



## Army Data Strategy

### What is it?

The Army Data Strategy implements the DoD Data Strategy. The objective is to make data visible, accessible, understandable and trusted, regardless of platform, to any authorized Army consumer or mission partner possessing the appropriate security clearance and the need to know. The Army's approach focuses on providing users common, overarching data products and services that promote interoperability and faster access, retrieval, analysis and utilization of data. The Data Strategy will facilitate the identification and registration of authoritative data sources and establish information exchange specification guidance.

### Why is this important to the Army?

The Army Data Strategy is the key to an agile, net-centric Army, and it aligns with DoD efforts to ensure interoperability in the Joint environment. It positions the Army to better support Soldiers and sustaining activities in today's dynamic, data-rich environment. By setting repeatable and reusable processes and common technical standards for data exchange, the Army will improve data interoperability and reduce costs associated with data exchange. The enterprise-level data-sharing environment also will enable design and development of more efficient and effective common computing environments that, as a part of the Common Operating Environment (COE), will be less costly to field and support.

### What has the Army done?

The Army has already developed its information architecture, which extends both the COE and the DoD Information Enterprise Architecture, identifying Army-specific principles and data standards to accelerate transformation to net-centric information sharing. In conjunction, the Army has matured emerging federal and DoD information exchange standards. The Army also has developed a data framework; and transitioned to the DoD Enterprise Authoritative Data Source (EADS) registry and governance process, which lays the foundation for a centralized, trustworthy registry. Additionally, the Army has established a Chief Data Officer and Data Stewards to govern and adjudicate data issues across the Army. Data Stewards are specifically empowered to oversee development and implementation of data programs within their respective communities of interest.

### What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?

In FY 12-13, the Army will focus on implementing the Army Information Architecture in order to support IT efficiencies, integration with Army Cyber efforts and maturation of DoD Information Enterprise Architecture version 2.0. Army Data Stewards will continue registering authoritative data sources within the DoD EADS. The Army also will provide guidance on DoD information exchange specification initiatives.