

From Steve Pirzchalski to Ray Sullivan to CTOs

The Department of Veterans Affairs is meeting an OMB deadline of enabling VA network backbone to support the next generation of the Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) by June 30, 2008. The transition to IPv6 will affect the entire VA community and prepare us for the next generation of technology. VA Office of Telecommunications IPv6 Office has taken several steps to meet this goal; including developing a plan to handle the assigning IP addresses, transition, enterprise strategy, and training.

We are conducting training in preparation of transition of the VA's network to be IPv6 ready. Training will address three audiences:

- General – introduction to IPv6 and what it is. A general introductory IPv6 video has been produced and is available on the VA Knowledge Network.
http://vaww.sites.lrn.va.gov/vacatalog/cu_detail.asp?id=23411
- Architectural - Enterprise Architecture personnel, Network Managers, Technical Managers, Telecommunications Managers, Security Managers
- Operational - Network Engineers, Network Specialists, System Developers, Telecommunications Specialists, Support personnel (this class involves hands-on laboratory sessions)

The following training has been scheduled (students may have to educate other VA personnel in their Region):

At the Salt Lake City OI Field Office

February 11 – 15; 5 day Architectural class

February 19 – 22; 3 ½ day Operational class

At Herdon, VA (Washington DC area)

March 4 – 7; 3 ½ day Architectural class

March 10 – 14; 5 day Operational class

We are looking for your assistance in identifying the appropriate personnel to attend the training. Students should be prepared to convey information to other VA personnel in their Region. Each class would have a maximum of 20 students for a total of 80. We are recommending that the Regional CTOs identify 20 individuals (10 for the Architectural class and 10 for the Operational hands-on class) from their Region to participate. Regions 1 & 2 would be given first priority for the classes in Salt Lake and Regions 3 & 4 priority for the classes in the Washington, DC area location (Herdon, VA).

Please have names to me by Friday, February 29th. Specific information regarding the logistics will then be communicated to the students.

Thank you for your assistance with this important endeavor.