

Overcoming Enterprise Architecture Adoption Barriers to Enable Business Transformation at Australia Post

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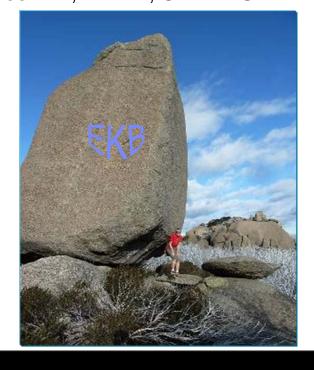
## **About Me**



 Extensive experience in delivering architectures and strategic plans across a range of industries and business functions

 Proven record in configuration and implementation of Enterprise Architectural Repositories/Tools (eg. IBM Rational System Architect, Metis, Cool\*Biz, ERWin, CE LBMS)

Systems Engineer, In House developed ...)



# **Company Overview**





### **History**

 In 2009 Australia Post celebrated 200 years as Australia's oldest, continually operating organisation

#### **Present**

- Total revenue \$4.9 billion
- 4 Strategic Business Units, 3 Functional Units, More than 35,000 people (135 nationalities)
- 10.7 million delivery points nationwide, 4,433 retail outlets (including 2,541 in rural and remote areas)
- 20.4 million articles each business day, 5,323,400,000 mails a year
- More than 1,000,000 customers served every day, 1.3 million Australian passport interviews a year

# **Company Strategy**





- Restore our letters business to profitability
- Grow our leading parcels business especially with online retailers
- Become one of Australia's most trusted provider in communications, financial, government and identity services

## How we get there

- Stabilise build a solid base
- Rebuild change how we do things
- Grow unlock the opportunities
- Enable build a Future Ready business

# **EA Situtation - April 2008**



# EA was fairly established in some parts of Australia Post however it was fragmented and was lacking coherence.

- number of architecture teams business and IT
- lack of common framework

#### There was not a well established Architectural Knowledge Base (EKB)

#### Several attempts to implement EKB with somewhat limited success:

- Resistance: modelling, reporting and publishing was extremely labour intensive, limited access to information:
- Content: inconsistent, unstructured, incomplete, unlinked and not trustworthy
- Process: lack of governance, common framework, common data model and clear data ownership
- Infrastructure: the tool was not configured to support AP needs and it was not in production

# Post Integrated Architecture Framework (PIAF)



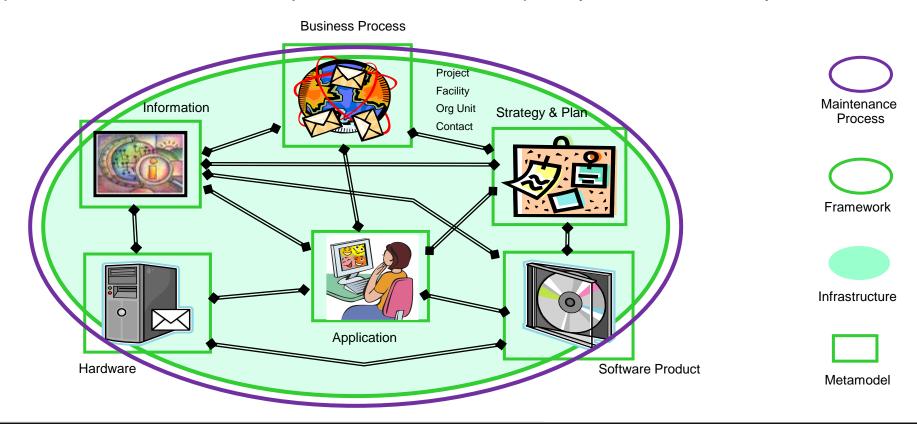
- established and endorsed from the collaboration efforts of multiple business and IT stakeholders
- strives to improve decision making from a trusted single source of information and knowledge
- models are governed and maintained within the Enterprise Knowledge Base (EKB).

