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SUBJECT: The Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF) Version 2.0

The DoD Architecture Framework (DoDAF) Version 2.0 is approved for immediate use. Version 2.0, which supersedes Version 1.5 released 23 April 2007, is the prescribed framework for all Department architectures, and represents a substantial shift in approach. It places emphasis upon a disciplined process of defining the purpose, scope and information requirements of the architecture up-front, followed by collection of data in accordance with a standard vocabulary. Data collected through the architectural process is delivered to the customer in either standard models or "Fit for Purpose" presentations.

DoDAF Version 2.0 accommodates artifacts and viewpoints created under version 1.5 and includes new Viewpoints to meet user requirements. While DODAF is the prescribed means of representing architecture content, the specific models developed are Selected by the user and defined by the processes which they support. DODAF Version 2.0 provides a richer, yet leaner methodology to document essential architectural content. Architectures shall comply with Version 2.0 in their next major release. DODAF version 2.0 is available at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/454707>.



Version 2.0 consists of three volumes and a Journal:

- Volume 1 (Manager's Guide - Introduction, Overview, and Concepts) introduces DoD architecture concepts and provides general guidance for development, use, and management of DoD architectures.
- Volume 2 (Architect's Guide – Architectural Data and Models) describes the Meta-model data groups, and their associated models from a technical viewpoint.
- Volume 3 (Developer's Guide - DoDAF Meta-model Physical Exchange Specification) relates the Conceptual Data Model structure, Logical Data Model relationships, associations, and business rules to introduce the Physical Exchange Specification which provides the constructs needed to enable exchange of data and derived information among users and Communities of Interest.
- The DoDAF Journal provides a place for submitting future change requests to DoDAF or the DoDAF Meta-model, and provides the examples referenced in the various DoDAF volumes. The DoDAF Journal also contains supplementary "how to" information relating to architecture, architecture best practices, lessons learned, and reference documents.

Our future plans include the development of a "virtual DoDAF", that will allow for incremental changes based upon user feedback and DoDAF Core Management Group adjudication. The release of the "virtual DoDAF" will be announced via the DoDAF website referenced above. My point of contact for the DoDAF is Mr. Michael L. Wayson, (703) 607-0482, michael.wayson@osd.mil.



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