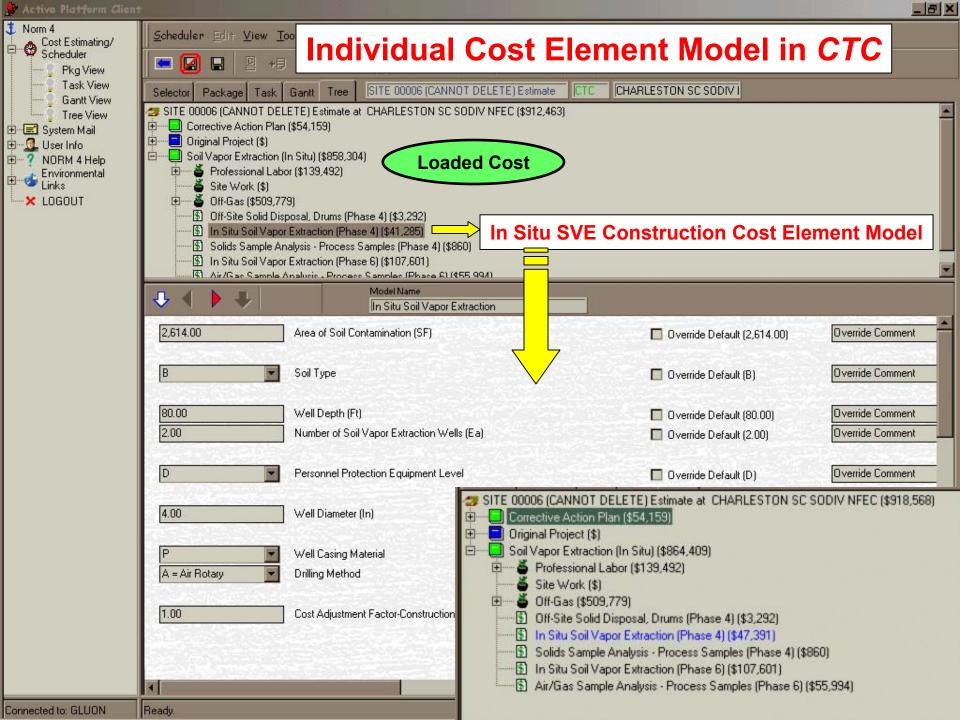


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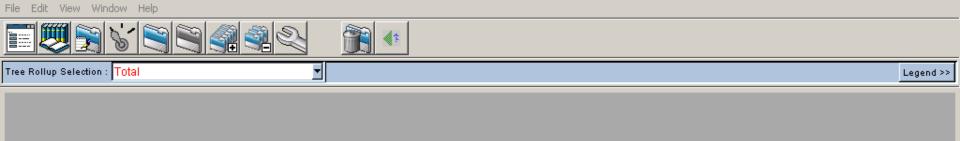
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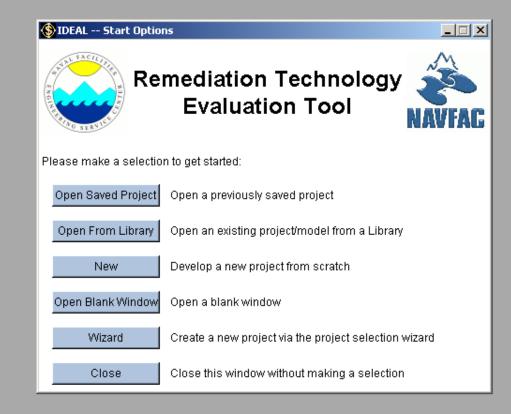
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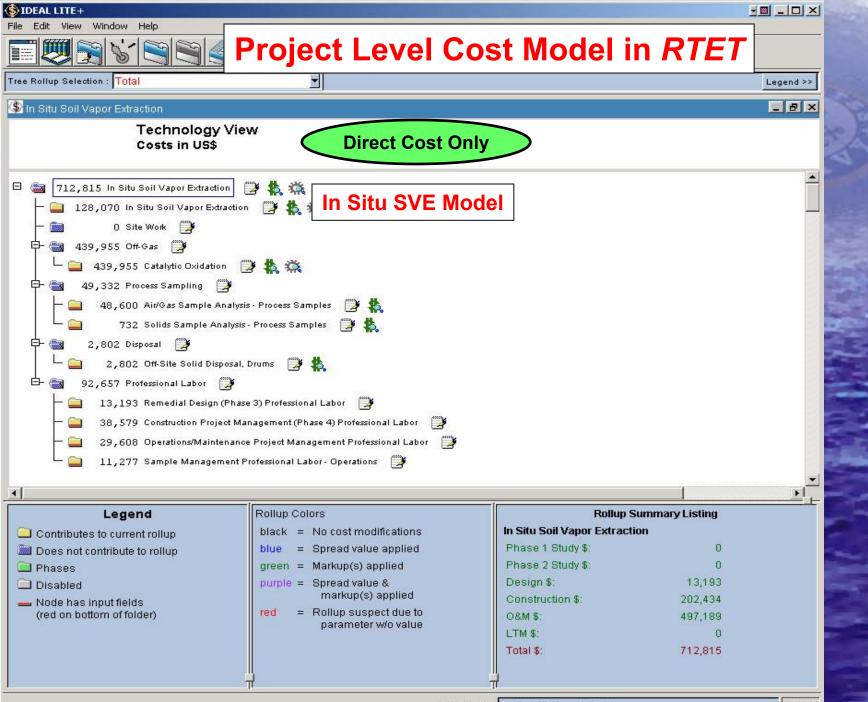
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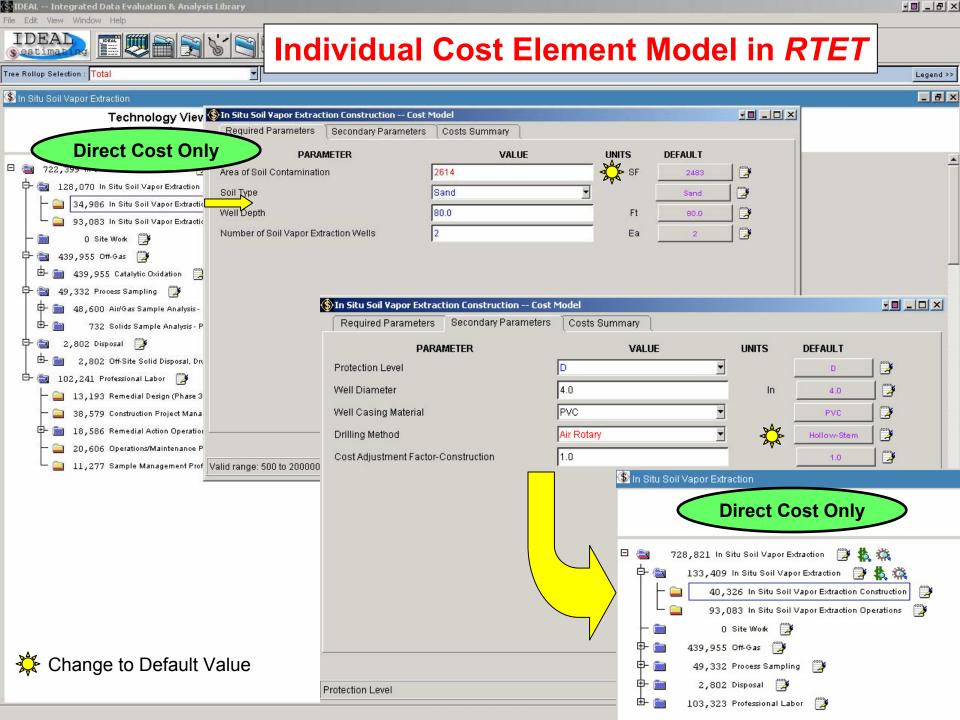
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Conclusion

- XML Standardization is a Viable Means for Sharing & Leveraging Cost Model Development
- EC² is Working to Support Development of the Standards
- Soliciting Input on the Parametric Cost Modeling Manual & XML Definitions/ Schema from:
 - ✓ AACE International
 ✓ NIBS IAI
- Develop ASTM Standards as a Derivative of the Manual