

Call For Papers

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**International Journal of Cases on Electronic Commerce**  
*Special issue: E-government Integration and architecture*

The emergence of e-government has revolutionised the management and delivery of public services in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Having largely evolved from e-business ideas, e-government requires the collaboration of various stakeholders and integration of business processes and information systems in disparate organizations. In the last few years' substantial investments have been made by governments around the world to improve their infrastructure and technology. Despite these investments, improving interoperability and integration in the context of e-government still presents a significant challenge, as the public sector can be characterized as largely non-process-oriented, legacy system driven. In the last few years web services technology and service-oriented architecture have offered a new context for addressing some of these integration issues. From an organizational perspective, the implementation of e-government demands the reengineering of business processes and supporting information systems in a way that is more radical than any other form of change seen in the public sector. Consequently, there are many technical, semantic, organizational and managerial challenges needing to be solved.

The aim of this special issue is to publish high quality, original case studies highlighting design and management aspects of e-government integration and architectures. We solicit for case studies that capture process and information systems integration efforts in e-government implementation from all around the world. In particular, contributions exploring technical, semantic, managerial and organizational aspects and describing issues, innovative concepts and evaluation of integration and architectural practices in e-government are sought.

Contributed papers may deal with, but are not limited to:

- The development, implementation, control and maintenance of government integration projects.
- Different process, information systems and technology integration approaches
- Service-oriented architectures, web services, web service orchestration for public administration
- Semantic web applications
- Evaluation of case studies
- Technology alignments
- Barriers to integration
- Innovative applications and best practices
- Overview studies. Development within countries, policies, infrastructure facilities and so on
- Comparative studies (comparing countries)
- Enterprise architectures

Manuscripts should be between 5000-7000 words in length, with all contributions being subjected to a double blind review process. There should be a separate title page giving the names and addresses of the authors. Manuscripts must be sent

electronically to one of the guest editors no later than May 31, 2006, and should follow the guidelines of IJCEC <http://www.irma-international.org/journals/additional.asp?id=4285&title=Guidelines+for+Manuscript+Submissions&col=guidelines>.

**International Journal of Cases on Electronic Commerce (IJCEC)** is a refereed journal that publishes ACTUAL REAL LIFE CASES (teaching cases) based on individuals, organizational and societal experiences related to the utilization and management of electronic commerce. Please keep in mind that IJCEC publishes teaching electronic commerce cases where the majority of the cases published end up being used as teaching cases by your colleagues in their courses. Your full case submission **MUST** include the following titles/subtitles: executive summary, organization background, setting the stage, case description, current challenges/problems facing the organization. In addition to your completed case study, please provide us with three teaching aids: (1) a list of 5-7 questions and answers for your case; (2) an epilogue and a list of lessons learned; and (3) a list of resources for further study. Please do not include the Questions & Answers, Epilogue & Lessons Learned, and List of Additional Sources in your actual case study.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 31 May, 2006 - Initial paper submission
- 16 July, 2006 - notification of acceptance
- 25 August 2006 – Final Revised paper submission

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