BIRLS/VADS-2008

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PART I - A

PART I: SUMMARY INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION

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Section A: Overview (All Capital Assets)

I.A.1) Date of Submission (mm/dd/yyyy)

Sep 11, 2006

I.A.2) Agency

029 - Department of Veterans Affairs

I.A.3) Bureau

00 - Agency Wide Initiatives

I.A.4) Name of this Investment:(SHORT ANSWER)

BIRLS/VADS-2008

I.A.5) Unique Project(Investment) Identifier: Update the UPI using the Exhibit 53 tab.

029-00-01-13-01-1263-00

I.A.6) What kind of investment will this be in FY2008? (Please NOTE: Investments moving to O&M ONLY in FY2008, with Planning/Acquisition activities prior to FY2008 should not select O&M. These investments should indicate their current status.)

Operations and Maintenance

I.A.7) What was the first budget year this investment was submitted to OMB?

FY2001 or earlier

I.A.8) Provide a brief summary and justification for this investment, including a brief description of how this closes in part or in whole an identified agency performance gap: (LONG ANSWER)

BIRLS/VADS databases serve as the system of record for information on veterans and their respective families/beneficiaries. These systems of record support all VA branches (VBA, VHA, and NCA) and VBA business lines (compensation, pension, education, housing, and vocational rehabilitation and employment) by providing information necessary to process any/all types of veterans' benefit claims.

The Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) is a VBA application and database that contains records of all veterans and as applicable their family members and/or beneficiaries. This information is used by VA branches and VBA businss lines to determine eligibility for benefits and initiate appropriate claims processes. BIRLS is a legacy stand-alone application that also integrates with many VA and government agency applications. BIRLS is maintained at the Austin Automation Center (AAC); program maintenance includes enhancements, updates and or repairs to BIRLS application programs and BIRLS data.

The Veterans Assistance Discharge System (VADS) is a joint program between the VA and the Department of Defense. Military services provide a copy of the DD214-Military Discharge Certificate for each service member separated or retired from active duty. This information is used to issue outreach letters to recently separated veterans, update the BIRLS database, and provide address information to DMDC (Defense Manpower Data Center). Veteran record information in VADS is used to contact prior and current service members regarding their benefits; aid counselors that assist veterans; and answer queries from Congressmen concerning questions from their constituents. VADS generates statistical information concerning veterans, and aids in the creation of reports for various federal organizations, veterans outreach groups, Congress, and colleges and universities. VADS informs OSGLI/Prudential (VA's Insurance servicing agent) that the veteran is to be offered insurance.

I.A.9) Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?

Yes

I.A.9.a) If "yes," what was the date of this approval?

Aug 10, 2006

I.A.10) Did the Project Manager review this Exhibit?

Yes I.A.11) Project Managers Contact Information Project Managers Names (SHORT ANSWER) **PM Phone** E-mail (SHORT ANSWER) Primary in-house Ron Hawkins, Chief, Veteran Records Support Division 512-326-6320 ronald.hawkins@va.gov I.A.12) Has the agency developed and/or promoted cost effective, energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques or practices for this project. No I.A.12.a) Will this investment include electronic assets (including computers)? Yes I.A.12.b) Is this investment for construction or retrofit of a federal building or facility? (Answer applicable to non-IT assets only) I.A. 12.b.1) If "yes," is an ESPC or UESC being used to help fund this investment? I.A. 12.b.2) If "yes," will this investment meet sustainable design principles? I.A. 12.b.3) If "yes," is it designed to be 30% more energy efficient than relevant code? (Answer applicable to non-IT assets only) I.A.13) Does this investment directly support one of the PMA initiatives? Yes I.A.13.a) If "yes," check all that apply:

inancial Performance	- Human Capital - Budget Performance Integration - Financial Performance
	- Financial Performance
xpanded E-Government	- Expanded E-Government
	- Competitive Sourcing
	- Faith Based and Community
	- Real Property Asset Management
	- Eliminating Improper Payments
	- Privatization of Military Housing
	- Research & Development Investment Criteria
	- Housing & Urban Development Management & Performance
	- Broadening Health Insurance Coverage through State Initiatives
	- "Right Sized" Overseas Presence
	- Coordination of VA & DoD Programs and Systems
	v describe how this asset directly supports the ider

Financial Performance - Improve timeliness/usefulness: BIRLS/VADS provides timely and accurate processing of disability compensation claims; education claims/payments; and pension claims for eligible veterans/their survivors. E-Gov - Share information quickly and conveniently across agencies. BIRLS/VADS processes are automated; information is shared with other agencies, educational facilities, and insurance companies to improve services to veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries.

