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1. Introduction

The Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) Business Reference Model (BRM) provides a common classification scheme (or taxonomy) for identifying like, business functions across the Federal Government. The BRM allows a business process engineer or IT system designer to associate a business requirement, within the process or system being designed, with another business requirement that is implemented within another Federal Department or Agency, without regard to the way either Department or Agency names or organizes that business requirement. This capability facilitates collapsing similar or identical functions and to providing common sharable solutions across government, and eliminating unnecessary solution development cost and solution maintenance cost. The FEA-BRM is central to implementing the PMA and e-Gov solution set.