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VA UNVEILS PLANS TO STREAMLINE DISABILITY BENEFITS SYSTEM

VA claims new Veterans Benefit Management System (VBMS) will be faster, more efficient, more transparent and paperless.

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On the afternoon of Friday, January 22, 2010 VA brass invited representatives of many Veterans' Service Organizations (VSOs) to a meeting to unveil plans for the new Veterans Benefit Management System (VBMS). We reported on the invitation to the meeting here ... <http://www.vawatchdog.org/10/nf10/nfjan10/nf012210-5.htm>

The emailed invitation to the meeting is posted below.

So, what does the VA have planned to reduce the claims backlog ... make the process more veteran-friendly, more accurate, more transparent and faster?

[Here is a PowerPoint presentation used by the VA at the meeting ... available for viewing or download.](#)

Notice that it is labeled, "VA Internal Use Only - Predecisional" ... which is a standard disclaimer that in Gov-Speak means, "Don't hold us to any of this."

After viewing the PowerPoint presentation ... please weigh in with your thoughts at the bottom of the page.

From: Secor, Kevin

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 7:31 AM

To: [virtually all the brass at all the VSOs]

Subject: Invitation for Brief on Veterans Benefit Management System

Good morning,

You are invited to a briefing on the status of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Benefit Management System (VBMS) (formerly Paperless Delivery of Benefits.) This meeting will take place 2:00 - 3:00pm, Friday, January 22, 2010 in Room 542, 1800 G Street, NW, Washington DC.

The briefing will advise you how Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) and the Office of Information & Technology (OI&T) are seeking solutions for managing the mountain of paper, electronic documents, correspondence, and other content created and handled as part of their day-to-day business processes. Because the content volume is growing exponentially, VA faces increased pressure to operate more efficiently, while reducing costs and addressing the Veterans' need for faster, simpler, and more efficient and effective services to improve services all while adhering to industry best practices and compliance regulations.

To accomplish this, a comprehensive plan is in the process of being executed that will:

- Target deficiencies across the adjudication process to maximize efficiency enabling the veteran to receive their benefits in a timely and efficient manner as well as giving them oversight into the status of his/her benefits.**
- Build a solution that provides a unified content, process and compliant environment.**
- Provide interoperability to the databases, applications, operating systems, portals, security, servers, storage, systems management tools and Web server environments.**
- Deploy a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) shared services platform to help reduce operations costs and simplify IT infrastructure.**
- Provide operational efficiency across the organization by creating a common interface for building and deploying content and process applications.**

Read-ahead materials will be provided prior to the meeting.

The room limited to 40 individuals so please let Mr. Mike Bargmann of the Veterans Benefits Administration: who will be attending for your organization.

Thank you for your continuous support and I look forward to seeing you the meeting.

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