I.A.14) Does this investment support a program assessed using the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)? (For more information about the PART, visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part.)

No

I.A.14.a) If "yes," does this investment address a weakness found during a PART review?

No

I.A.14.b) If "yes," what is the name of the PARTed program? (SHORT ANSWER)

Not Applicable.

I.A.14.c) If "yes," what rating did the PART receive?

I.A.15) Is this investment information technology? (See section 53.8 for definition)

Yes

I.A.16) What is the level of the IT Project? (per CIO Council PM Guidance)

Level 1

I.A.17) What project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per CIO Council PM Guidance)

Qualification Status	Qualification Status for XML Submission	Description
1	(1) Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment	(1) - Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment.
		(2) - Project manager qualification is under review for this investment.
		(3) - Project manager assigned to investment, but does not meet requirements.
		(4) - Project manager assigned but qualification status review has not yet started.
		(5) - No Project manager has yet been assigned to this investment.

I.A.18) Is this investment identified as "high risk" on the Q4 - FY 2006 agency high risk report (per OMB's 'high risk" memo)?

Yes

I.A.19) Is this project (investment) a Financial Management System? (see section 53.3 for definition)

No

I.A.19.a) If so, does this project (investment) address a FFMIA (Federal Financial Managers Integrity Act) compliance area?

I.A.19.a.1) If yes, which compliance area?

I.A. 19.a.2) If "no," what does it address? (MEDIUM ANSWER)

Not Applicable.

I.A.19.b) If "yes," please identify the system name(s) and system acronym(s) as reported in the most recent financial systems inventory update required by Circular A–11 section 52 (LONG ANSWER)

Not Applicable.

I.A.20) What is the percentage breakout for the total FY2008 funding request for the following? (This should total 100%)

Percentage of Total Investment					
% Hardware		30.00			
% Software			40.00		
% Services			30.00		
% Others					
I.A.21) If this project produces information dissemination pro Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, NA		ublished to the Internet in con	formance with OMB		
۱.A.22) Contact information of individual responsible for priva	cy related questions:				
Contact Name: (SHORT ANSWER)		Heidi Hamzi			
Phone Number:		202-565-8346			
Title: (SHORT ANSWER)		IT Specialist			
E-mail: (SHORT ANSWER) heidi.hamzi@va.gov					
I.A.23) Are the records produced by this investment appropr	ately scheduled with the National Archive	es and Records Administration	n's approval?		
Yes					

PART I - B

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Section B: Summary of Funding (All Capital Assets)

I.B.1) FILL IN TABLE IN CURRENT VALUES (in millions)

(Estimates for BY+1 and beyond are for planning purposes only and do not represent budget decisions)

Provide the total estimated life-cycle cost for this investment by completing the following table. All amounts represent budget authority in millions, and are rounded to three decimal places. Federal personnel costs should be included only in the row designated "Government FTE Cost," and should be EXCLUDED from the amounts shown for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." The total estimated annual cost of the investment is the sum of costs for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." For Federal buildings and facilities, life-cycle costs should include long term energy, environmental, decommissioning, and/or restoration costs. The costs associated with the entire life-cycle of the investment should be included in this report.

Category of Funds	PY-1 and Earlier	PY 2006	CY 2007	BY 2008
Planning				
Budgetary Resources	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Acquisition				
Budgetary Resources	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total, Sum of Stages				
Total, Resources (Plan & Acq)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Operations & Maintenance				
Budgetary Resources	10.936	2.125	2.510	3.070
Total, All Stages Resources	10.936	2.125	2.510	3.070
Government FTE Costs	1.322	0.372	0.359	0.318
Govt. FTE Numbers	14	3	3	3
Total, All Stages Resources + FTE	12.258	2.497	2.869	3.388

Government FTE Costs SHOULD NOT be INCLUDED as part of the TOTAL, All Stages Resources represented.

Note: 1) For the cross-agency investments, this table should include all funding (both managing partner and partner agencies). 2) Total, All Stages Resources should equal Total, All Stages Outlays.

I.B.2) Will this project require the agency to hire additional FTE's?

No

I.B.2.a) If Yes, How many and in what year? (MEDIUM ANSWER)

I.B.3) If the summary of spending has changed from the FY2007 President's budget request, briefly explain those changes. (LONG ANSWER)

The baseline shown in this Exhibit 300 is the latest approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). A revised baseline reflecting the amounts shown in the BY 2008 Summary of Funding table is pending OMB approval.

