Department of Veterans Affairs
Information Technology Advanced Planning Brief to Industry
June 11, 2025

8:30 – 8:35 a.m.
Welcome & Administrative Remarks
Mr. Aldrich Nichols, Executive Assistant to the Associate Executive Director, Technology Acquisition Center (TAC)

8:35 – 8:45 a.m.
TAC Update
Mr. Jeffrey C. Neill, Associate Executive Director, TAC

8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
Driving Innovation and Transformation in VA Acquisitions
Mr. Phillip Christy, Acting Principal Executive Director and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) Office of Acquisition, Logistics & Construction (OALC)

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Future Direction of the Office of Information and Technology
Mr. Eddie Pool, Acting Assistant Secretary & Chief Information Officer

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.
AI Expectations for Industry Partners: Build Faster, Smarter, and More Cost-Effectively for VA
Mr. Charles Worthington, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, OIT

10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Electronic Health Record Modernization: Technology Update
Dr. Laura Prietula, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Electronic Health Record Modernization - Integration Office (EHRM-IO)

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Information Technology Executive Round Table Discussion
(Mr. Randy Padal, Mr. Jeff Spaeth, Mr. Jack Galvin, Mr. Kendall Krebs, Dr. Paul Tibbits)

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Back to the Table: OSDBU's Renewed Commitment to SDVOSB and VOSB
Ms. Chanel Bankston-Carter, Acting Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
TAC Contracting Officer Round Table Discussion
(Mr. Joseph Jones, Mr. John Fields, Ms. Kathryn Pantages, Mr. Brett Schwerin, and Mr. Newton Maloba)

2:30 – 2:35 p.m.
Wrap-up/Closing Remarks
Mr. Aldrich Nichols, Executive Assistant to the Associate Executive Director, TAC