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Overcoming DoDAF Limitations Tops Discussions at DoD Enterprise Architecture Conference

Binary Consulting's Chief Architect part of DoDAF Panel.

Bethesda, MD., October 27, 2006 – Binary Consulting's Chief Architect, Robert Damashek spoke to a packed crowd at last week's Department of Defense (DoD) Enterprise Architecture (EA) Conference in Williamsburg, VA. It was hosted by Mr. George Wauer, the DoD's Director of Architecture and Interoperability under the Assistant Secretary of Defense (NII) / DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO), and was attended by Combatant Command (COCOMs) leaders, staff element officers, CIOs, and industry representatives from as far away as Australia.

As part of the DoD Architecture Framework (DoDAF) panel, Mr. Damashek discussed the need to evolve and better support the decision process requirements and gaps in support of enterprise alignment, as well as capability and IT portfolio management. A key goal he articulated was to support enterprise decision making and joint warfighting by leveraging federated taxonomies and ontologies as tools for linking and integrating DoD and Service architectures.

According to Mr. Damashek, "The conference was thought-provoking and very productive. The DoD EA community is really starting to understand two major issues: 1) the challenges and limitations of the current DODAF particularly in support of enterprise portfolio management; the criticality and relevancy of a joint federated enterprise to support the joint warfighter; and 2) the need to think outside the box to take a look globally – these points were reiterated and reinforced over and over throughout the conference." We can learn from others' successes like the UK Ministry of Defence where their architecture framework directly addresses strategic goals, traceability and some portfolio management concerns. Hopefully, our government can adopt and make use of some of their lessons learned – that's the true importance of bringing together the disparate pieces of this community where it facilitates information sharing."

Under Binary's contract with the Army's Chief Information Officer (CIO/G6) directorate, Mr. Damashek supports the Army Architecture Integration Center where he works to guide the Army's strategy for architecture-based support to net-centric force transformation, leveraging architecture to ensure the Army's on-going alignment with similar transformation initiatives across the Federal Government and the DoD. Binary provides strategic enterprise planning and management services at the enterprise-level within the Army's CIO/G-6 and Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) directorates — overseeing the delivery of architecture, providing complete management of the technical lifecycle in constituent projects, and the delivery of high quality supporting design documentation.

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