PART I - C

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Section C: Acquisition/Contract Strategy (All Capital Assets)

I.C.1) If earned value is not required or will not be a contract requirement for any of the contracts or task orders above, explain why? (LONG ANSWER)

This contract supports Operations and Maintenance work in a Steady State environment and as such, an EVMS is not required per VA Directive 6061.

I.C.2) Do the contracts ensure Section 508 compliance?

Yes

I.C.2.a) If the Contracts WILL NOT ensure Section 508 Compliance, explain why:

I.C.3) Is there an acquisition plan which has been approved in accordance with agency requirements?

Yes

I.C.3.a) If "yes," what is the date?

Oct 1, 2005

I.C.3.b) If "no," will an acquisition plan be developed?

No

I.C.3.b.1) If "no," briefly explain why: (MEDIUM ANSWER)

PART I - D

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Section D: Performance Information (All Capital Assets)

I.D.1) In order to successfully address this area of the exhibit 300, performance goals must be provided for the agency and be linked to the annual performance plan. The investment must discuss the agency's mission and strategic goals, and performance measures must be provided. These goals need to map to the gap in the agency's strategic goals and objectives that this investment is designed to fill. They are the internal and external performance benefits this investment is expected to deliver to the agency (e.g., improve efficiency by 60%, increase citizen participation by 300% a year to achieve an overall citizen participation rate of 75% by FY 2xxx, etc.). The goals must be clearly measurable investment outcomes, and if applicable, investment outputs. They do not include the completion date of the module, milestone, or investment, or general goals, such as, significant, better, improved that do not have a quantitative or qualitative measure.

For Existing IT projects that have previously submitted Exhibit 300s:

--> If you completed Table 1 last year, please use Table 1 to report for fiscal year 2005 and Table 2 for fiscal years 2006 through at least 2009.

--> If you completed only Table 2 last year, please use Table 2 to report for fiscal years 2006 through at least 2009.

For projects that are submitting Exhibit 300s for the first time:

--> Use Table 2.

--> Report on Performance Measures for at least two years, i.e., FY 2008 and 2009, FY 2009 and 2010.

--> If the project will have data for 2007 that you wish to include, add extra lines in Table 2 and complete all information in this single table.

--> At least one performance goal should be met by BY+1.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION TABLE 2:

Please use Table 2 and the FEA Performance Reference Model (PRM) to identify the performance information pertaining to this major IT Investment. Map all Measurement Indicators to the corresponding "Measurement Area" and "Measurement Grouping" identified in the PRM. There should be at least one Measurement Indicator for at least four different Measurement Areas (for each fiscal year).

Fiscal Year	Measurement Area	Measurement Grouping	Measurement Indicator	Baseline	Planned Improvements to the Baseline	Actual Results
2005	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - Supports VA Goal 1, Objecties 1.2 and 1.4	Maintain	Maintain BIRLS/VADS as the system of records used to determine benefits eligibility.	BIRLS/VADS continues to perform as designed.
2005	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Timeliness - Supports VA Goal 2, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2	System is available to customer during approved business hours.	24x7 operation with 99% availability except for scheduled downtime	BIRLS/VADS was available 24x7 (only exceptions were regularly scheduled maintenance and system upgrades).
2005	Technology	Response Time	Measure Transaction Process - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, 3 Objectives 1.4 and 2.2	99.8% of transactions process within 4 seconds	Transaction will process within 4 seconds	BIRLS/VADS - 99.7% of transactions processed within within 4 seconds
2005	Customer Results	Customer Satisfaction	Customer Satisfaction - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, and 3 by objectives 1.3 and 2.1	Achieve a rating of 3.63 out of 5 on Gartner Customer Satisfaction Survey	User satisfaction with application availability	AAC holds the service level agreement for BIRLS/VADS. The AAC scored in the top 12 percent of Gartner's Customer Satisfaction Survey with an overall satisfaction rating of 4.06 out of 5.0.

