

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

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Date:
From: Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology (005)
Subj: Compliance Requirement for VA Enterprise Technical Architecture (VAIQ 7258313)
To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, other Key Officials

1. VA Directive 6051, *Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Enterprise Architecture (EA)*, mandates the establishment and implementation of an integrated Department-wide One-VA Enterprise Architecture (EA) and further directs that all VA IT systems must comply with the Department's Enterprise Architecture.

2. Over the last year, the One-VA EA program under direction of the VA Chief Architect has aggregated architectural rules, standards and artifacts related to the technical layer of the Department's EA into One-VA EA Enterprise Technical Architecture (One-VA EA ETA).

3. Attached is the OneVA ETA Compliance Criteria document, which offers guidance to all EA stakeholders, ranging from developers, project managers, investment managers and program evaluators, in assessing compliance with the One-VA ETA. The criteria do not establish rules, but rather organize and place into context the enterprise rules and standards that already exist throughout the ETA. Assessment criteria for each question / rule are provided, tailored for each specific development milestone.

4. Effective the date of this memo, the attached OneVA ETA Compliance Criteria shall be used to assess compliance and alignment of all VA development activities with the technical layer of the OneVA EA. Compliance will be assessed at PMAS Milestone 0 and Milestone 1 reviews.

5. Please direct questions to Lloyd Thrower, VA Chief Architect, at 202-461-4345 or Lloyd.Thrower@va.gov.



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Attachment