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MEMORANDUM: for Agency Chief Information Officers and Chief Architects

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SUBJECT: The Federal Transition Framework Version 1.0

The Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office (FEA PMO) is pleased to release the Federal Transition Framework (FTF) Version 1.0. The FTF is a single source for clear and consistent information describing government-wide IT policy objectives and cross-agency initiatives, such as the E-Gov and Line of Business (LoB) initiatives. OMB worked with agencies and the E-Gov and LoB initiatives to expand the information provided in the pilot version of the FTF Catalog. Version 1.0 of the FTF catalog contains eighteen cross-agency initiatives and is now available at: http://www.egov.gov/ftf.

With the continued emphasis on common government-wide activities, the Federal Government must improve its ability to align to and implement common solutions to realize the benefits of these efforts as quickly as possible to improve services for the American taxpayer. We have already seen how improved agency access to information describing cross-agency initiatives, coupled with existing processes to assess and verify the use of this information, can help agencies rapidly adopt common solutions and approaches. 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 more 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.

There is much more information about the FEA and FTF available at http://www.egov.gov, including answers to a number of "Frequently Asked Questions" on the FTF. If you have any comments or questions about the FTF, please e-mail fea@omb.eop.gov or contact the FEA PMO at (202) 395-0379.