



Virginia Information Technologies Agency



Legislative Affairs Update: Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) Review of Data Standards

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Presentation Agenda

- APA's audit report & recommended actions
- VITA's response strategy
- Progress since the APA report

For a copy of the APA's Audit Report, visit

http://www.apa.virginia.gov/reports/DataStandardsProgressReport_May2012%20.pdf



APA Assessed Data Standards Status

- 2008 Appropriations Act (“Act”) required standards for “major financial and information collection processes”
 - Assigned to Virginia Enterprise Applications Program (VEAP), in Governor’s Office
 - VEAP merged into VITA in 2009
- Act doesn’t define a “data standard”
 - APA states “data exchange” standards are not sufficient



APA Assessed Data Standards Status

- 2008 Act also required standards for 7 areas
 - Vendor Tables
 - Receiving Information
 - Invoice Information
 - Purchase Information
(including Commodity Codes)
 - Agency ID Information
 - Chart of Accounts
 - State Employee ID Information
- Assigned to Departments of General Services, Treasury, Human Resource Management, Planning & Budget, and Accounts
- Standards then given to VEAP & VDOT



APA's Recommended Actions

- Secretary of Technology should direct VITA to prioritize adoption of standards
 - Prepare detailed schedule with deadlines
 - Update Information Architecture
 - Obtain staffing resources



APA's Recommended Actions

- Evaluate if existing standardized data should be adopted as a data standard
 - VITA should “give themselves authority & responsibility ... because agencies will not likely volunteer to complete them” (APA Audit Report)
 - Review of new & ongoing projects should “enforce agency compliance with data standards” (APA Audit Report)



VITA Response Strategy

- Exit Conference, May 2012
- CIO Response Letter, May 2012
- Item 427, 2012 Appropriation Act
 - Preliminary Report, November 2, 2012
 - Final Report, July 1, 2013



Progress Since APA Report

- Standards from the Cardinal Project
 - Chart of Accounts Standard (Development)
 - Payment Standard (Development)
- Order-to-Payment Standard (Draft)
- Check-writing Standard (Development)
- Enterprise Information Architecture Governance Framework (Adopted Policy Amendments, July 2012)



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Questions?