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Project Success is our Mission

Do you question how utilization of Enterprise Architecture (EA) can help achieve better mission/business performance? Here is a practical example at NASA of how EA is being used as an effective tool to align financial & workforce objectives, scientific and technical initiatives and IT projects to increase performance enterprise-wide. This message is intended for those of you who are seeking efficiencies, restructuring organizations, and/or doing more or equivalent work with tightening resources.

The analysis stems from a culmination of my experiences before and since starting KIMS plus an understanding of many of the technical requirements, people, organization and leadership characteristics needed for the collaboration necessary within Federal EA initiatives.

The assertion is that my interdisciplinary experiences and history at NASA, in particular, of delivering mission critical products, beyond customers' expectations, ahead-of or on schedule and many times within time and financial constraints, may be able to be of benefit in supporting your work at other Agencies, as well.

For example, having facilitated Goddard Space Flight Center's first Enterprise Architecture Working Group consisting of about 20 people representing all of the Center's Directorates, Independent Verification & Validation and Wallops Flight Facility, I found it wasn't as much the technical but the relational aspects of the committee which required the most effort to ensure that the group "hummed in harmony". Our task included producing a Center-centric response to the NASA-wide "To-Be" EA plans. We did, ahead of schedule; the work was noticed and complimented at the Agency level.

More recently through support of a contractor's bid, KIMS provided technical subject matter expertise, writing to requirements to under-gird the OCIO and governance efforts of Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) for developing an "innovation management portal"; planned to include an integrated EA repository allowing for the utilization of enterprise architecture assets to drive development of Center-wide strategic plans.

MSFC's goal is to collaboratively manage its portfolio and innovation management programs through a comprehensive team approach via an IT Strategy & Investment Board (ITSIB) representing each of the Mission Directorates and a Marshall Enterprise Architecture Advisory Committee (MEAAC) consisting of the applications representatives. Thereby increasing its business/mission performance across the dynamic enterprise by effectively and efficiently streamlining acquisition and utilization of policy, processes, products and people. Similar undertakings in your organization can prove beneficial. KIMS can help.

KIMS specializes in applying systems engineering and project management methodologies and frameworks to Information Technology (IT), and other technical

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programs for aerospace and telecommunications customers; honed supporting Civilian Agencies and primarily at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) assisting these areas:

- Center-wide Performance and Risk Assessment
- CIO Enterprise Management
- High performance Computing & Office Automation and IT
- Technical and Professional Development

My career began at GSFC in the mid-1990s through the completion of four consecutive summer undergraduate internships; concurrently I achieved a B.S. in computer engineering degree in part funded by a 4-year NASA scholarship. Before starting KIMS I worked for a Silicon Valley computer company, as a NASA contractor, and as a civil servant (in a temporary role while completing an M.S. of Space Studies degree at the International Space University). An alliance partnership formed with an organizational development expert, Dr. Sarah Malone, Ph.D., compliments KIMS' technical focus to offer NASA and its contractors a well-rounded solution.

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If there is assistance that you need or are willing to explore within your organization lets talk. I would love to discuss with you the value that KIMS can bring to your initiatives based on proven results, skill set, work ethic, character and diplomacy.

Best,

-Kim

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