2006	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - Supports VA Goal 1, Objecties 1.2 and 1.4	Maintain	Maintain BIRLS/VADS as the system of records used to determine benefits eligibility.	
2006	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Timeliness - Supports VA Goal 2, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2	System is available to customer during approved business hours.	24x7 operation with 99% availability except for scheduled downtime	
2006	Technology	Response Time	Measure Transaction Process - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, 3 Objectives 1.4 and 2.2	99.8% of transactions process within 4 seconds	Transaction will process within 4 seconds	
2006	Customer Results	Customer Satisfaction	Customer Satisfaction - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, and 3 by objectives 1.3 and 2.1	Achieve a rating of 3.63 out of 5 on Gartner Customer Satisfaction Survey	User satisfaction with application availability	
2007	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - Supports VA Goal 1, Objecties 1.2 and 1.4	Maintain	Maintain BIRLS/VADS as the system of records used to determine benefits eligibility.	
2007	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Timeliness - Supports VA Goal 2, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2	System is available to customer during approved business hours.	24x7 operation with 99% availability except for scheduled downtime	
2007	Technology	Response Time	Measure Transaction Process - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, 3 Objectives 1.4 and 2.2	99.8% of transactions process within 4 seconds	Transaction will process within 4 seconds	
2007	Customer Results	Customer Satisfaction	Customer Satisfaction - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, and 3 by objectives 1.3 and 2.1	Achieve a rating of 3.63 out of 5 on Gartner Customer Satisfaction Survey	User satisfaction with application availability	
2008	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - Supports VA Goal 1, Objecties 1.2 and 1.4	Maintain	Maintain BIRLS/VADS as the system of records used to determine benefits eligibility.	
2008	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Timeliness - Supports VA Goal 2, Objectives 2.1 and 2.2	System is available to customer during approved business hours.	24x7 operation with 99% availability except for scheduled downtime	
2008	Technology	Response Time	Measure Transaction Process - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, 3	99.8% of transactions process within 4 seconds	Transaction will process within 4 seconds	

			Objectives 1.4 and 2.2			
2008	Customer Results	Customer Satisfaction	Customer Satisfaction - Supports VA Goals 1, 2, and 3 by objectives 1.3 and 2.1	Achieve a rating of 3.63 out of 5 on Gartner Customer Satisfaction Survey	User satisfaction with application availability	

PART I - E

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Section E: Security and Privacy (IT Capital Assets only)

System/Application Level Information:

In order to successfully address this area of the business case, each question below must be answered at the system/application level, not at a program or agency level. Systems supporting this investment on the planning and operational systems security tables should match the systems on the privacy table below. Systems on the Operational Security Table must be included on your agency FISMA system inventory and should be easily referenced in the inventory (i.e., should use the same name or identifier).

All systems supporting and/or part of this investment should be included in the tables below, inclusive of both agency owned systems and contractor systems. For IT investments under development, security and privacy planning must proceed in parallel with the development of the system(s) to ensure IT security and privacy requirements and costs are identified and incorporated into the overall lifecycle of the system(s).

I.E.1) Identified the IT security costs for the system(s) and have integrated those costs into the overall costs of the investment:

Yes

I.E.2) Is identifying and assessing security and privacy risks a part of the overall risk management effort for each system supporting or part of this investment.

Yes

I.E.3) Have any weaknesses, not yet remediated, related to any of the systems part of or supporting this investment been identified by the agency or IG?

Yes

I.E.3.a) If "yes," have those weaknesses been incorporated into the agency's plan of action and milestone process?

Yes

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Section F: Enterprise Architecture (EA) (IT Capital Assets only)

In order to successfully address this area of the business case and capital asset plan you must ensure the investment is included in the agency's EA and Capital Planning and Investment Control (CPIC) process, and is mapped to and supports the FEA. You must also ensure the business case demonstrates the relationship between the investment and the business, performance, data, services, application, and technology layers of the agency's EA.

I.F.1) Is this investment included in your agency's target enterprise architecture?

Yes

I.F.1.a) If "no," please explain why? (LONG ANSWER)

Not Applicable.

I.F.2) Is this investment included in the agency's EA Transition Strategy?

Yes

I.F.2.a) If "yes," provide the investment name as identified in the Transition Strategy provided in the agency's most recent annual EA Assessment. (MEDIUM ANSWER)

The Target Architecture Transition Plan includes BIRLS/VADS in the recommended new, but as yet unfunded project, VA/DOD DIMHRS System Interface Initiative.

I.F.2.b) If "no," please explain why? (LONG ANSWER)

Not Applicable.

I.F.3) FEA SERVICE REFERENCE MODEL:

I.F.3) Identify the service components funded by this major IT investment (e.g.,knowledge management, content management, customer relationship management, etc.). Provide this information in the format of the following table. For detailed guidance regarding components, please refer to http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/.

