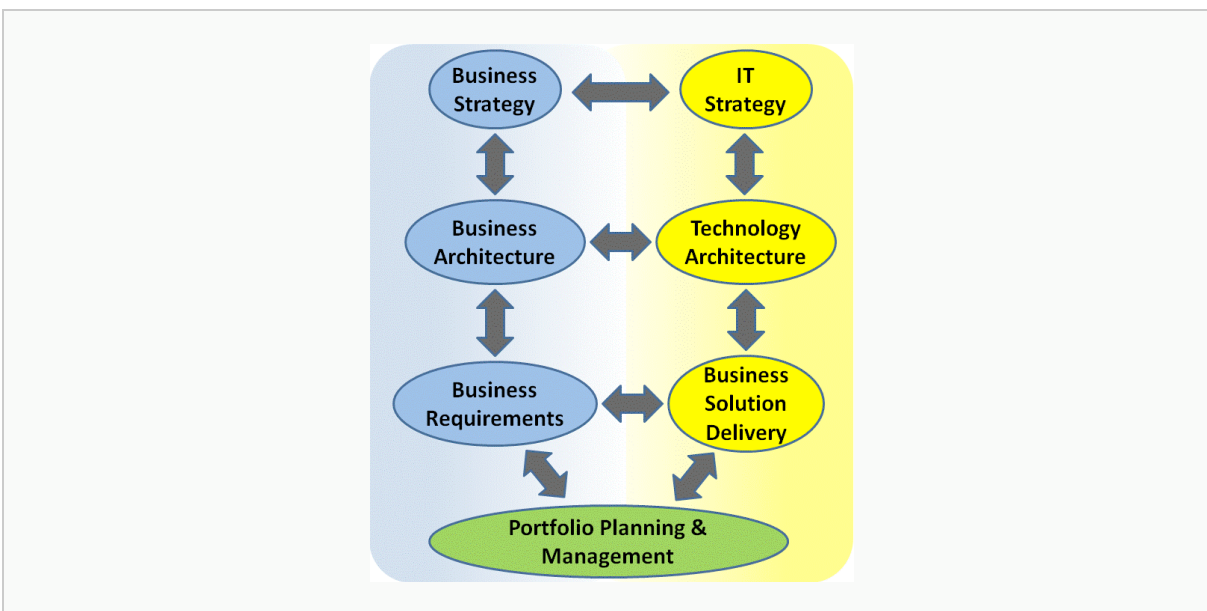


### *Business Architecture as IT Input*



With a business architecture there is a single, shared vision across the enterprise that informs every employee who their customers are, the value the enterprise provides those customers and, at a high level, how that value is created, sold and delivered to those customers. Strategic objectives are turned into goals, strategies and measures and their impact on the daily operation of the enterprise is understood and anticipated. Processes, activities and systems are created to support the business goals and business architecture.

As the business environment changes the enterprise is able to respond with agility and everyone clearly understands the necessary organizational, skill set, process, activity and system changes needed to meet these new challenges.

### *Keeping your Business Architecture Current*

Business Architecture is only as useful as the information contained in it, therefore governance processes must be established to ensure that business design changes, and supporting business solution implementations, are reflected in the business architecture repository. In addition, metrics should be established and tracked regarding the use of business architecture information.

In a mature business architecture practice, business analysis, design and solution delivery processes would integrate to the business architecture repository, providing access to critical business design information and capturing all considered, pending and implemented changes.

For detailed insights on the management and evolution of business architecture information, we recommend reviewing Levels 4 and 5 – Quantitatively Managed and Optimizing – of the Capability Maturity Model (CMMi)<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.sei.cmu.edu/cmmi/index.cfm>

