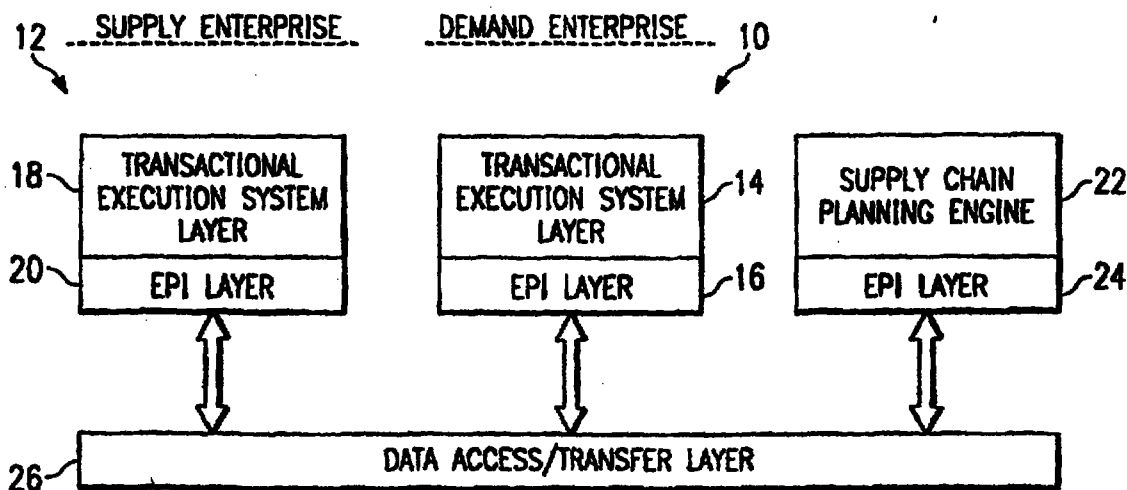




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(57) Abstract

A system for extended enterprise planning across a supply chain is provided. The system includes transactional execution system layers (14, 18) for a demand enterprise (10) and a supply enterprise (12). First and second federated electronic planning interchange layers (16, 20) provide a data specification format and an external communication interface for transactional execution system layers (14, 18). A supply chain planning engine (22), operable to perform planning for the supply chain, is in communication with a third federated electronic planning interchange layer (24) which provides a data specification format and an external communication interface for the supply chain planning engine (22). A data access/transfer layer (26) interconnects and allows transfer of information between the first, second and third electronic federated planning interchange layers (16, 20, 24). The supply chain planning engine (22), the first transactional execution system (14) and the second transactional execution system (18) can thereby communicate data which the supply chain planning engine (22) can use to provide constraint based extended enterprise planning across the supply chain.