

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

From: Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology (005)

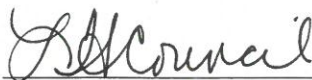
Subj: Approval for the Veteran-focused Integration Process (VIP)

To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other Key Officials

1. Effective January 1, 2016, the Office of Information & Technology (OI&T) will begin to transition from the Project Management Accountability System (PMAS) to the Veteran-focused Integration Process (VIP). VIP evolves the Department to a deeper embrace of the Agile methodology with one single, unified, streamlined release process—all focused on delivering high-quality, secure IT capabilities to the Veteran.
 - a. January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 will serve as a VIP pilot phase for a select group of projects.
 - b. Until projects are transitioned into VIP, they will continue to follow PMAS. The transition will be complete by the end of FY2016. The VIP Guide will be policy over each project as they transition to VIP.
2. The VIP Guide provides an overview of the VIP framework within the portfolio/program/project construct, describes the VIP lifecycle, the use of the Agile delivery methodology, VIP reporting and the transition from PMAS to VIP.
3. This policy memo rescinds all previous project and program management guidance, including PMAS directives and policy memos to include, but not limited to:
 - VA Directive 6071, "Project Management Accountability System" dated February 20, 2013
 - Memorandum Subject "Change to PMAS Guide 5.0" dated June 05, 2015
 - Memorandum Subject "Recommendation of Streamlined PMAS/ ProPath Processes for Existing Software Products" dated May 18, 2015

In the event of a conflict with previously issued VA or OI&T guidance or publications, the current version of the VIP Guide will take precedence.

4. As a part of VIP, there will be a single calendaring solution, a single IT stakeholder needs input solution, a single time tracking solution and a single project lifecycle management solution. All OI&T projects and users will be expected to use these tools in order to fully implement VIP. Additional details related to adoption of standardized tools will be forthcoming, as will updates to ProPath to reflect the transition from PMAS to VIP.
5. The Guide will be updated as necessary by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Enterprise Program Management Office.



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