Prototyping the RFI process: a methodology to extract useful data from the original documents, re-organize the information according to specific tasks and users, and display the information in an integrated web page. Web-based information marked up by XML can be linked to one another. Data exchange among Web-based documents is feasible.

Meta-Data-Based system: to regard documents as information containers, so that information can be extracted and tailored in a manner most convenient to a specific task or user.
- provides timely, complete, and integrated information
- speeds up the decision-making process
- increases data accuracy
- accelerates action taken by downstream parties

If documents generated by specialized applications can be transformed into XML format based on the ifcXML data model, then data in these documents can be exchanged among one another in the MDB system.