

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The following constitutes an agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, National Veterans Affairs Council #53 (NVAC) on VA Directive 6504 "Restrictions on Transmissions, Transportation and Use of, and Access to, VA Data Outside VA Facilities in the Department.

1. The parties agree that VA Directive 6504 must be used consistent with VA/AFGE Master Agreement dated March 21, 1997 and/or its successor document.
2. Union officials have a need to access VA Data outside the VA facility for representational responsibilities and duties under Chapter 71 of Title 5. Access to VA Protected Information (VAPI) shall not be granted unless such access is provided for VA job related reasons in compliance with the Directive.
3. Such access for union officials can be through VA owned or non VA owned equipment (laptop computers, blackberry, media storage devices, cell phones or pagers) that meet the requirements of VA Directive 6504 and must have VPN to access the VA Intranet.
4. Local OI&T personnel or ISO must check non VA owned equipment being used by union officials to make sure the equipment complies with VA Directive 6504 prior to being granted access to VA Data.
5. The appropriate management official shall provide a copy of this MOU to the Local Union President, upon their receipt.


For the Department (VA)

5/10/07
Date


For the National VA Council #53

5/4/07
Date