The EKB is now the point of truth for all PIAF models

## **EKB Vision**



Establish Enterprise Knowledge Base (EKB) as a **structured**, **integrated and central** repository of architectural knowledge regarding the Post Business & IT landscape, represented as a collection of objects and models and capability for advanced analysis



## **Benefits**



- Better management of Australia Post Processes and IT assets (applications, infrastructure, etc...):
  - single point of truth
  - visibility
  - reuse of information & models
- Increased speed to market:
  - reduce feasibility time
  - improve analysis and decision making
  - reduce cost of doing it
- Enable process integration and improvement:
  - end to end view (business & technology)

# **Delivery Plan**



- EKB Project had 3 phases to deliver:
  - Content
    - content delivered in each phase to be governed and managed as part of ongoing support
  - Enabling Infrastructure
    - in each phase, content delivery to be preceded by delivery of enabling technology component

## **Process**



- Engaged and consulted business & IT Stakeholders to define requirements
- Agreed Framework (PIAF Post Integrated Architectural Framework, tailored Zachman/TOGAF),
- Developed Metamodel
- Defined Data Ownership
- Imbed EKB usage and maintenance into AP processes
- Established Governance and Maintenance Process
- Monitoring, Auditing and Controlling processes defined and enforced

# **Challenges**



- People (resistance, conflicting priorities, skill, etc...)
- Process (internal processes, change management, etc...)
- Technology (new technology eg. Terminal Services, 64 vs 32, SA extended functionality, SA Publisher, etc...)

## Where we are now



#### **EKB Governance**

- Governance process defined, published & enforced
- Data maintenance process defined, published & enforced

#### **EKB Functionality**

- Data Entry
- Data integration
- Automated Visualisation/Diagramming
- Analytics, Overlays & Heat maps
- Reporting
- Automated Export to Visio & MS Access
- Data auditing & data quality/integrity reports

#### **EKB Content**

- Enterprise Processes Models (L0-L4) + Overlays
- Enterprise Capabilities Models (L0-L2) + Overlays
- Enterprise Application Function Model (L1-L3) + Overlays
- Enterprise Technology Model (L1-L3) + Overlays
- Enterprise Information Model (L1-L3) + Overlays
- Detail data models for a number of projects
  Business System Inventory (BIP) + Overlay
  Application Roadmap & FSA

#### **EKB Website**

- EKB content published daily/weekly
- Metamodel, User Guides & Templates
- Dashboard published daily

## Where we are now

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#### **EKB Framework & Metamodel**

- Building Blocks
- 104 Definition Types
- View Points
- 20 Diagram Types
- 143 Report Templates
- 116 Web Publisher Reports351 Analytic Templates
- 45 Macros

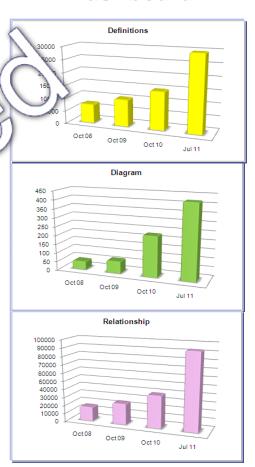
## **EKB Supported Processes**

- Strategic planning
- Business Case assessment & approval
- Solution Architecture Outline
- •IT Asset Management
- Cost Transparency
- Application Life Cycle Management
- etc...

#### **EKB Infrastructure**

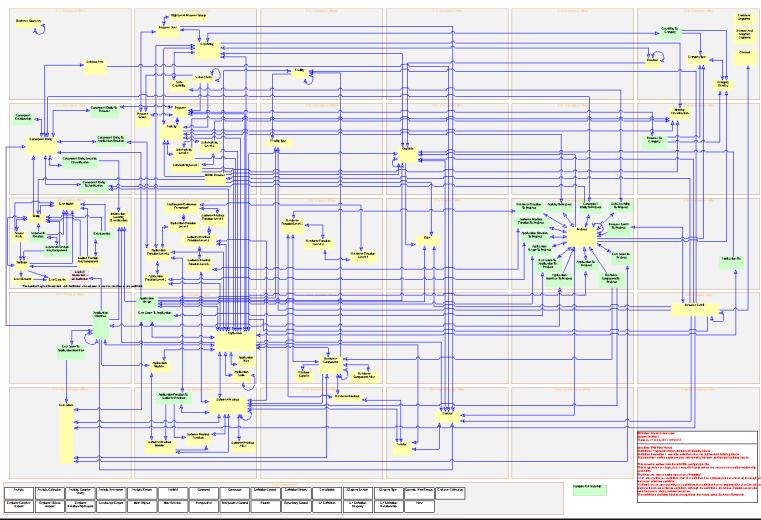
- SA running in Production
- SA configured & extended to support AP business
- Partnership with the IBM development to enhance the tool

