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OMB Launches Task Force to Examine Government Lines of Business

Last week, the Office of Management and Budget kicked off a government-wide analysis of five lines of business supporting the President's Management Agenda goal to expand Electronic Government. Interagency teams will examine business and information technology data and best practices for each line of business – financial, human resources, grants, health, and case management systems. The goal of the effort is to identify opportunities for the FY 2006 Budget to reduce the cost of government and improve services to citizens through business performance improvements.

"Through review of Federal Enterprise Architecture data provided by agencies, we saw the need to review our planned investments in these five areas. We look forward to the results of this endeavor and the solution that each team will recommend," said Karen S. Evans, Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology.

The five Lines of Business and their agency team leads are:

- **Financial Management (FM)**
Department of Energy
Department of Labor
- **Human Resources Management (HR)**
Office of Personnel Management
- **Grants Management (GM)**
Department of Education
National Science Foundation
- **Federal Health Architecture (FHA)**
Health and Human Services
- **Case Management (CM)**
Department of Justice

Throughout the next six months, agency-led teams will draft and finalize common solutions and a target architecture reflected in business cases in order to be submitted for Fiscal Year 2006 budget review. The business cases may include a strategy for meeting the goal by the possible consolidation of multiple business processes that currently operate for each line of business, integration of existing operations, and/or a shared service provider arrangement.

The Office of Management and Budget and the Line of Business Task Forces will use business principles and best practices to identify common solutions for business processes and/or technology-based shared services for government agencies.

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