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Three New Lines of Business Announced

The FY07 President's Budget announced the launch of three new Lines of Business (LoB): Geospatial, Budgeting and Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure. The Federal

**For your
calendar**

2/28/2006 -
Agency Enterprise Architectures were due to OMB for assessment

6/30/2006 -
Second phase of submissions are due for proposed updates to the FEA Reference Models

Enterprise Architecture was used as a framework for analysis in identifying these new LoB's. The Geospatial LoB will identify opportunities to optimize and consolidate Federal geospatial-related investments to reduce cost and improve services to citizens. The Budget Formulation and Execution LoB will serve to build the "budget of the future" by identifying solutions and automated tools to enhance agency and central budget processes. The IT Infrastructure Optimization initiative will look for opportunities to consolidate and optimize commodity IT infrastructure to generate cost savings across the Federal Government (estimated between \$18 and \$29 billion over ten years) and help agencies better focus on executing their respective missions. Planning is underway to launch an inter-agency task force to begin in-depth analysis for each of these LoB's.

Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Updating Backbones

Agencies will participate in their first IPv6 progress review as part of the Q2 FY06 Enterprise Architecture assessment process. Agencies are required to integrate their IPv6 transition planning into their EA transition strategy in an effort to achieve their target architecture - with a focus on the establishment of key transition milestones. IPv6 transition progress will be tracked by OMB during each quarterly EA review. More information on IPv6 can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAAssessment.html>

The IPv6 Policy Alignment section of the Enterprise Architecture Assessment Framework (EAAF) v2.0 will be used to evaluate compliance with OMB Memorandum M-05-22. This document is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-22.pdf>

EA Assessment Framework v2.0 in Use

The Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office (FEA PMO) is using EA Assessment Framework 2.0 to evaluate agencies' EA progress. EA submission materials are due February 28, 2006 to the Office of Management and Budget FEA PMO. Results will be announced on March 31, 2006 and included in agency's PMA status scores. Guidance was released to assist agencies in preparing their submissions to OMB for review. The guidance documents include: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs); Instructions for Agency EA Submissions; and Agency Self Assessment and Scoring Matrix to assist agencies with their EA self-assessments. These documents are located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAAssessment.html>

Data Reference Model (DRM) is Moving Forward

The Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC) inter-agency Data Reference Model (DRM) working group is developing a management strategy to align with OMB Memorandum 06-02. This memorandum identifies procedures to organize and categorize information and make it searchable across agencies to improve public access and dissemination. As the DRM working group moves forward, three cross-agency initiatives will form communities of interest (COI) to pilot this effort.

Reference Model Maintenance Process in Full Gear

Last year the Architecture Infrastructure Committee (AIC) and OMB defined the FEA Reference Model Maintenance Process. The maintenance process is currently executing according to the plan. The AIC leadership selected process owners for each of the individual reference models. The assessment team is evaluating the first round of submissions to recommend for incorporation into the updated Consolidated Reference Model (CRM) with an expected release in early April 2006. The next phase of submissions will be due June 30, 2006, for inclusion into the next CRM update in September 2006.

More information can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAModelsNEW2.html>

FEA Reference Models - reference models are designed to facilitate cross-agency analysis and the identification of duplicative investments, gaps, and opportunities for collaboration within and across Federal agencies.

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