



Information Sheet for Participation in a Research Study

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The Effects of Organizational Structure on MBSE Adoption

You are invited to participate in a research study. This form includes information about the study and contact information if you have any questions.

Kaitlin Henderson is a graduate student at Virginia Tech, and she is conducting this research as part of her dissertation work.

➤ **WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?**

If you decide to participate in this study, you will complete a survey. As part of the study, you will be asked questions about your organization and your experience with Model-Based Systems Engineering.

The study should take approximately 20 – 25 minutes of your time.

We do not anticipate any risks from completing this study.

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and remain in the study. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.

➤ **CONFIDENTIALITY**

We will do our best to protect the confidentiality of the information we gather from you, but we cannot guarantee 100% confidentiality.

Any data collected during this research study will be kept confidential by the researchers. You will be asked to identify which organization and department you are part of. The identification of your organization is used solely as a unique identifier. This information will not be shared or linked to your responses to the questions in anyway. No personal information will be associated with your responses long-term. The responses will be stored on a secure password-protected computer in the researcher's office. The survey responses will be stored for 3 years after the study has been completed and then destroyed.

➤ **WHO CAN I TALK TO?**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact Kaitlin Henderson (karj1@vt.edu). You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact the Virginia Tech HRPP Office at 540-231-3732 (irb@vt.edu).

Please print out a copy of this information sheet for your records.

If you would like to participate in this survey, please click yes.