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Consolidated Reference Model Updated

The Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office (FEA PMO) is in the process of releasing the Consolidated Reference Model (CRM) Version 2.1 containing updates to the FEA Reference Models for use in the FY09 federal budget process. Federal agencies should use the updated FEA reference model information contained within CRM Version 2.1 when preparing agency budgets and enterprise architectures. The Consolidated Reference Model (CRM) Version 2.1 will be available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAModelsNEW2.html once released. A summary of changes and the updated XML schema for CRM Version 2.1 will also be available on the www.egov.gov website.

Enterprise Architecture (EA) Assessment Framework Revised

OMB EA Assessment Framework is being revised to reflect new initiatives and guidance developed within the Federal Enterprise Architecture community. The organization of the assessment criteria into three Capability Areas: Completion, Use and Results will remain the same, while the number of criteria will be reduced from 17 to 13. The major changes to the Framework are highlighted below:

➢ The Completion assessment criteria will emphasize the development of segment architectures and incorporation of cross-agency initiatives found in the FTF.

➢ Some criteria formerly located in the Results capability area will be consolidated and moved to the Use capability area.

➢ The Results criteria will be revised to emphasize integrated performance measurement of the agency's EA.

➢ Supplemental guidance on developing effective EA transition strategies will be removed from the Framework and published separately.

New Version of Federal Transition Framework (FTF)

Version 1.0 of the FTF Catalog will be released containing a total of 18 Cross-Agency initiatives. The FTF is a catalog of architectural information and implementation guidance for cross-agency initiatives using a simple, familiar structure aligned with the Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) Reference Models. The FTF allows agencies to:

➢ Receive consistent, complete and detailed information about cross-agency initiatives more quickly to inform their enterprise architecture, capital planning and implementation activities;

- ➢ Use information describing cross-agency initiatives to make better informed decisions about their IT investments; and
- ➢ Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of IT investments to realize service improvements and cost savings.

Additional information related to the FTF is available at www.egov.gov/ftf, including answers to a number of "Frequently Asked Questions".

FEA Practice Guidance Available Soon to Assist Agency Architects

OMB, in cooperation with the Architecture and Infrastructure Committee of the CIO Council, will soon be releasing guidance agency architects can use to work with business owners to better support their agency's mission. The guidance will provide overviews of architecture concepts, descriptions of the content included in architecture work products, and direction on how to develop and use work products to increase the value of architecture activities and improve results in agency mission performance. The two primary concepts described in the guidance are segment architecture and EA transition strategy. **Segment architecture** provides a detailed results-oriented architecture for a portion or segment of the enterprise. The **EA transition strategy** describes the plan for an agency or segment to achieve its target architecture. The guidance will be available on the E-gov web site once released.

Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Standards Profile to be Released

The Federal IPv6 Working Group (IPv6WG) continues to meet monthly and is making significant progress in establishing IPv6 standards for both the Federal government and an IPv6 product testing/certification program. Most notably, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in conjunction with the IPv6WG and OMB, are scheduled to release a Federal government IPv6 standards profile by the end of 2006.

The General Services Administration (GSA) is actively involved with the IPv6WG to support IPv6 transition in the Federal government. In August 2006, a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) case was issued to require inclusion of IPv6 capable products in information technology procurements to the maximum extent practicable. The release date for the IPv6 FAR amendment has not yet been determined.

The next meeting of the IPv6WG is scheduled for December 5, 2006 at 1:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Department of Education, 550 12th St SW (10th floor), Washington, DC. All agency IPv6 leads are highly encouraged to attend this particular meeting where feedback will be provided on agency IPv6 transition plans. NIST will also be providing status of the IPv6 standards profile and recommendations for an IPv6 product testing/certification program.

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