



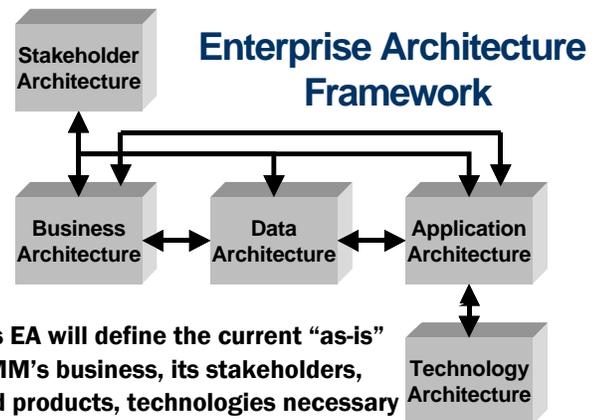
Building an Enterprise Architecture

Enterprise Architecture Development is Mandated by Legislation & Federal Guidance

Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Clinger-Cohen Act) □ OMB Circular A-130 □ Federal Enterprise Architecture Framework Act of 1999 □ Government Paperwork Elimination Act of 1999 □ Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 □ Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 □ Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 □ Government Management Reform Act of 1994 □ Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 □ Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996

The Offshore Minerals Management (OMM) e-Government transformation project, known as OCS Connect, will dramatically reform and streamline OMM's business operations. OCS Connect will automate data exchange capabilities, improve operating efficiency, and provide flexibility to meet future business conditions and demands. Building an Enterprise Architecture (EA) for the Offshore Program is the foundation of our transformation project.

An EA is a blueprint of an organization—a strategic tool that facilitates understanding of an organization's complex environment to help ensure that the different elements ultimately fit together. An EA provides a structure to analyze business operations and supporting systems to identify issues and opportunities. An EA will help promote sound business and Information Technology (IT) decisions by facilitating comprehension of OMM's complex environment. OMM's EA will define the current "as-is" and planned design "to-be" architecture—i.e., OMM's business, its stakeholders, the information necessary to deliver services and products, technologies necessary to support these activities, and transitional processes for implementing new technologies in response to changing mission objectives or business conditions. This will enable OMM to effectively support customers, manage programs, and manage change.



OMM is now developing its baseline EA (Completion in October 2002) using the classic federal EA framework so it can, when combined with other bureau EAs, comprise a unified EA for the Department of the Interior (DOI). OMM is also expanding its e-government initiative in partnership with other government organizations to identify cost-effective opportunities to simplify and unify government information and services when appropriate (see inset box below). Collaborating directly with the Bureau of Land Management, for example, will ensure our respective e-Government initiatives for oil and gas activities onshore and offshore are complementary when appropriate. Such collaborative efforts will look for opportunities to leverage successful components (and lessons learned) from each of the bureau's respective programs.

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e-Government initiatives can improve Government operations as the cost of delivering services becomes less expensive and information becomes more widely accessible. One way to maximize benefits from automation is to share information and leverage e-capabilities across government offices and bureaus.

OMM is working with the Department's CIO on a cross-agency collaboration to develop "one-stop" portals. The goal is to provide single websites that integrate e-government services. This will promote citizen access to government information, not by bureau, but by the type of service or information that people want. Working with the Department's CIO and other DOI bureaus, we are examining the feasibility of offering one site for all DOI transactions dealing with permits: e.g., oil and gas drilling permits, rights-of-way, and campsite permits. Eventually, this portal—Permit.Gov—could be expanded to include other types of government permits as well. Fully executable, online transactions benefit both government and citizens by reducing costs of service delivery and making our services more widely available and accessible to the general public.