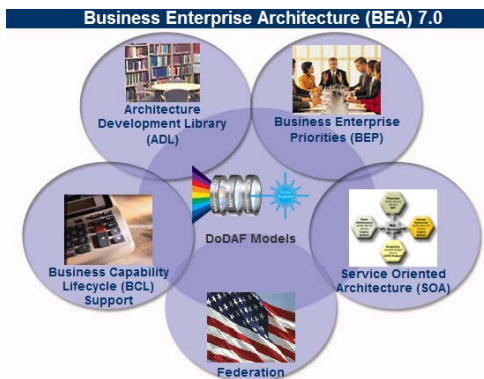




BEA 7.0 Improves Architecture Business Processes, Presentation and Navigation

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Arlington, Va. – The newly released Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) version 7.0 includes eight new End-to-End (E2E) Business Flows and was developed using the newest version of Department of Defense’s (DoD’s) Architecture Framework (DoDAF). BEA 7.0 is the annual official release developed and maintained by the Business Transformation Agency (BTA) and is used to assert compliance by the Defense Business Systems across the DoD Enterprise.

The BEA is the business enterprise architecture for the DoD. It provides a blueprint for DoD business transformation and helps ensure the appropriate capabilities, resources and materials are rapidly delivered to the war fighters. It also defines the DoD’s business transformation priorities, the business capabilities required to support those priorities and the combination of enterprise systems and initiatives that enable those capabilities.

The E2E business processes in the BEA—currently fifteen in total—help standardize business operations across the DoD business mission areas. BEA Chief Technical Architect Christal Lambert said the new changes will make the architecture easier to use in assessing compliance and supporting investment management decisions.

“We want to deliver business capabilities that can be effectively implemented for the Department of Defense through the BEA’s End-to-End Business Processes. The architecture is not just for architects—it’s for business managers to use for solving problems and achieving business results,” said Jeetendra Ahuja, Deputy Director of the BTA’s Enterprise Integration directorate.

The DoDAF 2.0 models, viewpoints and methods improve visualization capabilities and make it easier to identify specific business services within the architecture. The BEA’s development has evolved from the DoDAF 1.5 product-centric process into a DoDAF 2.0 data-centric process. This new, data-centric approach should make it easier for business managers to use the BEA in decision making and portfolio management.

The BEA Web site features a compliance tutorial and a narrated overview of the BEA content. BEA 7.0 is available online at <http://www.bta.mil/products/bea.html>.

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ABOUT THE BEA: The Business Enterprise Architecture (BEA) is the enterprise architecture for the Department of Defense (DoD) Business Mission Area (BMA) 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 (NDAA) to better enable DoD business systems users, developers, and investment managers with aligning DoD IT investments with business initiatives, improving system interoperability, and executing rapid system deployment through reduced development time and improved reuse.