SERVICE COMPONENT TABLE:

	Agency Component Name (SHORT ANSWER)	Agency Component Description (MEDIUM ANSWER)	FEA SRM Service Type	FEA SRM Component (a*)	FEA Service Component Reused : Component Name (b*)	FEA Service Component Reused : UPI (b*)	Internal or External Reuse? (c*)	BY Funding Percentage (d*)
1	Customer Services	Manage and control the database records	Customer Initiated Assistance	Assistance Request			No Reuse	25.000
2	Digital Asset Services	Control the hardware and software environments, as well as documents of an organization	Records Management	Document Classification			No Reuse	23.000
3	Back Office Services	Support the interchange of information between multiple systems or applications; includes verification that transmitted data	Data Management	Data Exchange			No Reuse	25.000

		was received unaltered					
4	Support Services	Support the identification, upgrade, allocation and replacement of physical devices, including servers and desktops, used to facilitate production and process driven activities	Systems Management	Remote Systems Control		No Reuse	25.000
5	Certification and Accreditation	Proivde secure access to benefits record	Security Management	Certification and Accreditation		No Reuse	1.000
6	Identification and Authentication	Validate user credentials	Security Management	Identification and Authentication		No Reuse	1.000
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4) F	EA TECHNICAL REFEREN	ICE MODEL:							
I.F.4) To demonstrate how this major IT investment aligns with Reference Model (TRM), please list the Service A Service Specifications supporting this IT investment.									
TECHNICAL REFERENCE MODEL TABLE:									
	FEA SRM Component (a*)	FEA TRM Service Area	FEA TRM Service Category	FEA TRM Service Standard					
1	Assistance Request	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Database / Storage	Database					
2	Document Classification	Component Framework	Data Management	Reporting and Analysis					

3	Document Deferencing	Sonvice Diatform and	Delivery Server	Application Convers
3	Document Referencing	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Delivery Servers	Application Servers
4	Remote Systems Control	Service Interface and Integration	Integration	Enterprise Application Integration
5	Certification and Accreditation	Component Framework	Security	Supporting Security Services
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		I.F.5.a) If "yes," please describe. (LONG ANSWER) Not Applicable. I.F.6) Does this investment provide the public with access to a government automated information system?				
	No I.F.6.a) If "yes," does customer access require specific software (e.g., a specific web browser version)?					

PART III - A

Part III: For "Operation and Maintenance" investments ONLY (Steady State)

Part III should be completed only for investments identified as "Operation and Maintenance" (Steady State) in response to Question 6 in Part I, Section A above.

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Section A - RISK MANAGEMENT (All Capital Assets)

In order to successfully address this issue on the business case and capital asset plan, you must have performed a risk assessment at the initial concept, included mandatory risk elements defined below and demonstrate active management of the risk throughout the life-cycle of the investment.

For all investments, both IT and non-IT, you must discuss each of the following risks and present your plans to eliminate, mitigate, or manage risk, with milestones and completion dates. If there is no risk to the investment achieving its goals from a risk category, indicate so. If there are other risks identified, include them. Risk assessments should include risk information from all stakeholders and should be performed at the initial concept stage and then monitored and controlled throughout the life-cycle of the investment. Risk assessments for all investments must include: 1) schedule ; 2) initial costs; 3) life-cycle costs); 4) technical obsolescence; 5) feasibility; 6) reliability of systems; 7) dependencies and interoperability between this investment and others; 8) surety (asset protection) considerations; 9) risk of creating a monopoly for future procurements; 10) capability of agency to manage the investment; and 11) overall risk of investment failure.

In addition, for IT investments, risk must be discussed in the following categories 12) organizational and change management; 13) business; 14) data/info; 15) technology; 16) strategic; 17) security; 18) privacy; and 19) project resources. For security risks, identify under the Description column the level of risk as high, medium, or basic. What aspect of security determines the level of risk, i.e., the need for confidentiality of information, availability of information or the system, reliability of the information or system? Under the Current Status column, list the milestones remaining to mitigate the risk.

Moreover, for each risk category with a probability of occurrence of at least medium and impact of at least medium, please indicate whether or not the costs to mitigate the risk have been incorporated into your lifecycle cost estimates in the summary of spending stages section of this Exhibit 300. If not, please also indicate why in your response.

III.A.1) Does the investment have a Risk Management Plan?

Yes

III.A.1.a) If "yes," what is the date of the plan?