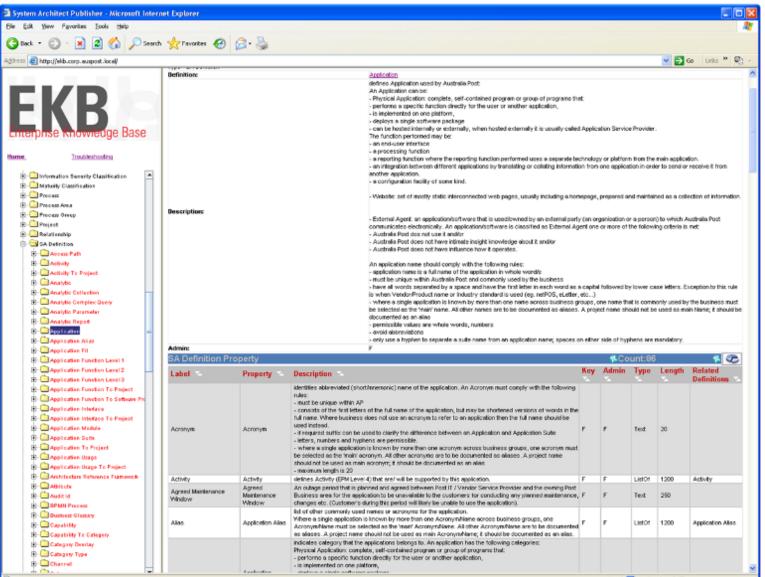
#### **EKB Dashboard**

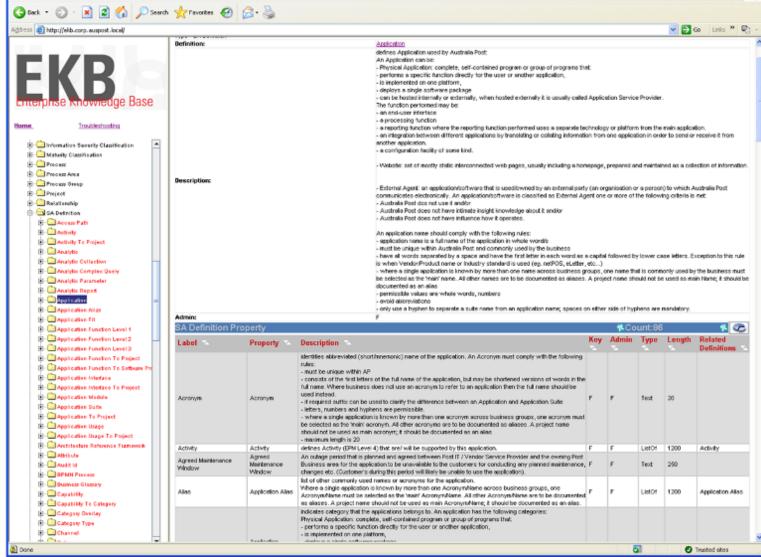


## **EKB Detail Metamodel**



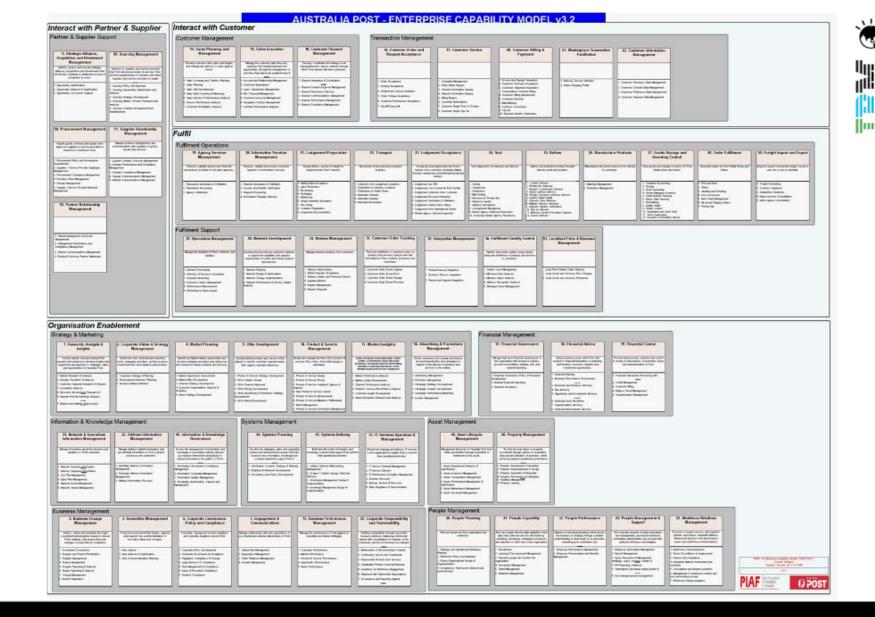


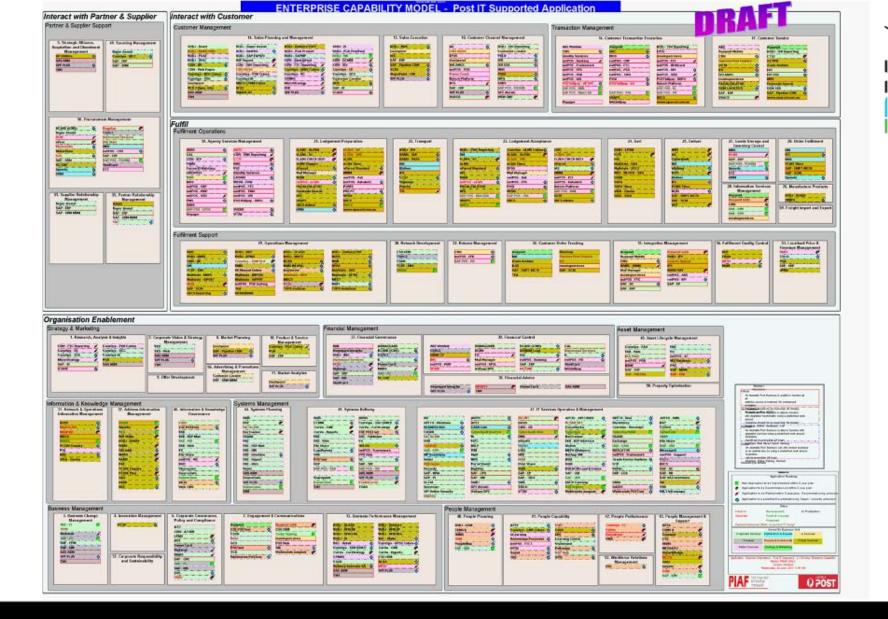


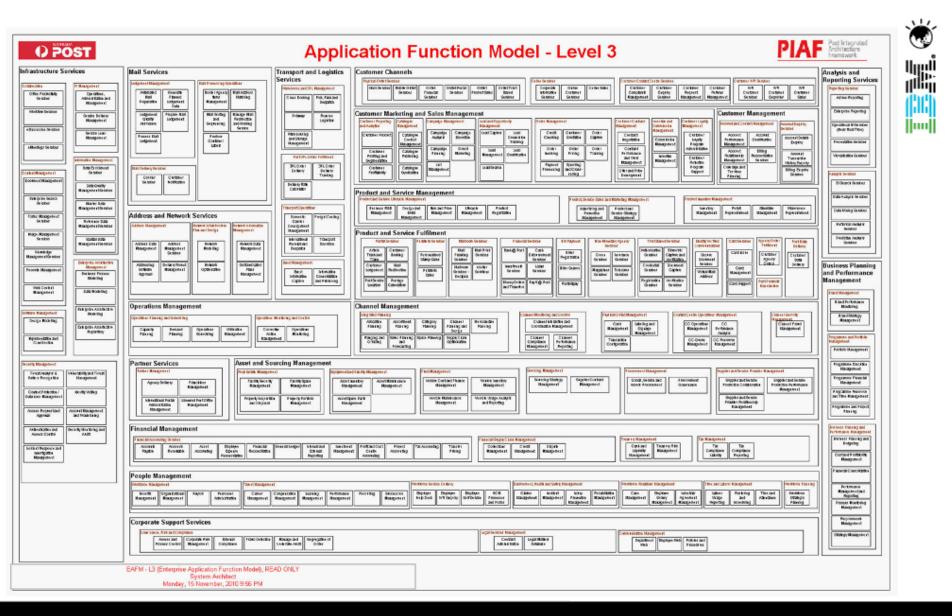


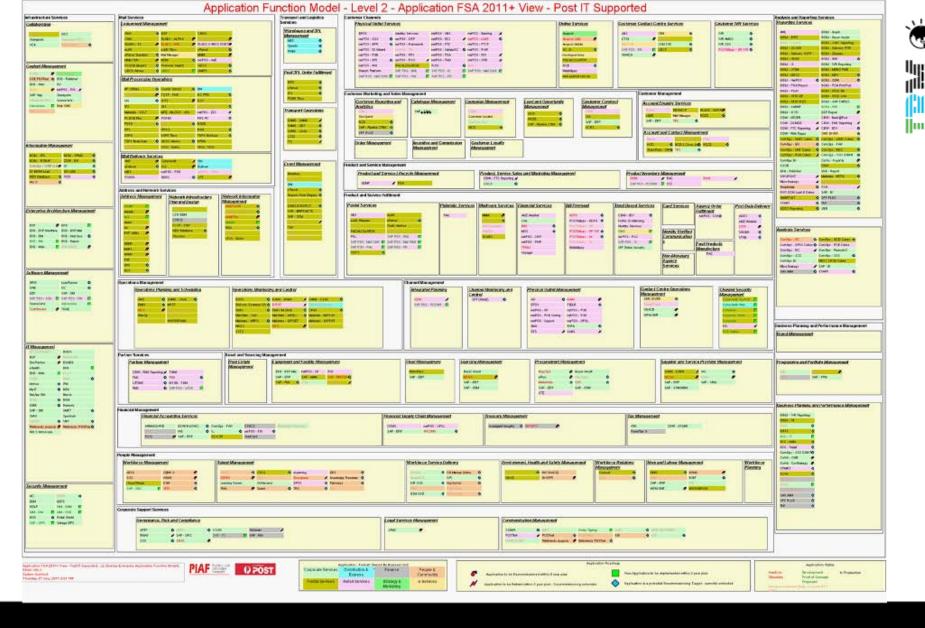






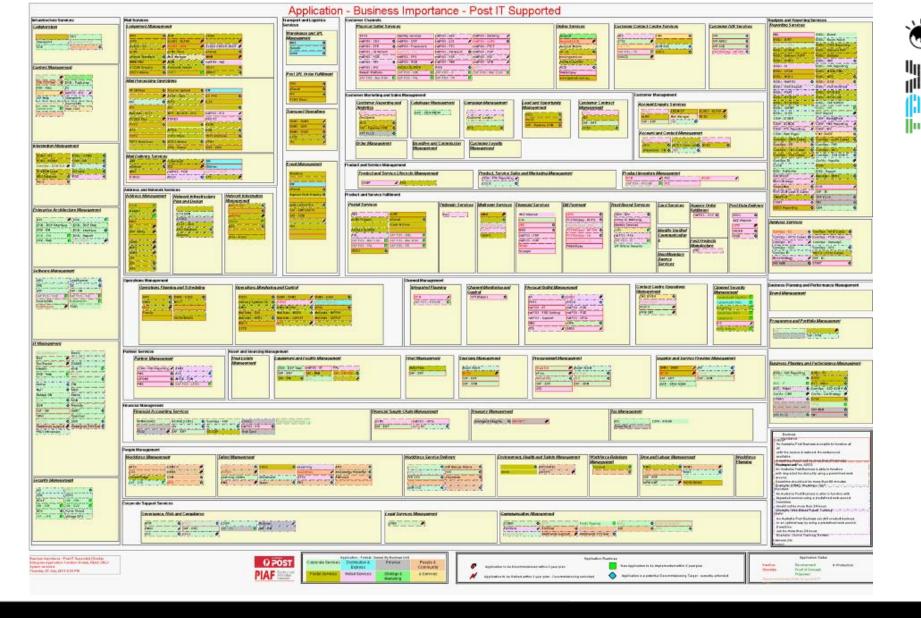




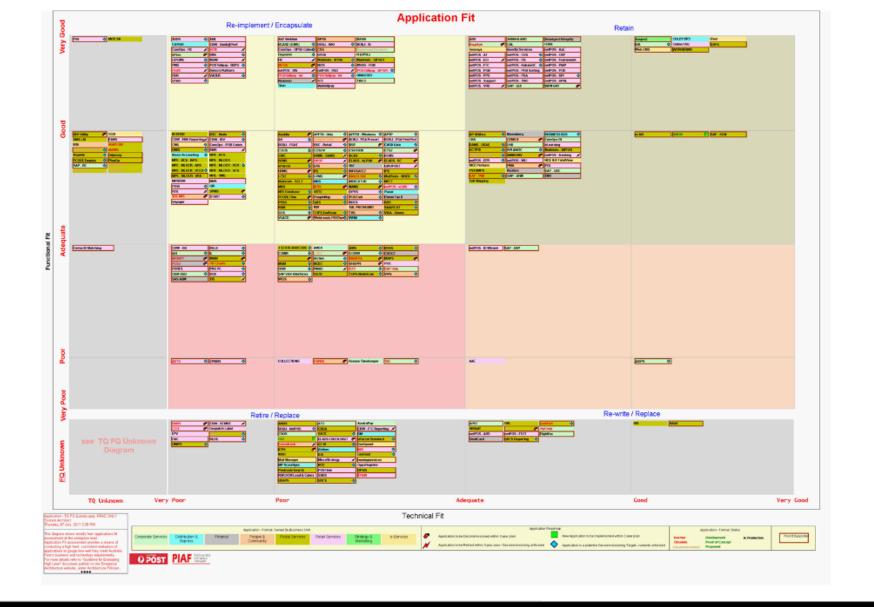






