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Results of 2007 Enterprise Architecture Assessment Released

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released the results of the 2007 agency Enterprise Architecture (EA) assessment, demonstrating the quality of EA in the Federal government is improving. Despite facing more rigorous EA scoring standards in 2007, 19 of the 24 agencies assessed earned a rating of "green" (satisfactory). Additionally, the average score in each of the three major assessment categories (i.e. Completion, Use, and Results), showed a significant increase over last year's assessment. The six agencies with the highest EA assessment scores are (in alphabetical order): Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Interior, Department of Labor, Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National Science Foundation.

The EA assessment scores identified performance management and IT transition planning as areas benefiting from additional focus in the Federal government. This finding is consistent with the recent announcement by OMB's Deputy Director, Clay Johnson, regarding the creation of a new performance management council as part of a push to institutionalize the initiatives comprising the President's Management Agenda (PMA). The assessment also revealed data management and information sharing efforts are gaining an increased level of focus and maturity within the agencies. This is due, in part, to OMB's requirement for agencies to develop an enterprise data architecture which inventories, categorizes, and harmonizes the agencies' information assets.

This year, nineteen (19) agencies achieved a rating of "green", one (1) agency was rated as "yellow", and four (4) were rated as "red". Agencies rated as "red" did not successfully complete the requirement to complete a segment architecture.

The average scores for each of the areas increased from last year to this year as indicated below:

Capability Area	2006	2007	Increase
Completion	3.3	4.0	21%
Use	3.2	3.6	13%
Results	2.9	3.6	24%

The two categories with the highest average scores were:

- Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Planning (Results)
- Business Architecture (Completion)

The two categories with the lowest average scores were:

- Transition Strategy Performance (Results)
- Cost Savings and Cost Avoidance (Results)

OMB is currently in the process of reviewing the detailed results of the assessment with each of the 24 agencies and providing feedback on how to continue to mature their EA programs in the upcoming year.

The Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office (FEA PMO) will soon be releasing additional guidance on how agencies can measure the value EA provides to agency mission performance. The measurement of EA program value is a strategic priority for the FEA PMO this year and will likely be reflected in the next version of the EA Assessment Framework.

Agencies to Submit Quarterly EA Development Plans to OMB

As an adjunct to the annual OMB EA assessment in February, each Federal agency is required to submit quarterly EA status reports to the FEA PMO. On June 8, 2007, OMB released guidance to agency CIOs and Chief Architects describing the quarterly EA reporting process requirements. These quarterly EA status reports identify the agency's plan to mature its EA program during the upcoming year and demonstrate the agency's progress against this plan. The quarterly EA report should include action items ("milestones") to address the areas of the EA program where improvement is needed (identified by OMB during the most recent annual EA assessment), as well as other activities representing the strategic priorities of the agency.   The exact number and type of milestones will vary by agency according to what the agency needs to accomplish to make its EA program more effective.

For the upcoming year, the following activities should be included within the set of quarterly EA milestones:

- Activities to address areas of improvement, as identified in the EA Assessment feedback
- Continued integration of cross-agency initiatives (as per the Federal Transition Framework) into the agency's enterprise architecture
- Development and business-owner approval of additional mission-focused, segment architecture(s)
- Development of an EA value-measurement program

Agencies are required to submit these quarterly reports to OMB on June 1, 2007, September 1, 2007, December 1, 2007 and February 28, 2008. Completed EA quarterly reports should be sent to the E-Gov email address at egov@omb.eop.gov, along with the quarterly E-Gov Implementation Plan Report. Upon receipt of an agency EA Quarterly Report, the FEA PMO will review the agency-provided evidence for completion and inform the agency if additional information is required.

Agencies will be scored on successful completion of the milestones in their plans. The results of the agency's quarterly EA progress reports will affect the agency's *progress* score for its PMA E-Government Scorecard, but not the agency's *status* score.

Call for Participation: Open Forum on IPv6 Deployment Testing (June 26, 2007)

On June 26, 2007, the Federal IPv6 Working Group (IPv6WG), in conjunction with the American Council for Technology/Industry Advisory Council (ACT/IAC), is sponsoring an open forum on IPv6 deployment testing. The forum will provide an open setting for the IPv6

community to discuss both IPv4 and IPv6 deployment testing experience and share lessons learned. The intent of the forum is also to determine what test tools, test cases, and test reporting formats exist in the public domain. Several communities are expected to participate in the forum:

- Federal agencies
- Private industry, industry associations, and consortiums
- Academia

The forum will consist of a set of 3 short (15 minute) presentations from the Federal Government, 3 short (15 minute) presentations from academia, industry associations or consortiums, and a one-hour open discussion period to collect government and industry comments.

Event information
June 26th 2007
8:30 am -> 12:00pm
Room 1412, Herbert C. Hoover Building
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington D.C.

RSVP Information: Requests to present should be sent to John McManus at jmcmanus@doc.gov. If the event generates significant response, follow-on forums will be scheduled. On-line registration information for the event is available at: www.actgov.org. For more information about this forum, please contact the IPv6WG co-chairs: John McManus (Department of Commerce) at jmcmanus@doc.gov, or Peter Tseronis (Department of Education) at Peter.Tseronis@ed.gov.

Upcoming Seminars and Events

2007 Chief Architects Forum (CAF) Meeting Schedule

All Chief Architect Forums will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 PM Eastern Time in the Hove Auditorium at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Arlington VA. The FDIC Campus is located at the Virginia Square Metro Station. More information is available at: http://colab.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ChiefArchitectsForum%20. The next scheduled meeting dates are:
- Wednesday July 18, 2007
- Wednesday October 10, 2007

2007 ArchitecturePlus Seminar Meeting Schedule

All ArchitecturePlus Seminars will be held from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM Eastern Time at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Building, 1735 New York Avenue NW, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Washington, DC. The AIA Building is at 18th and E Streets, NW, across from GSA and directly behind the Historic Octagon House. By Metro, take the Blue or Orange Line to Farragut West. Take the 18th Street Metro exit and walk toward the Mall on 18th Street.   More information is available at: http://colab.cim3.net/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ChiefArchitectsForum%20. The next scheduled meeting dates are:
- June 14, 2007
- September 6, 2007
- December 4/11, 2007

CIO Council Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC) – General Membership Meeting Schedule

More information is available at: http://cio.gov/index.cfm?function=eastatement. The next scheduled meeting dates are:

- July 19, 2007
- September 20, 2007
- November 16, 2007

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