

**Charter**  
**Enterprise Architecture Governance Subcommittee**  
**Architecture and Infrastructure Committee**  
**Federal CIO Council**

**Authority**

The Enterprise Architecture Governance subcommittee is a formally chartered sub-organization of the Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC) of the Federal CIO Council. The Federal CIO Council is authorized under the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996.

**Subcommittee Purpose**

The purpose of the Enterprise Architecture Governance Subcommittee (EAG) is to provide policy guidance, and advice and assistance in the definition, design and implementation of Enterprise Architecture (EA) discipline and practice throughout the Federal Government. In addition, it serves as the core Federal group providing advocacy for EA integration of business and technology architectures across, state, local and international boundaries. The EAG serves as a focal point for the development and coordination of Federal government-wide policy, guidance, including best practices for EA development and implementation. The EAG establishes common terminology definitions; and frameworks, including the Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework (FEAF) and Federal Technical Reference Models and Standards; and practical guidance for use by Federal agencies to effectively implement and sustain EA.

The EAG serves as a key element in the research, analysis, and development of principles, policies, terminology and definitions, standards and practices for the successful implementation of EA approaches and processes that may be promulgated as guidance, and or in formal documents by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The objectives of the policy and guidance developed by the EAG are to reduce inconsistencies, to encourage reusability at all layers of the Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) and to encourage the development and submission of Federal enterprise-wide, agency-wide, and inter-governmental business cases.

The EAG will work closely with OMB's Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office (FEAPMO) to develop a long-term, consistent strategy for the instantiation, implementation, and institutionalization of the FEA and for the effective implementation of supporting agency EAs that horizontally (between agencies) and vertically (agency roll up to the FEA) align with the FEA.

The EAG will also serve as a key facilitator and collaborator with industry, other levels of government and international organizations in the advancement of the principles and practices of EA. Specifically, the EAG will work closely with national and international governmental and private sector organizations to advance the use of common standards for EA.

The Committee will work to foster full integration between the Enterprise Architecture and Capital Planning and Investment Control processes, including strategic planning, investment management, and portfolio management. The Committee will develop close relationships with the Federal CIO Council Capital Planning and Investment Control working group to develop processes, guidance and direction that will result in a fully integrated Enterprise Architecture/Capital Planning process within Federal agencies.

**Expected Outcomes**

The efforts of the EAG will be directed toward achieving these outcomes:

- Effective implementation of the FEA.
- Alignment of agency EAs with the FEA reference models.
- Identification of opportunities to collaborate on, consolidate, and/or cancel current and planned IT initiatives based on insights from the FEA.
- Expansion of the FEA to include state and local governments for selected federal lines of business.

## **Deliverables**

The EAG will produce the following key deliverables:

- Evolution of the FEAF to be the single framework within which all agency Enterprise Architectures and the FEA are developed and implemented. This will require engaging and including the best practices of Federal, state and local, private sector, and international EA frameworks to form a comprehensive, common framework for the Federal government
- Identification and definition of a comprehensive EA lexicon that is codified in OMB policy and guidance and that is used throughout the Federal government.
- Development, under the direction of and in conjunction with the OMB FEAPMO, of a comprehensive strategy for the effective implementation of EAs throughout the Federal government that are business focused and that are a critical component of the core management process of each agency and OMB.
- Facilitate the involvement of career program executives and political executives in the development, implementation and use of EAs as a critical part of agency and government-wide investment decision-making and as transformational processes.
- Establishment of an effective process to involve the Information Technology vendor community, private industry, state and local governments, other countries, international organizations and national and international EA standards bodies in the development of FEA policies, standards and guidance.

## **Leadership and Membership**

The leadership of the EAG shall consist of two co-chairs. One co-chair will be nominated by the sub-committee membership and selected by the co-chairs of the AIC for a two-year period of service; the other shall be the manager of the FEAPMO. The co-chairs are responsible and report to the co-chairs of the AIC and are members of the AIC Executive Board. They are responsible for all business of the sub-committee under this charter and for developing submitting and administering the sub-committee budget. The co-chairs may appoint EAG representatives to other appropriate organizations, groups and projects and leaders for EAG internal working groups.

The EAG membership consists of two categories: regular and affiliate. Regular members shall be drawn from the federal executive agencies, as well as from each independent agency. Preferably, these will be the Chief Enterprise Architect or CIO/CTO staff person with EA responsibilities. Affiliate members will be drawn from external organizations, and will include:

- Chair of the Enterprise Architecture Committee of the National Association of State and County Information Officers.
- Chair of the Enterprise Architecture Shared Interest Group of the Industry Advisory Council.
- A representative of the General Accounting Office.
- Representatives of national and international Enterprise Architecture organizations.
- Representatives of bureau level agencies within Executive agencies.
- Representatives of other organizations, subject to approval of the EAG co-chairs.