Applying Open Source Principles to the Federal Government

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WE CAN DO MORE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER
What can we do?

MAKE MARKETS.
“All developed code must be released under the most permissive open source license possible. This is to enable other researchers and vendors to build upon research successes with a minimum of intellectual property issues.”


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What can we do?

FAIL FASTER.
$200+ Billion
They should have used Open Source.
They did.
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Why?
Acquisition #FAIL
Afraid to Fail.
Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts Sue Payton briefs reporters on advanced capabilities technology demonstrations currently under review during a Pentagon press briefing on March 5, 2002. DoD photo by Helene C. Stikkel. (Released)
Open Technology Development Roadmap
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SOLVE OUR OWN PROBLEMS.
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THEY'RE PEOPLE. LET THEM FAIL. CELEBRATE SUCCESSES.