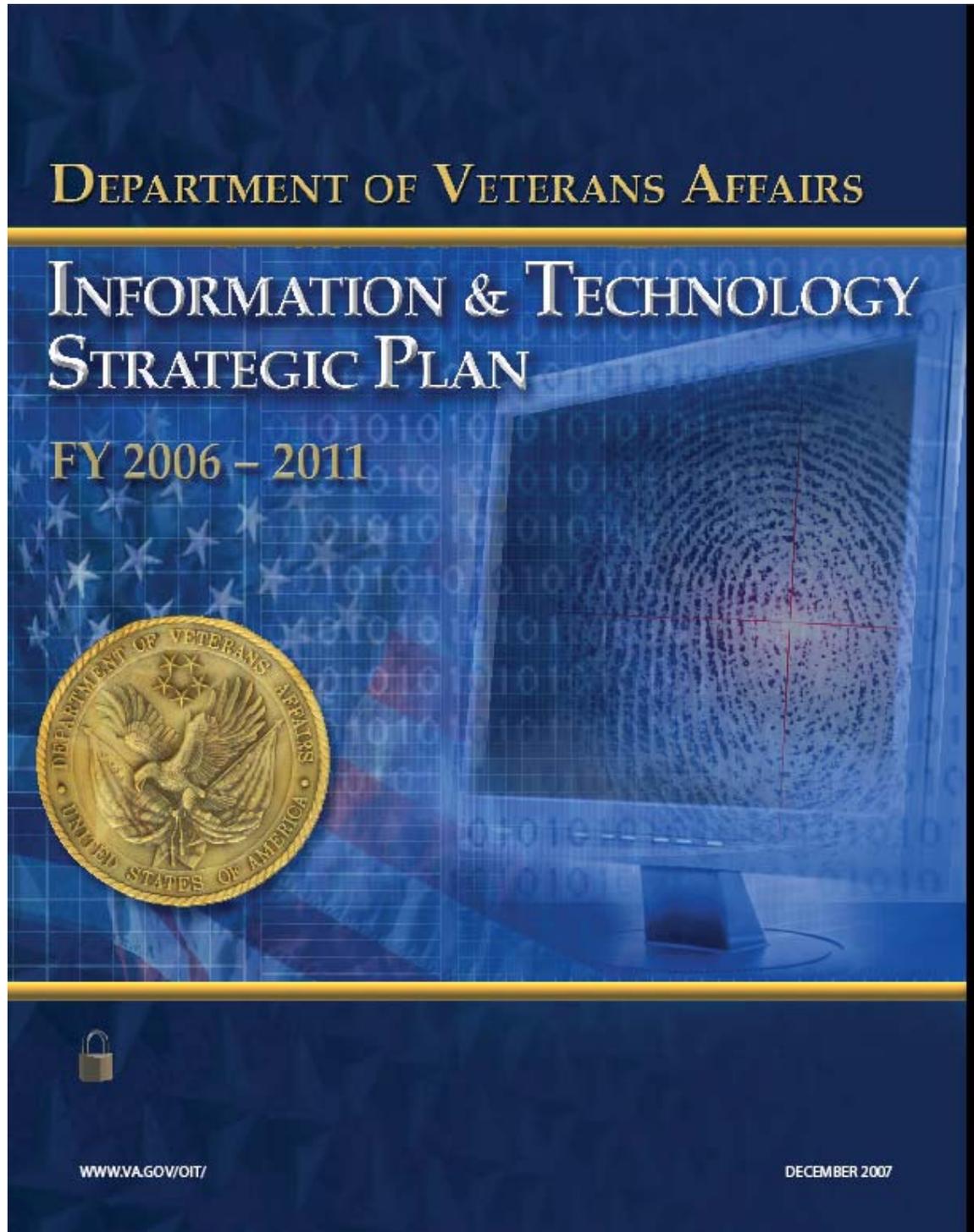
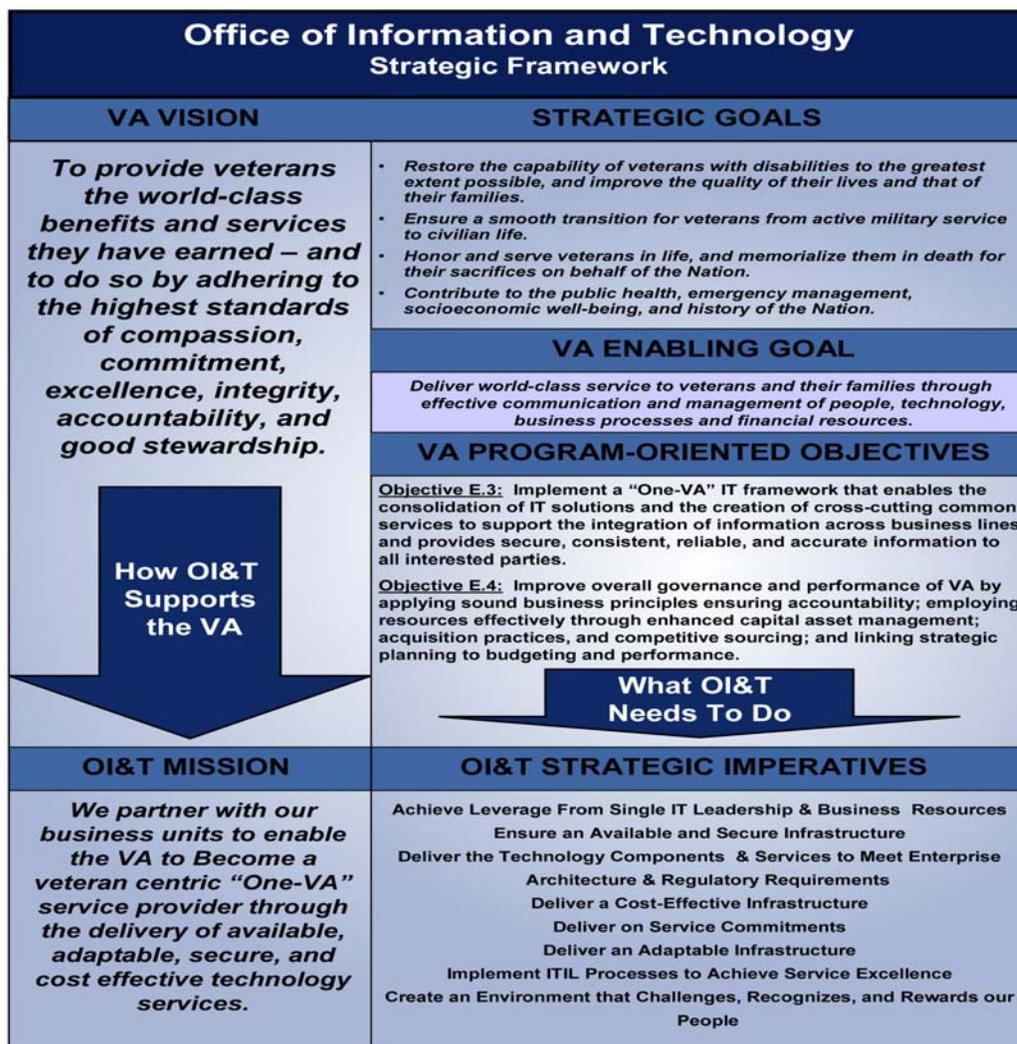


