

turning knowledge into practice

**Panel Discussion: The Complex Infrastructure of  
Government Efforts to Support the Dispersion of  
Health Information Technology**

**HHS Contract to Advance Nationwide Interoperable  
HIT: Privacy and Security Solutions**

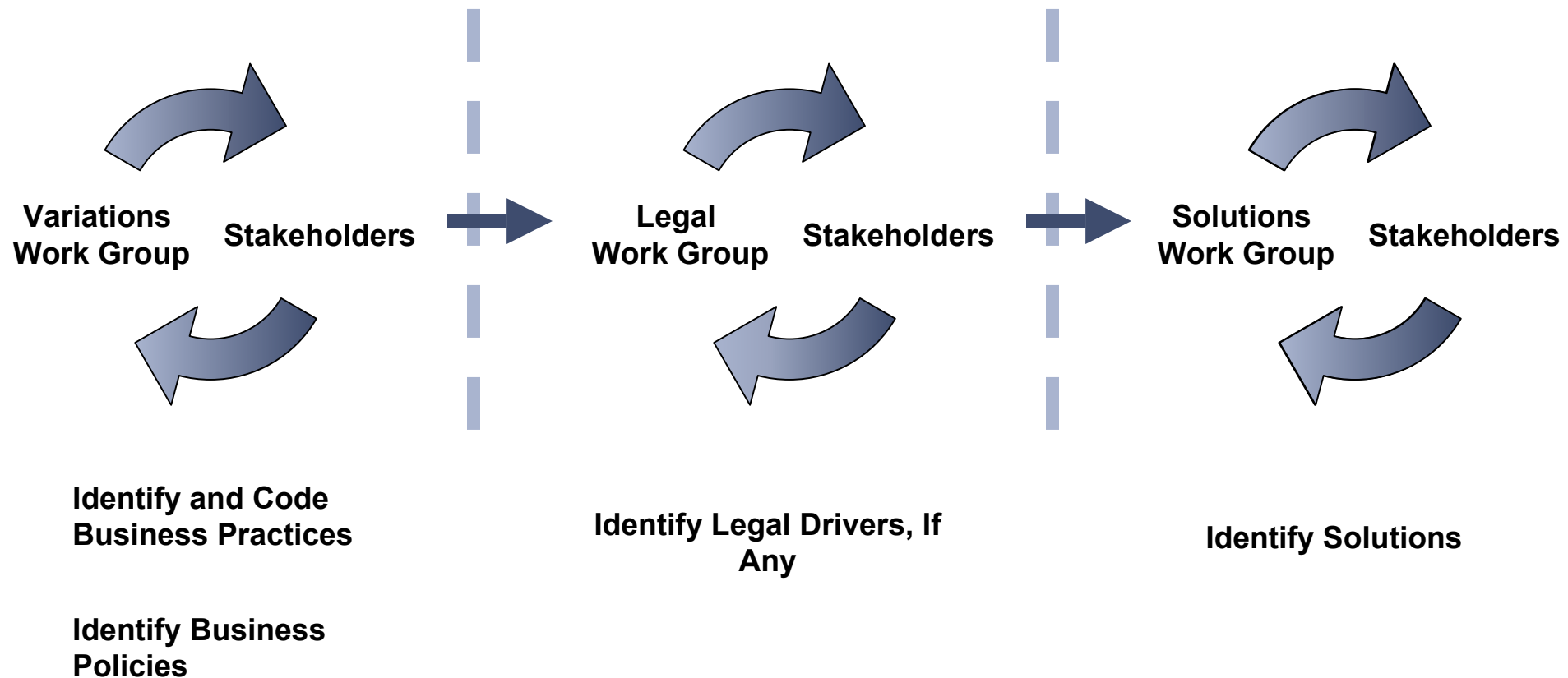
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# Timeline and Milestones

- **Jan 4**                    **Release RFP to Governors Offices**
- **Jan/Feb**                **Bidder's Conferences**
- **Mar 1**                    **State Subcontractor Proposals Due**
- **June 30**                **Subcontracts Signed**
- **Sept**                    Interim Assessments of Variation
- **Oct**                     Interim Reports of Solutions
- **Nov**                    Interim Implementation plans
- **Oct/Nov**                State and Regional Workshops
- **Mar 07**                National Meeting
- **Apr 07**                Final Nationwide Summary

# Assessment of Business Practices— Process



# Myths and Realities

| <b>Myth</b>                                                                               | <b>Reality</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>HIPAA presents the only protection for privacy and security</b>                        | Privacy and security protections beyond HIPAA are also found in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ federal law</li><li>▪ common law</li><li>▪ state law</li><li>▪ contracts</li><li>▪ organization-level business practices and policies</li></ul> |
| <b>Business practices protecting privacy and security do not vary among organizations</b> | There is a high degree of variability in the practices used by stakeholders to protect privacy and security                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Most variation in business practice is caused by variations in laws</b>                | Our presumption is that it is due to interpretation of the law, as well as other drivers including ethical considerations, opt-in/opt-out, corporate culture, etc.                                                                                       |