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Once scope and depth of the effort was defined by the oversight groups, the Blueprint Project Team began the process of gathering information to document the business of Wildland Fire. A Core Business Team (CBT), comprised of an interagency group of Wildland Fire Subject Matter Experts (selected based on their knowledge of core wildland fire functions) was formed to provide the fundamental underpinnings for the blueprint by identifying the stakeholders, products, services, and supporting infrastructure necessary to conduct Wildland Fire business. Additionally, many members of the IT community participated in detailing information about the various wildland fire applications and system infrastructure. Inputs from various parallel initiatives were also considered, such as:

- The Wildland Fire Governance Alignment effort
- The task to develop an Interagency Wildland Fire IT Investment Process
- The Interagency CIO Wildland Fire IT/Radio Collaborative Sojourn
- NWCG Sub-structure and Strategic Planning Activities
- The Interagency Wildland Fire IT Conference (Las Vegas)
- NWCG and Fire Executive Committee (FEC) Meetings

Building upon the framework of gathered information, additional Wildland Fire Subject Matter Experts were engaged to further detail the work of the CBT. This resulted in the creation of a variety of analytical products such as the NWFEA Functional Model, and an Enterprise Data Model. These SMEs were also valuable in helping to define and map the interconnections between the analytical products. These essential mappings between such things as Wildland Fire's strategies, data, functions, systems, stakeholders, and organizations helped to provide an understanding of the business in perspectives previously unattainable.

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