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## THE IT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

VA IT Strategic Framework aligns IT goals, priorities, and initiatives to the Secretary’s priorities, goals, and objectives. This framework seeks to drive IT results by creating an integrating strategy with the Administrations and Staff Offices. This alignment also ensures the development of IT performance measures, which drive behaviors required to achieve VA IT mission and vision. The development of VA IT Strategic Framework represents an evolution of the Office of Information and Technology Strategic framework (Figure 1) that was identified in the OI&T Organization Book.



The traceability of the IT Strategic Framework is shown in Figure 2. It shows the clear linkage from business priorities identified by the Secretary down to IT's performance measures. OI&T is capturing this traceability and linkage by realigning VA IT Management System to reflect industry standards and best business practices, while ensuring compliance with Federal mandates, for application within the Federal government.

It is a priority of OI&T to establish a well-led, high performing IT organization that delivers responsive IT support to the Administrations and Staff Offices in order to: (1) standardize IT infrastructure and IT business processes throughout VA; (2) establish programs to make VA IT systems more interoperable and compatible, not only within VA but with other Federal agencies; (3) manage VA IT appropriations effectively to ensure sustainment and modernization of the IT infrastructure; (4) focus effectively on application development to meet increasing and changing requirements of the Administrations; and (5) improve VA security and privacy posture in accordance with Federal security and privacy mandates. The IT Strategic Framework links VA strategic business needs with its capabilities to achieve the objectives of IT standardization, interoperability, compatibility, and fiscal discipline.

