

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.)

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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

information technology project included in the list, a brief description of the findings of the Secretary with respect to each assessment carried out by the Secretary for each factor for the information technology project under subparagraph (A).

(c) PROJECTED FUNDING NEEDS.—(1) In addition to the matters included under subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary shall ensure that the budget justification materials described in subsection (a) also include a projection of the one-year, two-year, and three-year funding needs of the Department for information technology, disaggregated by—

(A) portfolio; and

(B) the product line of the Department that requires the funding.

(2) In addition to the projections under paragraph (1), with respect to each of the periods set forth in such paragraph, the Secretary shall include a description of the funding required for each technology business management category used by the Office of Information Technology of the Department (commonly referred to as “cost pools” and “towers”).

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

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBSECTION (c)

Pub. L. 117–328, div. U, title IV, §403(e), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5491, provided that: “Subsection (c) of section 8175 of such title [meaning title 38, United States Code], as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall take effect on the first Monday in the second January beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 2022].”

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AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–83, §4(a)(3), (4), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, substituted “DEPARTMENT” for “VETERANS’ ADMINISTRATION” in headings for subchapters III and IV and “Department” for “Veterans’ Administration” in item 8241.

Pub. L. 102–40, title IV, §402(c)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, renumbered items 5070 to 5096 as 8201 to 8241, respectively.

§ 8201. Coordination with public health programs; administration

(a) The Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the programs carried out under this chapter and the programs carried out under titles VII, VIII, and IX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.).

(b) The Secretary may not enter into any agreement under subchapter I of this chapter after September 30, 1979.

(c) The Secretary, after consultation with the special medical advisory committee established pursuant to section 7312(a) of this title, shall prescribe regulations covering the terms and conditions for entering into agreements and making grants under this chapter.

(d) Payments made pursuant to grants under this chapter may be made in installments, and either in advance or by way of reimbursement, with necessary adjustments on account of overpayments or underpayments, as the Secretary may determine.

(e) In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the Secretary may lease to any eligible institution for such consideration and under such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems appropriate, such land, buildings, and structures (including equipment therein) under the control and jurisdiction of the Department as may be necessary. The three-year limitation on the term of a lease prescribed in section 8122(a) of this title shall not apply with respect to any lease entered into pursuant to this chapter, but no such lease may be for a period of more than 50 years. Any lease entered into pursuant to this chapter may be entered into without regard to the provisions of section 6101(b) to (d) of title 41. Notwithstanding section 1302 of title 40, or any other provision of law, a lease entered into pursuant to this chapter may provide for the maintenance, protection, or restoration, by the lessee, of the property leased, as a part or all of the consideration of the lease.

(f) In making grants under this chapter, the Secretary shall give special consideration to applications from institutions which provide reasonable assurances, which shall be included in the grant agreement, that priority for admission to health manpower and training programs carried out by such institutions will be given to otherwise qualified veterans who during their military service acquired medical military occu-