

Department of Veterans Affairs  
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VA DIRECTIVE 7343.1  
Transmittal Sheet  
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**DIRECT DONATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)  
AND RESEARCH EQUIPMENT**

**1. REASON FOR ISSUE.** This directive defines the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policies required to implement the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovations Act of 1980, as amended (Stevenson-Wydler Act); Executive Order 12999 of April 17, 1996, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century; and the Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) for the direct transfer of excess Information Technology (IT) and research equipment to educational institutions or nonprofit organizations for the conduct of technical and scientific education and training, and to schools for computer (technology) education of students.

**2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS.** This directive provides policy pertaining to the donation of IT and research equipment directly to schools and institutions conducting technical and scientific education and training.

**3. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE.** Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (90).

**4. RELATED HANDBOOK.** VA Handbook 7343.1, Direct Donation of Information Technology and Research Equipment.

**5. RESCISSION.** None

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**1. PURPOSE.** This directive provides acquisition and materiel management policies required to implement the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovations Act of 1980, as amended (Stevenson-Wydler Act), and Executive Order 12999 of April 17, 1996, Educational Technology.

**2. POLICY.** Specific policy and procedures pertaining to the responsibility for donation of excess IT and research equipment directly to schools and institutions conducting technical and scientific education and computer training will be adhered to by all VA entities.

**3. RESPONSIBILITY.** The Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Acquisition and Materiel Management (90) will ensure a program is established within the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM) to review, develop, and issue Department-wide guidance and support.

### **4. REFERENCES**

- a. Federal Property Management Regulations, Subchapter H, Utilization and Disposal, Parts 101-43 and 101-44.
- b. VA Handbook 7343, dated March 8, 1996.
- c. Stevenson-Wydler Technology Act of 1980, as amended (15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.).
- d. Executive Order 12999, dated April 17, 1996, Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for All Children in the Next Century.