

formation technology project' have the meanings given those terms in section 8171 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a) of this section."

**§ 8173. Information technology activities of the Financial Services Center**

(a) MANAGEMENT.—Consistent with sections 11302 and 11319 of title 40—

(1) the Chief Information Officer of the Department shall—

(A) exercise authority over the management, governance, and oversight processes relating to existing or proposed information technology of the Financial Services Center of the Department, or such successor office; and

(B) supervise the information technology employees and contractors of the Financial Services Center; and

(2) the Director of the Financial Services Center of the Department, or the head of such successor office, may not enter into a contract or other agreement for information technology or information technology services unless the contract or other agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Information Officer.

(b) OVERSIGHT.—The Chief Information Officer shall have oversight and operational authority over all information security practices of the Financial Services Center of the Department.

(Added Pub. L. 117-328, div. U, title IV, § 403(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5488.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 117-328, div. U, title IV, § 403(d), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5490, provided that:

"(1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 8173 of such title, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 2022].

"(2) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a)(2) of such section shall apply with respect to contracts and agreements entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act."

**§ 8174. Submission of annual reviews of information technology**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief Information Officer of the Department, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees each annual review of the information technology portfolio of the Department conducted pursuant to section 11319(d)(3) of title 40.

(b) FIRST SUBMISSION.—The first annual review submitted under subsection (a) shall include a copy of each previous annual review conducted under section 11319(d)(3) of title 40.

(Added Pub. L. 117-328, div. U, title IV, § 403(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5488.)

**§ 8175. Information technology matters to be included in budget justification materials for the Department**

(a) LIST OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS IN EFFECT.—The Secretary shall ensure that whenever the budget justification materials are submitted to Congress in support of

the Department budget for a fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the President for such fiscal year under section 1105(a) of title 31), such budget justification materials include a list of every information technology project currently in effect at the Department (including not only congressional projects and subprojects as determined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget or the Secretary).

(b) PRIORITIZED LIST OF UNFUNDED PROJECTS.—(1) In addition to the list included in the budget justification materials required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall ensure that the budget justification materials described in such subsection also include summary descriptions and a prioritized list, in rank order, of every information technology project of the Department, proposed or intended to be proposed for the following one, two, or three fiscal years, that is unfunded as of the time of the inclusion of the list under this paragraph.

(2) In producing the list required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) ensure such list represents a ranking of all proposed information technology projects that reflects the needs of all elements of the Department;

(B) produce one unified list for the entire Department demonstrating how the various proposed information technology projects of each of the elements of the Department rank in priority with the information technology projects of the other elements of the Department; and

(C) ensure that the list—

(i) does not disaggregate and rank information technology projects based on element of the Department; and

(ii) does identify the element of the Department requesting the information technology project.

(3)(A) In producing each list under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall prioritize and rank each information technology project based on an assessment of each of the following factors:

(i) Degree of collaboration between business owners and the Chief Information Officer with respect to joint functional-technical planning, requirements, and management.

(ii) Operational or efficiency benefits to employees of the Department created or produced by the information technology project.

(iii) The life cycle cost of the information technology project.

(iv) The cost savings or cost avoidance yielded by the information technology project.

(v) Time to completion of the information technology project.

(vi) The difficulty of the information technology project, the likelihood the information technology project will be completed, or the risks associated with undertaking the information technology project.

(vii) Tangible benefits to veterans created or produced by the information technology project.

(viii) Such other factors as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(B) The Secretary shall ensure that each list produced under paragraph (1) includes, for each