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Mr. Jason Miller

Via Email: [jpmiller@federalnewsnetwork.com](mailto:jpmiller@federalnewsnetwork.com)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Tracking Number **20-07352-F**

Dear Mr. Miller,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated June 10, 2020, in which you requested:

- A copy of the VA CIO and CAO signed December memo to implement CIO oversight over acquisitions.

The FOIA Service received your request on June 12, 2020, and assigned it FOIA tracking number **20-07352-F**. Please refer to this number when communicating with the VA about this request.

You have been placed in the “news media” category, which means the requester is responsible for the fees associated with duplication, excluding the cost of the first 100 pages, which are free.

The invitation for Assistant Secretary Gfrerer to take part in a survey about IT modernization and the cloud, and the questions posed will be responded to by IT Strategic Communications.

The Office of Information and Technology (OI&T) is responding to item 1 of your request. We have located one document related to your request that is being released to you in full at no cost to you:

- Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Acquisition Compliance (VIEWS #01561333)

This concludes the FOIA Service’s response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the VA. If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Jacqueline Short of my staff at 202-632-7426.

Sincerely,

*Doloras Johnson*

Ms. Doloras Johnson  
Director, VACO FOIA Service  
Quality, Performance, and Risk (QPR)  
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)

Attached

Department of  
Veterans Affairs

# Memorandum

DEC 02 2019

Date:

From: Assistant Secretary for the Office of Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer (005); and Principal Executive Director, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction and Chief Acquisition Officer (003)

Subj: Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Acquisition Compliance (VIEWS #01561333)

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

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of this memorandum is to implement the compliance requirements of the Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Agency-wide as it relates to CIO responsibilities. This Memorandum reinforces the authority of the CIO, as documented in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) OMB-M-15-14, to retain accountability of all Information Technology (IT)/IT-related capabilities regardless of funding source or dollar amount.

**2. Applicability.** This memorandum endorses the Draft VA Notice on Complying with the Federal Information Technology Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) in Attachment A, under VIEWS# 01257138. This applies to all VA Administrations and Staff Offices executing IT/IT-related requirements regardless of funding source. For this policy, VA uses the definition of IT as outlined in OMB-M-15-14. IT requirements references all requirements/acquisitions funded with congressionally managed IT funds. IT-related requirements reference all requirements/acquisitions funded outside of the congressionally managed IT budget, to include interagency acquisitions.

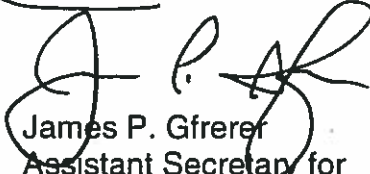
**3. Effective Date.** These policy changes are effective immediately and fully implemented into the Department NLT 3rd Quarter FY20. These procedures are interim. A more definitive VA Directive and Handbook will be issued in Fiscal Year 2020.

**4. References.** [OMB-M-15-14](#)

**5. Questions or Concerns.** For questions related to this process, VA contracting, and customer offices can contact the Office of Information and Technology's Office of Strategic Sourcing at [askstrategicsourcing@va.gov](mailto:askstrategicsourcing@va.gov) or at (202) 461-6740.

Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) Acquisition Compliance

Approval/Disapproval



James P. Gfrerer  
Assistant Secretary for  
Information and Technology  
and Chief Information Officer

Approval/Disapproval



Karen L. Brazell  
Principal Executive Director, Office of  
Acquisition Logistics and Construction  
and Chief Acquisition Officer

Attachments: 1

Attachment A – Draft VA Notice on Complying with the Federal Information Technology  
Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA)