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Subject: Technical Exchange on Web Application Development

To Whom It May Concern:

The Program Executive Officer for Business Enterprise Systems invites you to participate in a technical exchange. This exchange will discuss software development practices and standards. We intend to focus the exchange on the two leading programming platforms in the BES Directorate portfolio: Java Enterprise Edition and .NET platforms. More specifically, this technical exchange will discuss (1) the merits of establishing a standardized set of web application frameworks, development processes and tools; and (2) how to introduce these types of requirements in a competitive AF acquisition for IT products and services.

To give a sense of what a web application standardization plan might encompass, sample frameworks and tools are outlined in the attached Standardized Frameworks & Tools spreadsheet. To foster healthy dialogue, we respectfully request you populate this spreadsheet to reflect any software development frameworks and tools your firm is currently using in performance on any BES Directorate issued contract and/or task order. For those firms seeking to compete for future BES task orders, we invite you to respond showing your experience with any non-BES development effort initiated in the last twelve months. In all cases, please designate whether the frameworks are commercially available or open-sourced.

Mr. Toy Robinson, the BES Director of Engineering, will lead this discussion with industry participants. No data received from any company will be used to identify any organization, but rather the intent is to see if there is a natural preference in the community for any combination of frameworks, tools, design patterns, and development methodologies.

If your firm plans to participate, please contact the BES outreach team at BESVendorComm@gunter.af.mil. This initial intent to participate is not binding—it simply allows us to gauge the level of participation and plan for meeting logistics. **Submissions are due 1 Feb 2013.**

We look forward to having this dialogue with you.

Mr. William Kramer

Attachments:

1. Standardized Frameworks & Tools Spreadsheet (draft)