SOA for Government: A Practical Approach

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- Best practices frameworks and methodologies
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- Training, support, and consulting services

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AmberPoint and Microsoft have a multi-faceted strategic relationship that has steadily grown since AmberPoint's inception. In fact, AmberPoint was the first vendor to certify its SOA runtime governance solutions for the Microsoft® .NET Framework. By fully utilizing the Web services system libraries of the Microsoft Common Language Runtime (CLR), AmberPoint enables its customers to better leverage the advantages inherent to the Microsoft .NET Framework. This results in performance optimization for environments built on the Microsoft .NET Framework, greater security facilities, tight integration across all .NET system components and smooth upgrades as new .NET-connected technologies become available.

AmberPoint integrates its runtime governance solutions with Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (OpsMgr) to deliver end-to-end systems management capabilities, and provides runtime governance of .NET services in Microsoft BizTalk® Server, Microsoft SharePoint® and Connected Services Framework.

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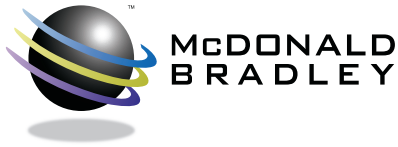
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A service-oriented enterprise (SOE) uses Service-oriented architecture (SOA) principles to establish command and control over information resources at an enterprise level – including people and processes, not just technology. Transitioning to a SOE gives agencies a practical platform for modernizing their data, systems, and applications. It enables them to support seamless collaboration and information sharing – no matter how far or how fast their requirements evolve.

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Additionally, MicroLink was recently named Microsoft Federal Partner of the Year and Microsoft DoD Partner of the Year. MicroLink has vast experience delivering customized collaborative, geospatial and business intelligence solutions that incorporate Microsoft Technologies.

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Neudesic has deep expertise in Service-Oriented Architecture. Our technical personnel have long been at the forefront of distributed application technologies, ranging from early involvement (pre-standards) with Web services, to people that were on Microsoft's Indigo (now Windows® Communication Foundation) team, helping build the next generation of a distributed application communications framework.

Nowhere is Neudesic's expertise in SOA more evident than with the advanced work we have done on Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) technologies. In a dual-pronged approach, Neudesic has created an Enterprise Service Bus (Neuron) built on top

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