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Set Up Your EA Program

SOLUTIONS WITHOUT BORDERS

Strategic gains from Enterprise Architecture come from systemic implementation of an effective program.

The Challenge

The proliferation in cost to operate modern businesses with the automation and information required is causing organizations to control funding of projects only when Enterprise Architecture mapping proves legitimate effectiveness and efficiency. As technology costs continue to escalate in support of all technology proliferating in the enterprise, the pressure to consolidate and rationalize heterogeneous systems increases. By and large business programs have lost faith in IT to be able to meet business needs for systems and information due to the often cobbled infrastructure pieced together from years of under-funded initiatives. Since leaders still cannot get answers to questions about effectiveness and efficiency of systems to support the business major initiatives such as Green Technology or SOX Compliance can't seem to find a path to full support. Fixing every problem is not affordable and there needs to be a way to solve categories of problems at a time.



The Solution

Organizations are under severe pressure to establish high levels of business effectiveness with significantly lower investment. As projects become the dominant way to implement change, and as integrated business performance requires more and more cross-functional performance alignment, the cost of breaking down silo infrastructure and applications to serve the business can become overwhelming. No one project or decision can bear the brunt of changing the architecture to accommodate change more readily. An architecture program for the enterprise can leverage existing governance capability to gradually introduce services that facilitate building to an improved target or vision state one project at a time. The program can also facilitate operational decisions that combine effectiveness toward alignment with the same target or vision state. There are ways to model such a program and to implement capability in phased ways to deliver benefit that demonstrates the value for continued investment. Architecture becomes just another common governance topic and set of measures that all programs contribute to.

The Approach

Organizations can get very focused on short term benefits and Enterprise Architecture programs can seem somewhat costly to operate for the long-term benefit promised. Alternatives are needed to rapidly gain credibility with minor investments through program services. Designing a model plan that is aligned with control authority standards can often allow rapid implementation of portions of a program that can eventually add up to significant capability once the benefits are demonstrated. This “Think Big and Start Small” concept establishes a path from any fix or correction aligned with a strategic direction. Also ensure that architecture decisions are integrated with standard enterprise governance systems to avoid additional cost in implementation; and, build architecture competencies in available skills to feed governance systems gradually. Finally, ensure the Architecture Program defines its architecture.

The Benefits

Where organizations rarely have insufficient information about implemented systems to know where efficiencies are possible, an EA program, implemented in value-based increments has proven to address problems in categories that make investments more beneficial and to gradually work from fixing problems to avoiding problems. Since there are few models to initialize, substantiate and mature an EA program, generating such a model from a set of defined patterns facilitates success of delivered service benefits earlier than most programs can normally get organized. Initial program gains have broken down common silo barriers and taught individuals where sharing the burden leads to significantly higher returns on investment. Providing just enough information to resolve the right problems can serve to fund many other services that can accelerate benefits and trust in program value. Benefits span people, process and technology factors in combinations to build business performance improvements and cost reductions simultaneously.

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Delegata is a premier consulting and systems integration firm specializing in eBusiness Solutions, Project Management, Application Development, Process Alignment, Technology Migration, Planning and Analysis. Our customer-centric solutions establish the architectural frameworks that support seamless transitions from existing to new technologies while leveraging current investments. Utilizing strong industry acumen and our configurable Diamond® Methodology, Delegata begins with client business objectives, aligns technology components, and delivers tightly integrated total solutions tailored to our clients' unique environments.

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