

SOA Symposium 2010 Award – Call for Nominations

Symposium: April 21-22, 2010, Sheraton Crystal City, Arlington, VA

The second annual SOA Symposium brings together lessons learned and emerging topics from both government and industry SOA projects. The theme of the 2010 SOA Symposium is discipline, teamwork, and semantic technologies to make SOA a successful reality. The 2010 SOA Symposium will host more than 30 presenters from federal agencies, industry and academia that cover the SOA lifecycle, technical issues, governance and policy aspects, as well as the emerging issues of semantic integration and collaborative SOA. The symposium is a premier forum for SOA practitioners, analysts, and industry representatives to present and discuss their experiences and emerging trends. This symposium is directed at both business and technical architects and decision makers.

The DoD has embarked on a path to implement SOA as a primary means to deliver increased capability to the warfighter by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of business operations. Industry around the world has demonstrated that SOA can substantially reduce the cost of IT infrastructure while greatly improving business agility. Both the IT and the business communities must jointly own and manage a proven inclusive architecture to achieve SOA success. Teamwork and discipline are essential to the success of SOA. To be successful, SOA must be considered to be a team sport that involves all elements of people, process, technology and especially trust.

The SOA Symposium 2010 Award will highlight a “best of show” case study that excels in the theme of the conference – discipline and teamwork. We seek nominations of SOA projects that can highlight the role of collaboration and technical excellence in providing SOA-based solutions with significant business or mission value.

Nominations for the Award are open to organizations of all sizes, including government agencies, which have successfully delivered business or mission value using Service-oriented Architectures. Nominations will be evaluated based on the quality of the problem they addressed, the value that they have generated, the exhibition of the two SOA Symposium themes (discipline and teamwork), and the sophistication of the solution presented.

Nomination Submission

SOA Symposium 2010 Award Nominations should be sent via email to Jessica Zucal at jessica.zucal.ctr@bta.mil using the template below. All nominations must be received no later than **February 15, 2010**. Nominees will receive feedback by early March 2010. The winning proposal team will have the opportunity to present their project as a Keynote presentation at the SOA Symposium 2010 on April 21 and 22nd, 2010.

Nomination Format

All nominations must contain the following information in Word or plain text format. You may submit supplemental information in PDF, PPT or Word format as an attachment.

- 1. What was the business/mission challenge or opportunity addressed by the SOA project?**
- 2. Why was SOA an appropriate way to address the challenge/opportunity?**
- 3. Project Demographics:**
 - a. When was the project started?**
 - b. How large was the project (both in terms of personnel and budget)?**
 - c. How was the project funded?**
 - d. How long did it take to see results?**
- 4. What ROI was planned, was it achieved?**
- 5. Which non-financial objectives were achieved (e.g., agility, innovation, flexibility, resilience)?**
- 6. Project Organization:**
 - a. How was the SOA Project team organized?**
 - b. What types of business staff were on the team?**
 - c. How was collaboration (Business/Technical) achieved?**
- 7. Technical Profile:**
 - a. What technology was used in the project?**
 - b. Which vendors were involved?**
 - c. Did you achieve Service reuse?**
 - d. What was the most complex technical challenge encountered?**
- 8. What were the most significant lessons learned from the SOA project?**
- 9. How did discipline and teamwork contribute to project success?**