

# Getting Started: Available Resources

## CCSDS.org Public Website

The [CCSDS main website](#) is where the public can go to find general information on CCSDS, its mission and purpose, structure, publications, documents for review, information on meetings, and links to related organizations.

### Primary Source Material

On the CCSDS.org public website, authors can find the CCSDS Yellow Books which provide the primary procedural and publications guidance:

1. [Organization and Processes for the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems](#). (A02.1-Y-3) Yellow Book. Issue 3. July 2011.

Description from website: "This CCSDS Record merges Restructured Organization and Processes for the CCSDS (CCSDS A02.1-Y-2) and Procedures Manual for the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS A00.0-Y-9) and updates the result to reflect the current CCSDS organization and its processes."

2. [CCSDS Publications Manual](#). (A20.0-Y-3) Yellow Book. Issue 3. December 2011.

Description from website: "The CCSDS PUBLICATIONS MANUAL defines a set of style specifications intended to standardize the appearance and format of CCSDS publications. It is intended to serve as both a guide for CCSDS document developers and an editorial Manual for publishers of CCSDS Documents. The current issue adds requirements indicated by CCSDS A02.1-Y-3, Organization and Processes for the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (Yellow Book, Issue 3, July 2011); eliminates obsolescent materials, e.g., materials having to do with offset printing; and eliminates some inconsistencies."

## CCSDS Collaborative Work Environment

The [Collaborative Work Environment \(CWE\)](#) portion of the CCSDS website is available via login/permission only. Once in the CWE, users have access (sometimes limited) to each CCSDS area's collaborative tools, descriptions of each Working Group, and links to each group's charters and projects.

### CESG Home: Secondary Source Material

The [CESG Home](#) tab is the location under which authors will find Boot Camp Slides, Document Templates, and the Author's Toolkit. Each of these in some way pulls information verbatim from the primary source material.

1. [Boot Camp Slides](#)

There are two sets of Boot Camp slides. The Author's Toolkit takes both into consideration and incorporates elements of each where applicable:

- a. Peter Shames' "CCSDS Book 'Colors' and Contents" presentation focuses primarily on information found in the Organization and Processes manual. It includes historical information about CCSDS, provides detailed information about each book type, requirements for each book type, and examples of published books that fall under each book type. Much of the information included is verbatim from the Organization and Processes manual. Finally, the presentation discusses the importance of producing quality documents.
- b. Tom Gannett's "Technical Editor Boot Camp" slides focus more on the Publications Manual and the writing and review of CCSDS documents. The presentation covers stages of document development, procedures, drafting requirements, and editorial conventions and pitfalls. (Tom's more than 20 years

as CCSDS primary editor makes him particularly knowledgeable about those pitfalls.) Some of the information presented in his slides is verbatim guidance from the Publications Manual.

2. [Document Templates](#)

Each document template is set up as a great starting point for drafting a CCSDS book. The templates are set up with the required formatting styles to ensure it is as easy as possible to adhere to the Publications Manual. The document editors will take care of whatever formatting was missed.

3. [Author's Toolkit](#)

This "Resources Available" document is part of the Author's Toolkit. Information in the toolkit has been pulled and synthesized from all the items listed above, plus outside sources where applicable. Please see the "Read Me—About the Author's Toolkit" document for additional information on the Toolkit.

### CCSDS Management Framework

The [CCSDS Management Framework](#) is where authors can find all the Working Group charters, create new ones, view closed ones, see the CCSDS Operating Plan, respond to polls (if allowed), review documents, and register for meetings. It is also here where one can find detailed information about CCSDS projects, their descriptions, resources, and status. A graphic of the scheduled milestones is in this area as well. A sample screen shot of this area is shown in Figure 1.

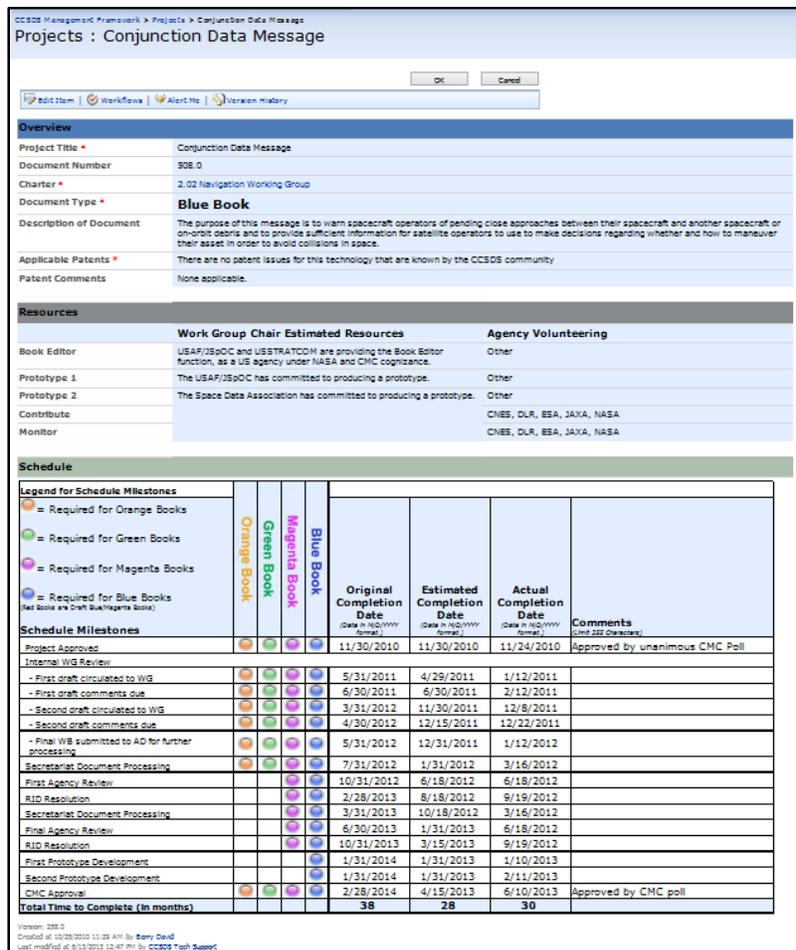


Figure 1: View of Sample Project in the Management Framework