



Business Enterprise Architecture 6.2 Released – Enhanced Business Flows and Navigation

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Arlington, Va. – Business Transformation Agency (BTA) Program managers now have improved insight into Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) thanks to the newly released information, BEA version 6.2. This advance information will help BEA users understand future requirements for planning and decision making and will allow stakeholders to accelerate the implementation of requirements prior to the official annual BEA release. BEA 6.0, the latest official release delivered March 12, 2009, will continue to be used to assert compliance.

Content changes for BEA 6.2 include enhanced mapping of the 15 End-To-End (E2E) business flows into the BEA. Also the realignment of two of BEA's DoD Architecture Framework (DoDAF) products: the OV-5 Node Tree and the OV-5 Operational Activity Models, ensure that numbering of activities in both products are consistent.

The E2E business flows will provide better alignment between BEA's business capabilities and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) functionality, making the Business Enterprise Architecture more useful for both system implementations and investment management decisions. The E2E business flows also support the development of integrated, enterprise business capabilities in the BEA.

“The development and inclusion of the End-to-End business flows will facilitate alignment with industry practices and business process re-engineering in a cross-functional manner. This moves away from traditional organizational silos to delivering integrated capability using Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) systems,” said Jeetendra Ahuja, Deputy Director, Enterprise Integration (EI), former industry business transformation advisor and ERP Systems Integrator.

New navigation capabilities will make it easier for users to search and use BEA content in a meaningful way whether they are business managers or enterprise architects. The site also includes a narrated tour with an overview of content and functionality.

A link to the Department of Defense (DoD) Strategic Management Plan (SMP) has been added to the BEA 6.2 site. The SMP describes the steps DoD will take to better align business transformation with DoD's strategic planning and decision processes. The intention is to align the BEA, the DoD Enterprise Transition Plan (ETP) and the SMP to reflect the goals, measures and initiatives listed in the SMP.



BEA 6.2 is accessible to the public online at <http://www.bta.mil/products/bea.html>. The next annual release (BEA 7.0) is scheduled for March 2010.

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The BEA is the enterprise architecture for the DoD Business Mission Area and includes activities, processes, data standards, business rules, operating requirements and information exchanges. It is developed using a set of integrated DoD Architecture Framework (DoDAF) products to guide, constrain and implement interoperable defense business system solutions as required by the National Defense Authorization Act. The BEA enables DoD business systems users, developers and investment managers to better align DoD IT investments with business initiatives, improve system interoperability, and execute rapid system deployment through reduced development time and improved re-use.
