

**Office of Finance Briefing Note**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of 5 Chapters (listed below) in accordance with the Financial Policy Improvement Initiative (FP II)

Vol I	Ch 1A	Process to Update/Develop Financial Policy and Procedures
Vol I	Ch 10	Bartering
Vol VII	Ch 5	Financial Reporting - Intragovernmental Activity and Reconciliations
Vol VII	Ch 7	Miscellaneous Reporting Topics - Preparation, Review, and Submission the Statement of Transactions (FMS-224)
Vol VII	Ch 9	Financial Reporting - Erroneous and Improper Payment Reporting under OMB, Circular A-123 Appendix C

**DISCUSSION:** During Fiscal Year 2007, the Office of Management started working on the FP II. The purpose of FP II was to mitigate the Operational Oversight material weakness on VA's financial statements. The initiative established a VA Financial Policy Steering Committee (FPSC) and a VA Financial Policy Working Group (FPWG). The FPWG formulates or revises VA financial policies and procedures. The FPSC vote's approval on revised or new polices / procedures forwarded by the FPWG and recommends approval by the VA Chief Financial Officer. Administration CFO's and other VA Senior Executives comprise the membership in the FPSC.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve final 5 chapters and signature indicating approval below.

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Approved:

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12 Jan 2009  
Date