Nov 1, 2006

III.A.1.b) Has the Risk Management Plan been significantly changed since last year's submission to OMB?

Yes

III.A.1.c) If "yes," describe any significant changes: (LONG ANSWER)

The Risk Management Plan (RMP) has been developed to identify and address risks for the project in order to minimize their impacts to scope, cost and schedule. The RMP incorporates the following major objectives: 1) Ensure critical risks impacting scope, schedule, budget, security, and/or change management are identified, assessed, mitigated and communicated in a timely manner; 2) Ensure that appropriate stakeholders are informed and participate in the mitigation process; and 3) Ensure that mitigation of the project risks for the inter-agency or intra-agency projects are coordinated to prevent incorporating risks from other IT projects.

III.A.2) If there currently is no plan, will a plan be developed?

III.A.2.a) If "yes," what is the planned completion date?

III.A.2.b) If "no," what is the strategy for managing the risks? (LONG ANSWER)

Not Applicable

PART III - B

Part III: For "Operation and Maintenance" investments ONLY (Steady State)

Part III should be completed only for investments identified as "Operation and Maintenance" (Steady State) in response to Question 6 in Part I, Section A above. OMB Text Limitations - SHORT ANSWER(250 Characters), MEDIUM ANSWER(500 Characters) and LONG ANSWER(2500 Characters)

III.B) Cost and Schedule Performance:

III.B.1) Was operational analysis conducted?

No

III.B.1.a) If "yes," provide the date the analysis was completed.

III.B.1.b) If "yes," what were the results? (LONG ANSWER)

III.B.1.c) If "no," please explain why it was not conducted and if there are any plans to conduct operational analysis in the future: (LONG ANSWER)

VA policy, Directive 6061, requires the use of post implementation reviews and operational analysis (OA) on operations and maintenance efforts for sustainment (system operation/steady state) investments to promote more effective management oversight. VA has published an Operational Analysis Guide that contains procedures for Operations Managers to perform an Operational Analysis on steady state investments. Managers are to examine the performance of an operating asset investment and measure that performance against established goals.

Operations Managers accomplish the analysis by determining the outcomes with respect to goals of the investment, utilizing performance measures, in four major performance areas:

1. Strategic – Determine how well the investment supporting VA strategic goals and objectives;

2. Financial – Compare current (actual) costs to planned costs;

3. System Technical Operations – Examine technical standard achievement in such areas as throughput, maintainability, reliability, help desk, quality; and

4. User/Customer Satisfaction – Assess levels of customer satisfaction; examine usage trends, complaint logs, change order requests, and other evidence that the system is meeting user requirements.

After gathering data in each of these areas managers perform a gap analysis and an innovation assessment. Operations Managers then recommend whether or not the existing system should be a) continued with no additional investment, b) enhanced, c) terminated, or d) migrated to another similar system. This input provides feedback to the Capital Planning and Investment Control process.

Operations Managers must report the results of the annual VA Operational Analysis to VA Enterprise Program Management Office (EPMO). This program will provide an initial OA Annual Report to the EPMO on May 31, 2007 to facilitate VA business decisions.

Commencing in January 2007, this program will provide the status of each major performance area listed above to VA EPMO as part of the Monthly Performance Review. VA EPMO has published data requirements and procedures for this monthly reporting.

III.B.2) Complete the following table to compare actual performance against the current performance baseline and to the initial performance baseline. In the Current Baseline section, for all milestones listed, you should provide both the baseline and actual completion dates (e.g., "03/23/2003"/ "04/28/2004") and the baseline and actual total costs (in \$ Millions).

III.B.2.a) What costs are included in the reported Cost/Schedule Performance information (Government Only/Contractor Only/Both)? (Per OMB requirements Cost/Schedule Performance information should include both Government and Contractor Costs).

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III.B.2.b) Complete the following table to compare actual performance against the current performance baseline and to the initial performance baseline. In the Current Baseline section, for all milestones listed, you should provide both the baseline and actual completion dates (e.g., "03/23/2003"/ "04/28/2004") and the baseline and actual total costs (in \$ Millions).

Description of Milestone	Current BL Completion Date Planned	Current BL Completion Date Actual
Maintain and Operate (Prior Years)	Sep 30, 2004	Sep 30, 2004
Maintain and Operate	Sep 30, 2005	Sep 30, 2005
Maintain and Operate	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2006
Maintain and Operate	Sep 30, 2007	
Maintain and Operate	Sep 30, 2008	
