Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) Maintenance and Operations - 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)
Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) Maintenance and Operations - 2008
I.A.5) Unique Project(Investment) Identifier: Update the UPI using the Exhibit 53 tab.
029-00-01-13-01-1360-00
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)
This is a steady state Exhibit 300 for the maintenance and operations of the VBA Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) Payment System. The BDN is the legacy system employed by VBA to process entitlements for three of the five business lines: Compensation and Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. The primary services of the BDN are: receipt, processing, tracking and disposition of veterans' applications for benefits; requests for assistance and general administration of legislated benefit programs. The BDN processes at the Hines Information Technology Center (ITC). The Compensation program provides monthly payments and ancillary benefits to veterans in recognition of the loss of earning capacity caused by a disability or disease incurred in or aggravated during military service. The Pension program provides monthly payments to needy wartime veterans who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of a disability not related to military service. The Educational Assistance provides opportunities for higher education; restore lost educational opportunities and vocational readjustment. The Vocational habilitation and Employment program helps service-disabled veterans achieve independent life skills and employment, provide service to enable veterans with service-connected disabilities to achieve independence in daily living, become employable and obtain and maintain suitable employment. The BDN provides interface to VBA's other benefits delivery systems, as such, the VBA OIM Hines ITC maintains and administers all VBA databases for compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment claims processing, supports the external interfaces (such as SSA and IRS) and provides payment data to the U.S. Treasury, which issues benefit payments. The BDN system hardware upgrade and software conversion was completed in October 2004 that allows continued veteran benefits processing on a fully supported vendor platform. In FY2005 VBA implemented a fully mirrored system mainframe and peripherals at the Philadelphia ITC to support disaster recovery operations. The system has been fully installed and tested to support failover operations in the event of any unplanned events or disasters at the Hines ITC. The second phase of BDN Disaster Recovery will be the data vaulting of the daily online BDN transactions to storage devices that shall be acquired for the Philadelphia BDN Disaster Recovery system.
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	Stephen Mercier	202-273-6901	steve.mercier@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:

	PMA Initiatives for XML Submission	PMA Initiatives
		- Human Capital
		- Budget Performance Integration
		- Financial Performance
		- 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
Yes	Coordination of VA and DoD Programs and Systems	- Coordination of VA & DoD Programs and Systems

I.A.13.b) Briefly describe how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)?(MEDIUM ANSWER)

This initiative supports the DOD and VA in early processing of veterans claims while the claimant is in the process of discharge from the services and of Expanded Electronic Government. The E-Government goal is in a limited capacity, within the President's Management Agenda. The BDN is part of the baseline applications layer infrastructure and distributed systems architecture and provides infrastructure for internal (VA-wide) sharing of information.

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)

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)

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	5.00
% Software	10.00
% Services	85.00
% Others	0.00

I.A.21) If this project produces information dissemination products for the public, are these products published to the Internet in conformance with OMB Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, schedules and priorities?	
No	
I.A.22) Contact information of individual responsible for privacy related questions:	

Contact Name: (SHORT ANSWER)	Heidi Hamzi
Phone Number:	202-565-8346
Title: (SHORT ANSWER)	Information Technology Specialist
E-mail: (SHORT ANSWER)	heidi.hamzi@va.gov

I.A.23) Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration'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	8.060	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total, Sum of Stages				
Total, Resources (Plan & Acq)	8.060	0.000	0.000	0.000
Operations & Maintenance				
Budgetary Resources	22.342	7.121	7.410	7.200
Total, All Stages Resources	30.402	7.121	7.410	7.200
Government FTE Costs	64.639	14.647	14.563	14.707
Govt. FTE Numbers	560	148	148	148
Total, All Stages Resources + FTE	95.041	21.768	21.973	21.907

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?
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 Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the online schedule	BDN will be available for online processing as described in the BDN online schedule of operations table	Objective met at 99%
2005	Customer Results	Access	Availability - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the systems availability	Reports and letters generated in each cycle are mailed to veterans, with required enclosures, within one workday after scheduled processing.	Objective met at 99%
2005	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Cycle Time - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Maintain current levels <5 seconds for 95% of all transactions	BDN Online Transaction Response Time - BDN online transaction processors will process transactions within or less than 5 seconds.	Met at <5 seconds at 96%
2005	Technology	User Satisfaction	Accessibility - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Obtain 97% User Satisfaction	BDN will be available for user processing and maintain a satisfied user community	BDN available 99%
2006	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the online schedule	BDN will be available for online processing as described in the BDN online schedule of operations table	

