

**PART I - A**

**PART I: SUMMARY INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION**  
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<b>Section A: Overview (All Capital Assets)</b>
<i>I.A.1) Date of Submission (mm/dd/yyyy)</i>
Dec 12, 2008
<i>I.A.2) Agency</i>
029 - Department of Veterans Affairs
<i>I.A.3) Bureau</i>
00 - Agency Wide Initiatives
<i>I.A.4) Name of this Investment:(SHORT ANSWER)</i>
Chapter 33-2010
<i>I.A.5) Unique Project(Investment) Identifier: Update the UPI using the Exhibit 53 tab.</i>
029-00-01-14-01-6107-00
<i>I.A.6) What kind of investment will this be in FY2010? (Please NOTE: Investments moving to O&amp;M in FY2010, with Planning/Acquisition activities prior to FY2010 should not select O&amp;M. These investments should indicate their current status.)</i>
Full-Acquisition
<i>I.A.7) What was the first budget year this investment was submitted to OMB?</i>
FY2010
<i>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)</i>
<p>On June 30, 2008 Congress amended Title 38 by appending Chapter 33, Post-9/11 Veteran Education Assistance Act, (Chapter 33) which provides education assistance to veterans, service members and members of the National Guard and Selected Reserve. The legislation further mandated that VA must process the new benefit payments on 8/1/2009. VA Office of Information and Technology was authorized to use \$55 Million to begin the development process. Additionally, Congress provided Chapter 33 with an additional \$48 Million in FY2009 as part of the Americans Recovery and Reinvestment Act.</p> <p>In order to meet the 8/1/2009 mandate, an interim solution is under development. This solution is considered temporary, is labor intensive and requires many manual processes by claims processors. The interim solution includes the Front End Tool (FET) will be developed to augment the claims and decision making processes. Additionally Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) will be changed to address payment processing for Chapter 33.</p> <p>VA's Long Term Solution will provide an end-to-end, seamless integrated claims processing. To reduce human intervention in processing Chapter 33 claims, the Long Term Solution uses a rules engine, tight data integration strategies and implementation of a well-defined Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). Once the Long Term Solution is deployed, the other Education service benefits and systems will be modernized and migrated to the Chapter 33 SOA and infrastructure. Consequently after FY2010, The Education Expert System will be closed This Exhibit 300 reflects migration and costs of consolidating these two investments.</p> <p>VA has employed the following acquisition strategy. The short term solution will be developed "in house" using existing development resources and leverage existing agreements with non-profit organizations. For the long term solution VA is using an Inter Agency Agreement with SPAWAR to develop and host the solution in their data center in New Orleans. Once the solution is deployed, VA intends to transition the infrastructure to the VA environment. VA has not finalized its approach to migrating the TEES requirements to this solution.</p> <p>Chapter 33 Supports VA Strategic Goals 1 and 2; Providing increased capabilities for veterans to obtain educational and vocational training enables the possibility to restore and improve quality of life and aid in a smooth transition from military service to civilian life.</p>

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?

Nov 28, 2008

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

Yes

I.A.11) Contact information of Program/Project Manager?

	Project Managers Names (SHORT ANSWER)	PM Phone	E-mail (SHORT ANSWER)
Primary in-house	James Harr	(202) 461-9144	james.harr@va.gov

I.A.11.a) What is the current FAC-P/PM (for civilian agencies) or DAWIA (for defense agencies) certification level of the program/project manager?

I.A.11.b) When was the Program/Project Manager Assigned?

Nov 17, 2008

I.A.11.c) What date did the Program/Project Manager receive the FACP/PM certification? If the certification has not been issued, what is the anticipated date for certification?

Dec 10, 2008

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)

No

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
Yes	Expanded 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

I.A. 13.b) Briefly and specifically describe for each selected how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s)? (e.g. If E-Gov is selected, is it an approved shared service provider or the managing partner?)(MEDIUM ANSWER)

Chapter 33 will support the Expanded E-Gov PMA by establishing an environment for interactivity and collaboration for VA Benefit Administrators, Veterans and Training Facilities.

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](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part).)

No

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

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 or any project(s) within this investment identified as "high risk" on the Q4-FY 2008 agency high risk report (per OMB Memorandum M-05-23)

No

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 FFIA (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)

I.A.20) What is the percentage breakout for the total FY2010 funding request for the following? (This should total 100%)

Percentage of Total Investment	
% Hardware	1.00
% Software	1.00
% Services	98.00
% Others	

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?

NA

I.A.22) Contact information of individual responsible for privacy related questions:

Contact Name: (SHORT ANSWER)	Dennis Stewart
Phone Number:	(202) 461-7456
Title: (SHORT ANSWER)	IT Specialist
E-mail: (SHORT ANSWER)	dennis.stewart2@va.gov

I.A.23) Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration's approval?

No

I.A.24) Does this investment directly support one of the GAO High Risk Areas?

No

## 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 2008	CY 2009	BY 2010
<b>Planning Total</b>	0.000	0.000	55.500	46.702
<b>Acquisition Total</b>	0.000	0.000	45.000	0.000
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance Total</b>	0.000	0.000	3.000	0.000
<b>Total, All Stages (Non-FTE)</b>	0.000	0.000	103.500	46.702
<b>Government FTE Costs</b>	0.000	1.365	7.976	5.250
<b>Govt. FTE Numbers</b>	0	13	81	50
<b>Total (FTE and Non-FTE)</b>	0.000	1.365	111.476	51.952

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?

Yes

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

In FY2009 it is anticipated that at least 10 new IT FTEs will need to be hired in order to provide the IT support for additional business line claims processors. In FY2010 VA will hire 4 new FTEs for the PMO.

I.B.3) If the summary of spending has changed from the FY2009 President's budget request, briefly explain those changes. (LONG ANSWER)

The president's FY2009 budget was amended with the passage of the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act. The ARRA provided this investment with \$48M in supplemental funds. Additionally this investment has been changed to reflect VA's decision to consolidate this investment with The Education Expert System (TEES) Investment. The migration of Education Service applications and benefits will take place after the Chapter 33 Long Term Solution has been deployed.

## 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)




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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?*

No

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

Chapter 33 is a new program that has not yet been fully defined. At this early stage, it is anticipated that Chapter 33 will be developed using VA target architectural standards and goals. VA Architecture will be updated to incorporate the new business and service requirement as they become more clearly defined.

*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)*

As soon as the technical implementation, services and business of Chapter 33 are defined VA transition strategy will be updated

*I.F.3) Is this investment identified in a completed (contains a target architecture) and approved segment architecture?*





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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
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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)?

I.F.5.a) If "yes," please describe. (LONG ANSWER)

## PART II - B

### PART II: PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Part II should be completed only for investments which in FY2008 will be in "Planning" or "Full Acquisition," investments, i.e., selected one of these three choices in response to Question 6 in Part I, Section A above.

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#### Section B - RISK MANAGEMENT (All Capital Assets)

II.B.1) Does the investment have a Risk Management Plan?

Yes

II.B.1.a) If "yes," what is the date of the plan?

Mar 12, 2009

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

No

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

II.B.2) If there currently is no plan, will a plan be developed?

II.B.2.a) If "yes," what is the planned completion date?

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

II.B.3) Briefly describe how investment risks are reflected in the life cycle cost estimate and investment schedule: (LONG ANSWER)

Per VA guidance all high - risk cost estimates have included a work packet which accounts for 15% of the total lifecycle costs which will be available to use for mitigation activities.

## PART II - C

### Part II: Planning, Acquisition And Performance Information



