Subject: SOA Initiative Monthly Communication – October 2014

The beginning of this email is about how to be connected to the SOA Initiative (mailing list, website, and community of practice). Included below that are updates about other areas of the initiative.

Stay in touch – be on the email distribution list
The primary method of staying in the SOA loop at this point is via the SOA Notifications email distribution list. If you got this email, you’re on the list. If you know someone who would like to be on the list as well, please forward this email to them. If you do not want to receive these monthly emails, please unsubscribe from this group.

Subscribing and Unsubscribing to the SOA email distribution list (by self-service management of membership in an Exchange Active Directory group)

More Communications – a SOA Initiative Website
We have created a SOA Initiative website. We will continue to update the content on this as it becomes available. This site will be a good starting place for people new to the Initiative.

Coming soon – a SOA Community of Practice
In order for this initiative to thrive, we need to involve the whole community through a Community of Practice. This community will share best practices in developing services, help to identify the most needed services, and provide valuable feedback in general on the initiative. If you would like to volunteer to help get this community going, please contact Harry Samuels.

Additional SOA News

- The SOA training classes have been received with great interest. Two basic classes have been held, attended mostly by people associated with the projects that are producing the initial web services. The next round of training will be held in mid-November. The SOA Initiative website has a page with information on the SOA training courses.

- The SOA Initiative Working Group has been compiling a list of services known to be in the implementation pipeline. We hope to use this list in the coming weeks to gather information about who has use cases for these services. Stay tuned.

- The Service Registry working-group was shown an almost complete web service registry interface recently. The registry will feature a simplified interface that allows one to browse services by category, and to search for services. The registry is expected to be ready for production use by the end of November.

- Updates on the SOA Initiative were given to two IT Governance committees last month - the Administrative Systems Advisory Committee and the Infrastructure Advisory Committee – as part of our on-going connection to IT Governance.