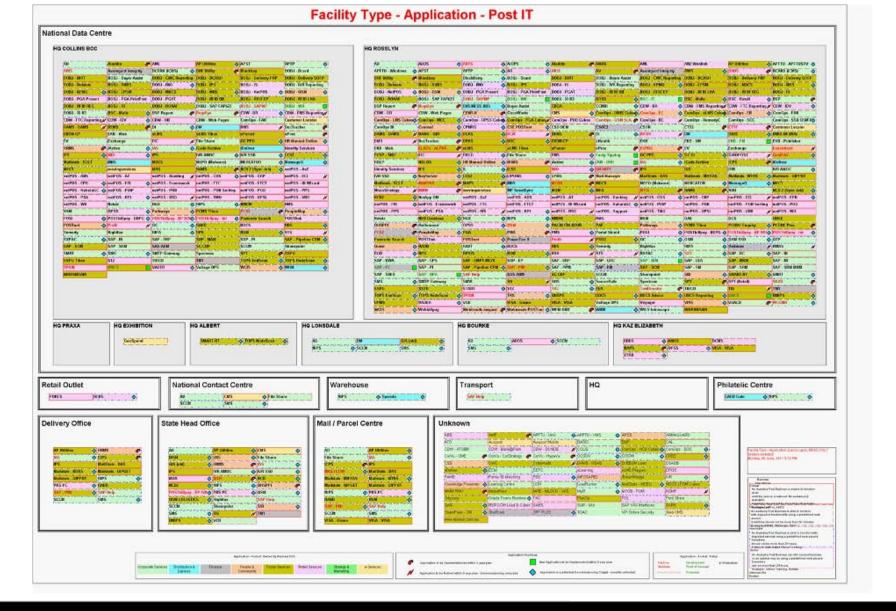






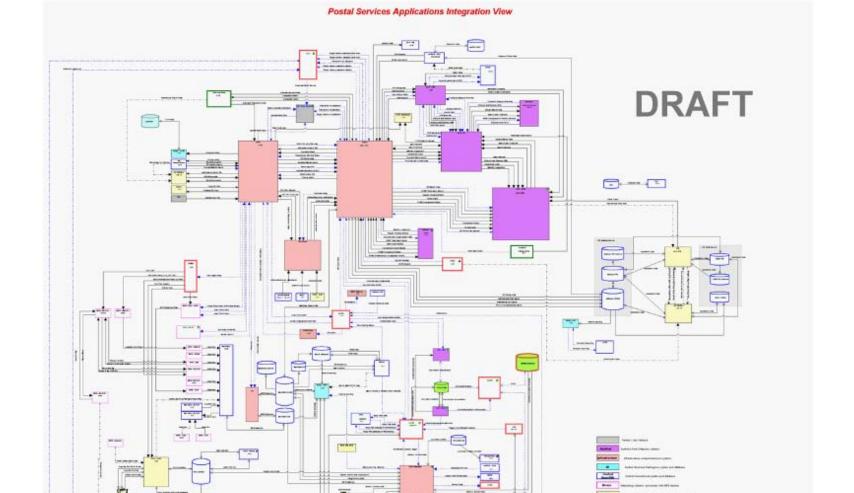






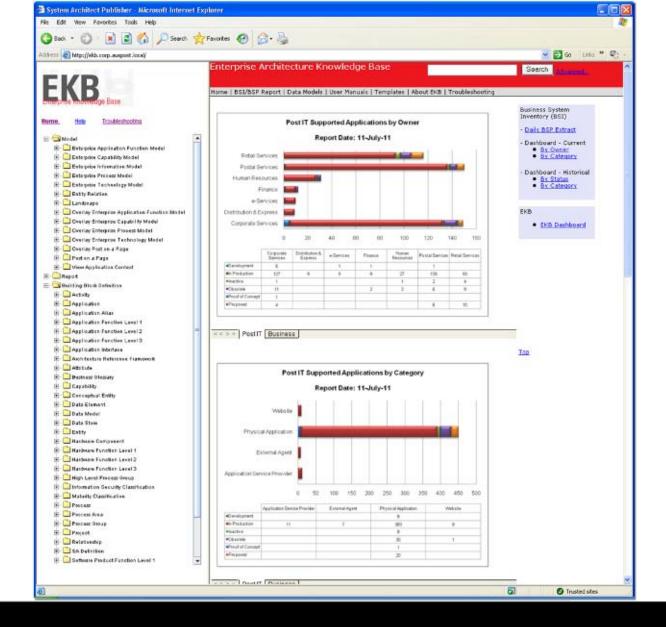








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# **Teaming for results**

- **Project Team EKB**
- Principal Architect (full time)
- Architecture Analyst/Technical SME (full time)
- Project Manager (2 D/W),
- Solution Architect (2 D/W)
- Technology Support during delivery
- IBM Consultants

PlannersApplication Account Managers

Architects (Business/IT)

Technology Services

Application Controllers

Stakeholders

**EKB Team** 

- Principal Architect (full time)
- Architecture Analyst/Technical SME (full time)

# **Ensuring success**



- Right team to drive, implement & run repository (right mixture of enterprise architecture and technical skills, disciplined, focus and believing in the value)
- Engage Stakeholders, get high level requirements and ownership commitments
- Defined and agreed Vision
- Defined Benefits and Cost
- Deliver in phases
- Implement as a Project and than manage it as Business As Usual
- Establish and enforce Governance, Data Ownership and Maintenance Process
- Imbed contribution / usage in your processes and KPIs
- Stay relevant and on track; take time to understand stakeholders' needs, communicate with them regularly, seek feedback...
- Provide user manuals, help & training
- Provide alternative data entry (eg. spreadsheet templates) and centralised data entry services where appropriate.
- Engage and communicate with IBM to resolve issues and to propose enhancements