

Department of Veterans Affairs Enterprise Architecture Council Charter

Purpose: The Veterans Affairs (VA) Enterprise Architecture Council (EAC) is established by the VA Chief Information Officer (CIO) to serve as the principal oversight body for VA's enterprise architecture, its implementation and governance. The EAC reports to the Planning Long-Term Issues Board (PLTIB) and is a key vehicle for collaborative participation across VA. Its membership includes full participation by VA's program, business and technology stakeholders. The EAC will also ensure coordination of architecture efforts, standards, and initiatives across Administrations and business units. The Chair of the EAC is the VA Chief Architect in the IT Enterprise Strategy, Policy, Plans and Programs, Enterprise Architecture Office (OO5E1).

Roles and Responsibilities:

The EAC Chair will:

- Ensure the EA developed for the Department is consistent with the Clinger-Cohen Act and OMB Circular A-130, and guidance provided by the OMB Federal Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office,
- Oversee and arbitrate development of issues relating to the EA,
- Establish priorities and plans for the development, implementation and governance of the EA,
- Ensure the interests of programs and lines of business are addressed in VA's EA, and
- Charter workgroups and initiatives as needed to address specific issues.

The EAC will:

- Collaborate with VBA, VHA, NCA and VA stakeholders to ensure alignment between business and IT EA strategies,
- Establish working groups to conduct assessments and make recommendations for decision on cross cutting or enterprise initiatives,
- Review and submit recommendations to the CIO and VA leadership regarding the enterprise architecture and impacts to VA business,
- Review IT projects to ensure they are aligned with the EA,
- Oversee and arbitrate development of issues relating to Data Governance,
- Create policies that guide the creation and implementation of VA's Enterprise Architecture, and

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- Develop programs and strategies to identify and mitigate architectural quality issues.

EAC Principals will:

- Represent their respective Administrations and provide business and technical input from their individual disciplines.

Concept of Operations: The intent of the EAC will be to reach consensus whenever possible. When issues persist, the Chair of the EAC will report to the Chairman of the PLTIB issues, considerations, and recommendations. The Chairman will provide guidance or refer the issues to the CIO and so on up the VA leadership chain until resolution can be achieved.

Standard VA communication tools and technology solutions will be used by the Chief Architect to ensure effective and timely communications.

Administrations will provide EAC principal members capable of representing their organization's interest from a business perspective. Members' respective organizations will provide the resources for all necessary administrative and logistical support for their member.

The EAC Charter will be reviewed annually.

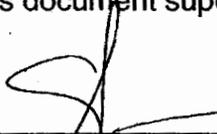
Membership: The EAC members will be comprised of principals from

- OI&T (Chief Architect, DAS IPRM, DCIO OED, DCIO EOFD),
- Veterans Health Administration, (Chief Officer, Office of Health Information), or Designee (Lead Specialist, ESM Business Architect),
- Veterans Benefits Administration, (Director, Office of Business Process Integration), or Designee (Deputy Director, Office of Business Process Integration),
- National Cemetery Administration, (Director, IT Business Requirements Service), or Designee (Program Specialist)
- Office Of Management, (Office of Management FLITE Program Director), or Designee (ADAS, Financial Business Operations) and
- Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (Director, National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics), or Designee (Director, NCVAS - Reports and Information Service).

Meetings & Logistics: EAC meetings will

- Be scheduled and coordinated by the EAC secretariat in the Office of Enterprise Architecture and Innovation,
- Published minutes, and
- Representation will be by designated stakeholders or first designee (not contractors).

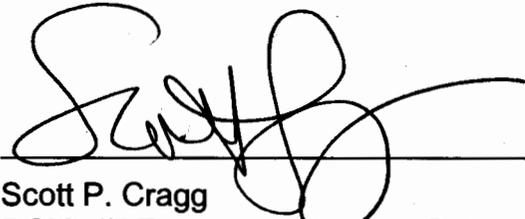
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