SECTION 4

SOA BEST PRACTICES

Integrated SOA Best Practices

- Governance Automation ensures scalability of:
 - Enterprise processes implementing a lifecycle management workflow to implement development approval processes
 - Integrated provisioning and lifecycle management
 - Inter-departmental contract management and negotiation.
- Uniform Policy Management ensures consistency of the following through all stages of lifecycle and across all distributed and mainframe platforms:
 - Policy definition
 - Enforcement
 - Validation
 - Audit

Metadata Federation

- Provides seamless, heterogeneous SOA Governance and standards-based support for governance automation
 - □ UDDIv3
 - WS-MEX
 - WS-Policy
- Ensures that governance processes are uniformly applied across all platform investments
- Helps to expose the business value of a service (cost, usage, production issues) across the enterprise service lifecycle

- Service Virtualization provides:
 - Location-transparency
 - Service mobility
 - Impedance tolerance
 - Reliable service delivery
 - All of the above without requiring a re-platforming of existing platforms
 - All of the above without introducing yet another service platform to support the required solution architecture

Trust and Management Mediation

- Ensures interoperability across disparate partners and platforms
- Ensures trust enablement and trust mediation complementing threat prevention systems
- Provides last-mile security, metric collection and reporting,
 SLA monitoring and management
- Ensures that services are governed, managed, and secured
- Ensures that policy implementation and mediation to allow consumers to communicate with a wide range of mission critical business services are exposed from any platform.

- Continuous Compliance and Validation
 - Ensures consistent policy implementation
 - Ensures enforcement across all stages of the lifecycle
 - Preserves the fidelity of the governance models, structures and mechanisms supporting enterprise SOA programs
 - Ensures relevance, applicability and suitability of services
- Change Impact Mitigation
 - Provides change management and impact analysis processes
 - Processes are integrated with the governance workflow to ensure that changes to services or other assets don't cause major outages by breaking the consumption model

Consumer Contract Provisioning

- Provides offer, request, negotiation and approval workflows for service access, capacity, SLA and policy contracts
- Ensures that the service providers know which applications and users are consuming their services
- Allows providers to treat different consumers with different priorities and service levels