

Adel Harris
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Adel Harris is the Enterprise Architecture (EA) Solutions Director at Citizant. Harris is a certified Federal Enterprise Architect and a recognized thought-leader in practical information sharing solutions and EA best practices that “connect the dots” between business mission and IT solutions. Harris is known for her strength in collaborating across federal agencies to share best practices and increase re-use.

Harris has more than 18 years experience with large-scale enterprise planning, management, analysis, design and implementation efforts. She provides expertise in the development of methodologies and governance for Federal Enterprise Architecture programs and specializes in enterprise data management, information sharing, and business analysis.

She is a leader on Citizant’s growing EA team, which currently provides direction and oversight for eight successful EA programs at the department, agency and program levels. She has led best-practices analysis of numerous federal agencies’ EA development methods and governance structures. For example, the EA team supported the development of the Federal Railway Administration’s (FRA) Knowledge Management Plan and researched and analyzed structured architecture development methodologies for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Citizant also developed and documented the Department of Interior’s (DOI) ADS Strategy and updated their Methodology for Business Transformation (MBT) with data architecture development, ADS and data quality tasks.

The Citizant team’s EA programs have been widely recognized. Several methodologies produced by Citizant for government customers have been selected by the Intelligence Community sponsored Leadership in EA (LEAD) study as a Federal Best Practice and increased their EA assessment Maturity ratings. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) received Government Computing News’ “Promising Practice Award” in 2006 and the Department of the Interior (DOI) received the 2008 Wilshire Award for Metadata Management Implementation, both citing Citizant as an important contributor to agency’s EA success.

Before joining Citizant in 2004, Harris held a variety of positions at Computer Associates. She led Mainframe, Client Server and Web-based software projects for a range of clients including Florida Department of Revenue, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and University of Miami. Harris joined Computer Associates when the company acquired Sterling Software, where she was providing project management and technical support to clients such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). During her tenure in the Federal Services division of Texas Instruments Software, she worked with several clients to establish a model management strategy for inter and intra-project development and deployment efforts. She also led the development of model management and change management procedures for the US Army Standard Maintenance System. Harris began her career as a programmer/analyst at Mobil Oil Corporation.

Harris serves on the Federal Segment Architecture Working Group and was a key speaker at the 2007 Federal Computer Week (FCW) EA conference and 2006 and 2007 MIT International Conference on Information Quality (ICIQ).

She has a B.S. in Commerce and Engineering from Drexel University.