To: Chief Information Officers
Re: Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) FY06 Reference Model Revision Summary

In conjunction with OMB's release of the FY06 A-11, the Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) Program is providing its outline of changes to the FEA reference models in preparation for the FY06 budget process. The attached document summarizes the FY06 revisions, and provides a look at continuing development efforts. A consolidated FY06 FEA Reference Models document that incorporates all the changes outlined in this revisions summary will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

FY06 Changes

Based primarily on agency feedback (both directly and through the CIO Council's Architecture and Infrastructure Committee (AIC)), the changes are intended to simplify the reference models and improve their usability in making agency information technology investment decisions. As outlined in the attached FEA '06 Revision Summary, the most significant changes to the reference models follow:

Business Reference Model (BRM)
- Clearly defined use of the Mode Of Delivery
- Additions and revisions of Intelligence Community, Federal Health, Human Resource Management, and DOD Warfighting subfunctions

Service Component Reference Model (SRM)
- Improved direction for choosing and defining service components
- Addition of new components based on agency identification

Technical Reference Model (TRM)
- Removal of Service Specification Layer and refocus of TRM to support agency EA technology profiles

Performance Reference Model (PRM)
- Clarified direction for linking agency performance objectives to IT investments

Continuing Development Efforts

The FEA Program continues to strive toward enhancing the usability and business value of the FEA as it relates to an agency's ability to operationalize its enterprise architecture program. These efforts will not impact the FY06 budget activities and will be discussed over the next few months. Working with the AIC and IAC, the FEA Program is pursuing and anticipating concept papers and/or pilot efforts on the following:

- Integration of security and privacy into the FEA framework
- Development of version 2.0 of the OMB Enterprise Architecture Assessment
- Refinement of the Performance Reference Model (PRM)
- Use of "patterns" to better integrate the FEA with agency EA activities

Please take this opportunity for your agency to provide any feedback on the FY06 changes. Please submit comments to the FEA Program by close of business Friday, June 18, 2004. Please direct your comments to support@feapmo.gov.