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Enterprise Architecture (EA) Assessment Framework V2.1 Released

In December 2006, the newest version of the Enterprise Architecture Assessment Framework (EAAF) – Version 2.1 – was released in final to agencies. This version was released for agency review in August 2006. EAAF v2.1 is the basis of the annual EA assessment and reflects new initiatives and guidance developed within the Federal Enterprise Architecture community. Consistent with the organization of the prior version of the framework, EAAF v2.1 is organized into three (3) capability areas: Completion, Use and Results. The number of criteria has been reduced from 17 to 13, with an increased emphasis on the completion of mission-focused segment architecture, integration of Federal Transition Framework (FTF) cross-agency initiatives, and measurement of results (e.g. cost savings, cost avoidance).

Agencies annual EA submissions are due to OMB by February 28, 2007. The EAAF v2.1 and EA assessment submission instructions are available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAAssessment.html.

FEA Practice Guidance Supports Value to the Mission

In December 2006, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in cooperation with the CIO Council Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC), released guidance describing important concepts architects can use with business owners to deliver value to their agency's mission. 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 is available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/documents/FEA_Practice_Guidance.pdf.

Federal Transition Framework (FTF) Version 1.0 Available

In December 2006, Version 1.0 of the FTF Catalog was 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.

Future versions of the FTF will contain additional cross-agency initiatives. All information related to the FTF, including the Usage Guide, Catalog, and Meta-model, is available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/a-2-EAFTF.html.

Federal Government IPv6 Standards Profile out for Public Comment

On January 31, 2007, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in conjunction with the Federal IPv6 Working Group (IPv6WG) and OMB, released a Federal government IPv6 standards profile, *NIST Special Publication 500-267.* NIST is soliciting feedback on the profile through a 30-day public comment period. The comment period closes at 5:00 PM EST, on March 2, 2007. Instructions for accessing the profile, and providing feedback, are located at: http://www.antd.nist.gov/usgv6-v1-comments.html.

The next meeting of the IPv6WG is scheduled for February 22, 2007, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. This meeting will be held in Room 4830 at the Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. For more information about this meeting, 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.

Soliciting Input for the Next Section of FEA Practice Guidance

The OMB FEA Project Management Office (FEA PMO) is soliciting input for the next section of the FEA Practice Guidance, "Enterprise Architects – Roles, Skills, and Hiring. The FEA PMO is currently carrying out an effort to define the roles, skills, and value of an enterprise architect in an agency. The purpose of this guidance will be to assist agencies with the identification and hiring of effective enterprise architects, and to clarify the roles and expectations of an enterprise architect in an organization. Anyone who would like to contribute their ideas to the development of this guidance is encouraged to send their input to the FEA PMO at fea@omb.eop.gov. Contributions will be accepted through April 15, 2007.

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:

- Thursday April 5, 2007
- Wednesday July 18, 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:

- March 6, 2007
- June 14, 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:

- March 15, 2007
- May 17, 2007
- July 19, 2007

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