



Department of Veteran Affairs

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# AFCEA Bethesda Health IT Day

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# About VA

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- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was elevated to Cabinet-level status on March 15, 1989, and is the second-largest of the 15 Cabinet departments.
- VA provides benefits and services to nearly 24.5 million veterans and their families through a system of health care, benefit, and memorial facilities spread across the Nation, Guam, Philippines, and Puerto Rico.
- About a quarter of the Nation's population is potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members or survivors of veterans.
- VA's fiscal year 2009 spending is projected to be approximately \$93.4 billion, including \$40 billion for health care, \$46.9 billion for benefits, and \$230 million for the memorial benefits. This is more than a 7 percent increase from the Department's \$87.6 billion budget for fiscal year 2008.



# VA Office of Information & Technology

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- The Office of Information & Technology (OI&T) delivers available, adaptable, secure, and cost-effective technology services to its internal stakeholders and acts as a steward for all VA's IT assets and resources.
  
- Comprised of seven major organizational elements:
  - ✧ IT Oversight & Compliance
  - ✧ Quality & Performance
  - ✧ Information Protect & Risk Management
  - ✧ IT Enterprise Strategy, Policy, Plans & Programs
  - ✧ IT Resources Management
  - ✧ Enterprise Development
  - ✧ Enterprise Operations & Field Development
  
- In FY 2009, OI&T has a budget of \$2,489,391,000
  - ✧ Pay: \$729,237,000; Recurring: \$1,962,391,000; New: \$527,000,000

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# Realignment Guiding Principles

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- Build on a **services orientation** to support VA's **veteran-centric** mission.
- Establish a single IT leadership structure to facilitate achievement of enterprise objectives: **SCIFD**
- Build a **process based organization** aligned with best business practices
- Establish **strong integration** between **OI&T** and **Businesses** to set strategy, determine requirements and implement solutions.
- Incorporate **federal mandates** and guidance
- Build IT business resilience through **focused information protection and risk management**.



# Realignment Key Drivers

Organizational	Process	Technology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Single IT Leadership</li><li>➤ Process-based Organization</li><li>➤ Information Protection &amp; Risk Management</li><li>➤ Enterprise Strategy, Plans &amp; Programs</li><li>➤ Enterprise Development</li><li>➤ Oversight &amp; Compliance</li><li>➤ Quality &amp; Performance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ IT Resource Management</li><li>➤ Business Requirements</li><li>➤ Multiyear Planning &amp; Programming</li><li>➤ Business &amp; IT Service Continuity</li><li>➤ IT Governance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Service Oriented Architecture</li><li>➤ National Data Processing Strategy</li><li>➤ Information &amp; Data Protection &amp; Risk Management</li><li>➤ VA/DoD Data Sharing</li><li>➤ Enterprise-wide Data Sharing</li><li>➤ Telehealth</li><li>➤ Veteran Self Service</li><li>➤ Transparency of Data and Processes for Veterans</li></ul>

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# VA, OI&T and Small Businesses

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- In FY 2008, 35.17%\* of total VA procurements were issued to small businesses.
- OI&T procurements that went to small business in FY 2008 totaled 53.8%.\*\*
- The goal for small business procurements in FY 2009 is 28.7%

\*FY 2008 VA Socioeconomic Program Goals & Accomplishments

\*\*Several field facilities were not included in the acquisitions report upon which this figure is based

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# Real and Planned Opportunities

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- In FY 2009, \$527,000,000 is forecasted to be available for new work.
- Detailed contracting opportunities can be found by contacting the VA Office for Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).
- Also contact OSDBU to learn more about VA organizational structure, opportunities, and points-of-contact. (<http://www.va.gov/OSDBU>)



# Interacting with VA

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## Vendor Interfacing

- ✧ Vendor Interface meetings
  - White paper development and VA distribution
  - Field Business Operations Service
  - Contact Angela Shelley ([angela.shelley@va.gov](mailto:angela.shelley@va.gov))
- ✧ Security Vendors
  - Enterprise Security Solutions Service
  - Contact John Hartmann ([John.Hartmann@va.gov](mailto:John.Hartmann@va.gov)) or John Gardner ([John.Gardner@va.gov](mailto:John.Gardner@va.gov))



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## ➤ Do Your Research

- ✧ Keep abreast of new requirements based on law, regulations, technological innovations, etc. that have a real and applicable impact on VA
- ✧ Monitor the GSA schedule to learn of new opportunities
- ✧ Partner with big businesses that already have contracts with VA in order to gain experience and insight
- ✧ Monitor VA's website (<http://www.va.gov>) to keep updated on opportunities



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# Questions

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# Backup

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