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MEMORANDUM FOR AGENCY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS AND CHIEF
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SUBJECT: Improving Agency Performance Using Information and Information
                Technology: Enterprise Architecture Assessment Framework

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is releasing the updated version of the Enterprise
Architecture (EA) Assessment Framework (EAAF), "Improving Agency Performance Using
Information and Information Technology". Agencies should use this document to finalize their
enterprise architecture plans for FY09.

This update includes the results of extensive feedback received from agencies in September. In
particular, the EA reporting and assessment cycle has been modified to further tighten alignment
of EA with agency strategic planning and mission performance improvement, capital planning
and investment control (CPIC), and results reporting:

- Quarterly milestone reporting – Starting in February 2009, agencies will submit a
  completed reporting template for each agency-defined segment.

- Annual status assessment – Starting in the FY 09 cycle, OMB will assess Completion in
  the 3rd fiscal quarter; assess Use in the 4th fiscal quarter, and assess Results in the 1st
  fiscal quarter.

Additional changes are described in the EAAF. OMB will continue to provide feedback with
each submission and assessment, and will increase our emphasis on identifying and
communicating opportunities for agencies to collaborate on developing and reusing core mission
(i.e., Federal Health Information Sharing), business service (i.e., Financial Management, IT
Infrastructure), or enterprise service (i.e., Identity Management) segment architectures.

OMB anticipates final release of the EAAF, EA Segment Report Template, the Federal Segment
Architecture Methodology (FSAM) and the Federal Transition Framework (FTF) soon. We
anticipate any changes to the EAAF to be non-material changes made to support final
synchronization of the various documents and the EA Segment Report Template.

If you have additional questions regarding the EA Assessment Framework, please send an e-mail
to fea@omb.eop.gov or call me at (202) 395-0379.

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