2006	Customer Results	Access	Availability - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the systems availability	Reports and letters generated in each cycle are mailed to veterans, with required enclosures, within one workday after scheduled processing.	
2006	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Cycle Time - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Maintain current levels <5 seconds for 95% of all transactions	BDN Online Transaction Response Time - BDN online transaction processors will process transactions within or less than 5 seconds.	
2006	Technology	User Satisfaction	Accessibility - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Obtain 97% User Satisfaction	BDN will be available for user processing and maintain a satisfied user community	
2007	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the online schedule	BDN will be available for online processing as described in the BDN online schedule of operations table	
2007	Customer Results	Access	Availability - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the systems availability	Reports and letters generated in each cycle are mailed to veterans, with required enclosures, within one workday after scheduled processing.	
2007	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Cycle Time - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Maintain current levels <5 seconds for 95% of all transactions	BDN Online Transaction Response Time - BDN online transaction processors will process transactions within or less than 5 seconds.	
2007	Technology	User Satisfaction	Accessibility - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Obtain 97% User Satisfaction	BDN will be available for user processing and maintain a satisfied user community	
2008	Mission and Business Results	Information Management	Systems Maintenance - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the online schedule	BDN will be available for user processing and maintain a satisfied user community	
2008	Customer Results	Access	Availability - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Achieve 99% of the systems availability	Reports and letters generated in each cycle are mailed to veterans, with required enclosures, within one workday after scheduled processing.	
2008	Processes and Activities	Cycle Time	Cycle Time - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Maintain current levels <5 seconds for 95% of all transactions	BDN Online Transaction Response Time - BDN online transaction processors will process transactions within or less than 5 seconds.	
2008	Technology	User Satisfaction	Accessibility - (Supports VA Strategic Objectives 1.2, 1.3 & 1.4)	Obtain 97% User Satisfaction	BDN will be available for user processing and maintain a satisfied user community	

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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?

No

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

PART I - F

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

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	Veteran Entitlements	Customer Relationship Management	Customer / Account Management			No Reuse	16.666
2	Customer Services	Veteran Entitlements	Customer Relationship Management	Case Management			No Reuse	16.666
3	Process Automation Services	Veteran Entitlements	Tracking and Workflow	Case Management			No Reuse	16.666
4	Business Management Services	Veteran Entitlements	Management of Processes	Configuration Management			No Reuse	16.666
5	Digital Asset Services	Veteran Entitlements	Knowledge Management	Information Retrieval			No Reuse	12.666
6	Standardized/Can-ned	Veteran Entitlements	Reporting	Standardized / Canned			No Reuse	16.666
7	Certification and	Provide	Security	Certification			No Reuse	2.000

	Accreditation	secure access to beneift records	Management	and Accreditation				
8	Identification and Authentication	Validate user credentials	Security Management	Identification and Authentication			No Reuse	2.000
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	NOTE:
	(a*) - Use existing SRM Components or identify as "NEW". A "NEW" component is one not already identified as a service component in the FEA SRM.
	(b*) - A reused component is one being funded by another investment, but being used by this investment. Rather than answer yes or no, identify the reused service component funded by the other investment and identify the other investment using the Unique Project Identifier (UPI) code from the OMB Ex 300 or Ex 53 submission.
	(c*) - 'Internal' reuse is within an agency. For example, one agency within a department is reusing a service component provided by another agency within the same department. 'External' reuse is one agency within a department reusing a service component provided by another agency in another department. A good example of this is an E-Gov initiative service being reused by multiple organizations across the federal government.
	(d*) - Please provide the percentage of the BY requested funding amount used for each service component listed in the table. If external, provide the funding level transferred to another agency to pay for the service.

I.F.4) FEA TECHNICAL REFERENCE MODEL:

	I.F.4) To demonstrate how this major IT investment aligns with Reference Model (TRM), please list the Service Areas, 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	Customer / Account Management	Service Access and Delivery	Access Channels	Web Browser
2	Case Management	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Delivery Servers	Application Servers
3	Case Management	Component Framework	Data Management	Reporting and Analysis
4	Configuration Management	Service Access and Delivery	Delivery Channels	Internet
5	Information Retrieval	Service Access and Delivery	Delivery Channels	Intranet
6	Standardized / Canned	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Software Engineering	Software Configuration Management
7	Certification and Accreditation	Component Framework	Security	Supporting Security Services
8	Identification and Authentication	Component Framework	Security	Supporting Security Services
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	NOTE:
	(a*) - Service Components identified in the previous question(I.F.3) should be entered in this column. Please enter multiple rows for FEA SRM Components supported by multiple TRM Service Specifications
	(b*) - In the Service Specification field, Agencies should provide information on the specified technical standard or vendor product mapped to the FEA TRM Service Standard, including model or version numbers, as appropriate.
	I.F.5) Will the application leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government (i.e., FirstGov, Pay.Gov, etc)?
	No
	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?
Oct 1, 2004
III.A.1.b) Has the Risk Management Plan been significantly changed since last year's submission to OMB?
No
III.A.1.c) If "yes," describe any significant changes: (LONG ANSWER)
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)

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).
Contractor and Government
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
Update operating system software and hardware mainframe.	Oct 1, 2004	Oct 1, 2004
Prior Years - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2003	Sep 30, 2003
FY04 - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2004	Sep 30, 2004
FY05 - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2005	Sep 30, 2005

FY06 - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2006
FY07 - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2007	
FY08 - Operations and Maintenance - Sustainment	Sep 30, 2008	