# TOGAF® Poster Series #31
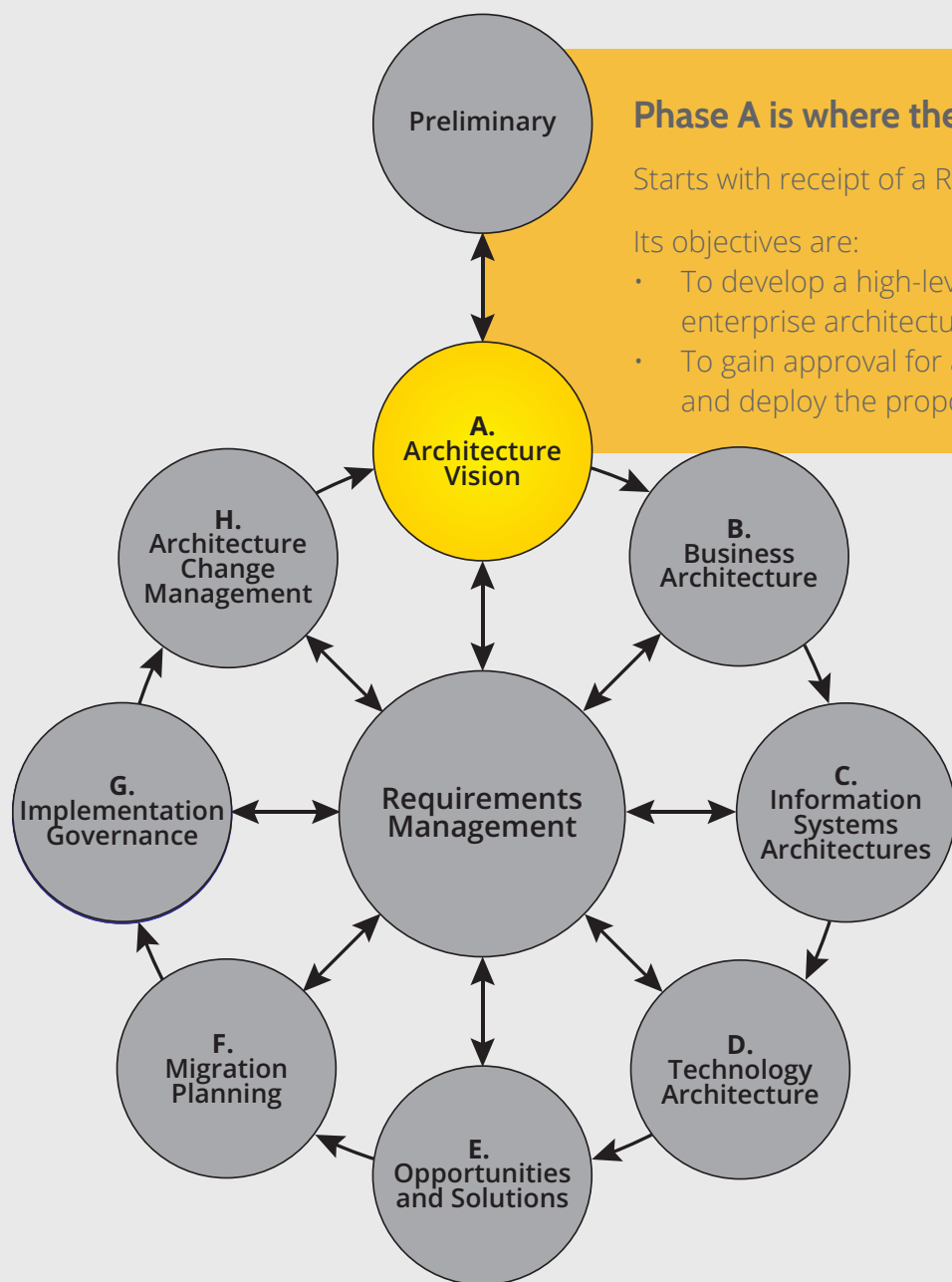## Phase A – Architecture Vision
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Phase A - the initiating phase of ADM – is about defining the scope, identifying stakeholders, creating the Architecture Vision, and obtaining approvals. In this poster we summarize key points about this Phase.



## Phase A is where the following are established:

Starts with receipt of a Request for Architecture Work .

Its objectives are:
- To develop a high-level vision of the capabilities and business value delivered by the proposed enterprise architecture, and
- To gain approval for a Statement of Architecture Work that defines the program of works to develop and deploy the proposed architecture.

## Inputs

The key input is the Request for Architecture Work, together with everything necessary to outline an effective vision and proposed future architectures.

### Reference Materials
- Any useful architecture reference materials (often from external sources)

### Non-Architectural Inputs
- The Request for Architecture Work, plus related business principles, goals and drivers

### Architectural Inputs
- The Organizational model for EA, including which organizations are impacted by the changes, maturity analysis, roles and responsibilities, and governance and support strategy
- Tailored Architecture Framework, covering the tailored method, content, principles and tools
- Populated Architecture Repository, including any existing documentation

## Steps

This Phase is vital for outlining a resolution to Stakeholder concerns in architectural terms – as an architecture vision and value propositions – and securing Stakeholder commitment and approval.

*All steps are important, but key steps are shown with a red star!*

- Establish the Architecture Project
- **Identify Stakeholders, Concerns and Business Requirements**
- Evaluate Business Capabilities
- Assess Readiness for Business Transformation
- Define Scope
- Confirm and Elaborate Architecture Principles

- **Develop Architecture Vision**
- Define Target Architecture Value Propositions and KPI
- Identify Business Transformation Risks and Mitigation Activities
- **Develop Statement of Architecture Work and Secure Approval**

## Outputs

This is where we start to get a definition of the future architectures – as a Vision, as a Statement of Work, and as a draft Architecture Definition Document.

Later Phases expand these initial outputs to produce the detailed plan for delivering the proposed changes.

- Architecture Vision, including a problem description, key requirements, summary views and objectives
- Approved Statement of Architecture Work, including an overview of the Architecture Vision and a project description, scope, plan and schedule

- Draft Architecture Definition Document, including version 0.1 of baseline and target business, data, application and technology architectures
- A Capability Assessment
- A Communication Plan
- Updated principles, goals, drivers, and architecture framework

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