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Service Oriented Architecture Community of Practice
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Architecture & Infrastructure Committee,
Federal Chief Information Officers' Council
Washington, DC

Dear Brand,

On behalf of the American Council for Technology (ACT) and its Industry Advisory Council (IAC), we would like to say that we were *absolutely thrilled* to participate in the first annual Service-Oriented Architecture for E-Government Conference on May 23-24, 2006!

The large number of registrants and audience participants for this two day conference is a clear indication of the keen interest government staff and contractors have in adopting Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA).

It was quite exciting to observe more than 100 in-person, and countless teleconferenced, attendees at our SOA Committee panel discussion, "Embracing the right people, questions and policies for SOA Success in the Federal enterprise."

Brand, it was also very exciting for us that the new SOA Community of Practice received such positive recognition as a project of the Federal CIO Council AIC Governance Subcommittee, and we applaud your wonderful work!

We wish you the very best in your pursuits with the SOA CoP and look forward to working alongside you to maintain a continuing dialogue and strengthen the partnership between government and industry.

Very sincerely yours,

SOA Committee Leadership

Service Oriented Architecture Committee,
Emerging Technology Special Interest Group,
Industry Advisory Council