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1. Sequencing Plan

The Target Sequencing Plan integrates established IT development projects, along with proposed projects suggested by the Target Gap Analysis, into a deployment timeline. The Sequencing Plan also illustrates project dependencies, as indicated in the right-most column the following tables.

1.1. Priority Classification

The VA's prioritization scheme is a value of high, medium, and low priority. The priority level assignment is based on the priority of VA performance measures.

- High priority is assigned to performance measures that map to the VA Strategic Plan Veteran facing goals 1-3 (i.e., Restore, Transition, Honor/Serve) or to the Performance Score Card in the Performance Accountability Report.
- Medium priority is assigned to performance measures that map to the VA Strategic Plan Infrastructure goals 4-5 (i.e., Contribute, Enabling).
- Low priority is assigned to performance measures that do not map to VA Strategic Plan Goals and do not map to the Performance Score Card in the Performance Accountability Report. Instead, the performance measure maps to another VA Goal (i.e., Information Technology Strategic Plan).

A project's priority is based on its mapping to a performance measure that is assigned a priority level. For example, the VBA Application Migration Project is assigned a priority of high because it maps to a performance measure from the Performance Scorecard in the PAR: the average number of days to process compensation claims.

The VA's Priority Classification is attached.

Reference(s):

- VA_Priority_Classification.xls

1.2. Project Transition List

The VA projects in the Transition Sequencing Plan show the projects that will move the VA from the baseline/As-Is state to the target/To Be state. The project data includes the project code, project short description, capital improvement funding status, overall project status, current milestone status, planned deployment date, dependency name, dependency type, indicators (e-gov, federal transition framework, and security), and the information source and date. For example, a project in the Transition Sequencing Plan is the One VA Eligibility and Registration project whose capital funding status is funded, current milestone is the prototype approval, and is planned to be deployed on 9/30/2008.

Reference(s):

- VA_Project_Transition_List.xls

1.3. Project Performance Transition List

The VA's Project Transition Sequencing Plan Performance Measures shows, for projects in the transition sequencing plan, with a capital investment status of funded or budget request, the project's primary performance measure. The data includes the project (code, description, capital funding status), the associated performance measure (short name, measure, priority), the planned/target values from the VA Strategic Plan (date, value, information source and date), and the actual performance measures from the Performance and Accountability Report (target value, actual value, target achieved indicator, annual improvement indicator). For example, for the project the VA-Learning Management System, the primary performance measure is the Percent Education Benefit Usage.

Reference(s):

- VA_Project_Perf_Measure_Transition_List.xls

1.4. Deployment Date Information

The tables below identify this derived information. They identify approved as well as Gap projects. Inter-project dependencies are identified from the Ex-300 Risk Inventory Section. Both of these elements are currently limited to the level of granularity provided in the budget request.

1.5. Project Deployment Timeline

The following timeline diagram (a large graphic is referenced below) indicates the order of project deployment, based upon logical dependencies and planned time to completion. Within this sequencing diagram, IT Initiatives are color-coded to identify:

- Projects funded in prior years as Capital Investments and requesting continued funding in the most recent budget submission.
- Projects submitted as new Capital Investments in the most recent budget year.
- Projects not submitted as separate capital Investments, but implemented with other means of funding, such as Operations and Maintenance of a parent or related project.

Initiatives not approved as projects and not submitted for funding approval, but are non-the-less required to achieve the Target Architecture End-State, defined within the Target Architecture Strategy. The EA Portfolio Recommendations Section discusses these projects.

For approved projects, deployment date information is derived from Sections 1-H2 and 1-H3 of the current Ex-300 Budget Request, which describe the initial and re-baselined schedule.

Specific EA project recommendations for new (or Gap) projects, which are intended to complete implementation of the target end-state, were documented within the preceding *EA Portfolio Recommendation Section*.

The following *Target Alignment Analysis Section* proposes and evaluates a metric for evaluating the degree to which each EA Assessment and Portfolio submission aligns with the objectives of the Target Architecture End-State.

Reference(s):

- Project Deployment Timeline.pdf
- Project Deployment Timeline Text Table.pdf