

## ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTS & CAUDIT PARTNER IN STANDARDISATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## Enterprise Architects and CAUDIT Announce release of Industry Reference Models for Higher Education

Enterprise Architects and the Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT Inc) have today jointly released two industry standard enterprise architecture reference models to support strategic business and technology planning across the University sector.

The intellectual property embedded in the reference models has been developed over a seven year period by Melbourne headquartered international design and architecture services firm Enterprise Architects – who have chosen to release the IP to CAUDIT free for use to its members. Mac Lemon – Managing Director, Enterprise Architects said "We've worked now with 15 of the 40 Australian universities over a period of seven years. These models are a robust expression of the business capabilities and information that support the higher education sector. We know that the industry will benefit from the availability of standard reference models and feel it's time to provision this benefit to the industry". Michael Kirby-Lewis, President of CAUDIT said "We are really appreciative of the gesture by Enterprise Architects. This is a worthy initiative – as part of its activities, CAUDIT's Enterprise Architecture Community of Practice will explore standardisation across the sector. This initiative advances the effort to offer immediate benefits to the sector. We anticipate widespread engagement locally and internationally, the sector has needed this for some time and EA's gesture is very timely".

As with other industry reference models like SCOR for supply chain and BIAN for banking, this will provide the higher education sector with a standard way to assess business capability and information needs. Comprising of a business reference model and a data reference model, the artefacts provide a standardised nomenclature with which universities can support strategic business and technology planning and assess investment priorities and solutions. The agreement allows CAUDIT to freely distribute to its members under a Creative Commons attribution license, allowing continued development of the models by the higher education community. Enterprise Architects have further committed to support the ongoing rationalisation of subsequent revisions and publication thereof.

The Council of Australian University Directors of Information Technology (CAUDIT) is the peak leadership association supporting the use of information technology by CIOs, IT Directors, and their staff in higher education institutions in Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific, Timor-Leste, and Papua New Guinea, and in the Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), and the Australian Institute of Marine Science. https://www.caudit.edu.au

**Enterprise Architects** is a specialist international strategy and architecture services firm. EA delivers strategies, blueprints, and roadmaps for major corporations utilising extensive industry reference models, frameworks, and accelerators. EA assists organisations to build internal architecture practice capabilities and provides training for architecture teams and staff augmentation for transformation programs. Models provided have been developed in collaboration with EAs international subsidiary FromHereOn. http://www.enterprisearchitects.com

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