Role and Responsibilities of Business Architecture Leader

What is the Role and Responsibilities of Business Architecture Leader? Business capability mapping and business architecture are concepts that are slowly but steadily taking root in organizations big and small. Today, it seems many of the leaders of business architecture are coming from a technical background and reporting to the technology side of the house. However, as the discipline of business architecture and capability modeling matures, it is likely that there will be leaders emerging from a variety of backgrounds. Irrespective of the background, there are some foundational competencies and skills and expectations from the role, summarized below:

- Establish the art and the science of business architecture and foster it as an integral discipline
- Develop a practical approach, pick a pragmatic methodology, and choose a flexible lightweight framework
- Implement a model that provides the foundational mechanisms and organizational structure to help business architecture to become an integral part of the enterprise
- Help the team develop capability straw models as a starting point and work jointly with the business teams. Do it with them: Don't just do it for them.
- Rationalizing complex situations and driving decisions based on sound, transparent methods and a collaborative, inclusive approach to creating options and reaching desired outcomes
- Be a key contributor to the overall technology strategy and ensuring the realization of goals such as reuse, infrastructure simplification, cost management and flexibility
- Build strong cross-organizational relationships and effectively influence staff across the business and IT organizations as well as broader enterprise