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Molding Need into Vision

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Over time, Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) has implemented a variety of applications and services to handle various aspects of information management. These appear in both domain-specific and enterprise-wide arenas and include capabilities ranging from basic document management to taxonomic support to long-term archiving. It became apparent that consolidation and integration could provide a more focused, cost-effective, and friendly environment for users and the Corporation to create, access, and manage information. The resulting Enterprise Information Management Services (EIMS) project was launched. But launching and defining are, as it turns out, two different things.

This poster explores the evolving definition of the EIMS vision within SNL. Complexities include management expectations, the functions provided by existing information management tools, and the sheer magnitude of defining priorities and capabilities. It is particularly difficult to create and manage a vision of integration that moved users beyond status quo tools—to control and channel imagination into realistic expectations in order to achieve cultural change and transformation.

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