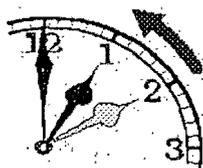


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Year 2000 Introduction

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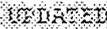
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VBA's Strategy

VBA's commitment to solving the Year 2000 problem is one that will ensure uninterrupted service to our nation's veterans and their beneficiaries. The **primary strategy** for VBA is to make **applications compliant in their current environment**. The Compensation and Pension and Education systems were made compliant on the Bull (Honeywell) platform. The Insurance system was made compliant on the IBM platform. Other essential components of VBA's strategy are the **prioritization** of all applications into three priorities: Level I (mission critical), Level II (administrative), and Level III (to be retired), and to **know our "fail dates"**. The complete VBA strategy, is outlined in the VBA Year 2000 compliance plan.

HAPPY YEAR 2000 !!!

Our Progress

All applications (151) and systems were implemented compliant by VBA by the March 31, 1999 deadline, as mandated by OMB. 100% of VBA applications, interfaces and platforms are compliant.

The VBA successfully completed its Business Process Simulation (BPS) over the 4th of July weekend. VBA adjudicators and finance personnel entered transactions that tested the critical systems for VBA's business, (C&P, Education, VR&C, and Insurance payment systems), and links between the systems, in a Y2K environment. (Check below to review other significant Y2K documents.)

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More Information and Links:

Telecommunication Issues

In conjunction with our site, VBA's Telecommunications Staff (20S4) is ensuring Y2K compliance of VBA's mission critical voice communications systems. Visit their [Y2K Telecommunications](#) web page.

Facility & Vendor Issues

[Y2K Facility Issue](#) - Link to this page for information on two GSA web sites concerning facilities and vendors. These sites require the user to have Internet access.

[Y2K Facility Survey](#) Survey (sample) to identify mission critical components associated with building management systems and office equipment (word format).

Press Releases + Hot Items

[Y2K LESSONS LEARNED](#) (PowerPoint format)

[VA ICC Picture: "Life, Health, Public Safety" - Federal Benefits Sector.](#)

["VA and Y2K - Talking Points" \(VA Fact Sheet - December 1999\)](#)

[P. R. Sept 14, 1999 - "Secretary West: VA is Y2K Ready"](#)

["Moratorium on Information Technology Deployments" \(from Under Secretary for Benefits\)](#)

["Year 2000 Moratorium - Waiver Procedures" \(from Y2K Project Office, 20SC\)](#)

[P. R. Oct 9, 1998 - "VA Implements Year 2000 Compliant GI Bill Education Benefits"](#)

[VA Implements Year 2000 Compliant Gov't Life Insurance Benefits \(Word 7.0\)](#)

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Bank and Credit Union Issues

["AAAP/VA Assignment System" Status](#) **UPDATED**

["VA Assignment System/CPB" Circular \(VBA/DVA\)](#)

Education Programs Y2K Readiness

"Statement of Compliance for VBA Education Programs"

Y2K Workshop (Nationwide)

 "Y2K Workshop Agenda & Presentations" 

 "Y2K Bug" (Humor - view slowly)

Background Status Briefings/Reports Guidance Documents Miscellaneous

Background

Year 2000 Personal Computer Testing - December 97 (Word format)

Y2K Stage I White Paper - September 97 (Word format)

The Year 2000 Charter - Updated June 1997

The Project Plan (Word 2.0 Format) (Word Format)

Project Team Members (& phone numbers)

Status Briefings/Reports

 Y2K LESSONS LEARNED  (PowerPoint format)

"WHY2K VA -- If You're Still Asking, its too late." (Part 1) Aug '99 ITC Conf (PowerPoint format)

"WHY2K VA...its too late." (Part 2) Aug '99 ITC Conf (Austin, TX) (PowerPoint format)

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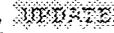
Under Secretary for Benefits Letter to VSO's (Word 7.0 format)

Will VA Payments Continue Uninterrupted After Dec 1999?  (Word 7.0 format)

Treasury (W/P) - Uninterrupted Delivery of Payments to Veterans (Word 7.0 format)

Latest Status Briefing, ending September 30, 1999 (PowerPoint format)

Latest IRM Report, ending July 31, 1999 (Word 6.0 format)

The VA Insurance System Continuity of Operations Plan  (Word 7.0 format)

Insurance Lessons Learned (Word 7.0 format)

Microsoft Products Information, April 1999 (Rich Text Format)

Latest Year 2000 Applications Inventory ending Dec 31, 1999  (Excel 7.0a Format)

Guidance Documents

VBA (Headquarters) Business Continuity Contingency Planning (BCCP)  (Word 7.0 format)

VBA Business Continuity Contingency Planning (BCCP) Template for the RO's.

"RO CONTINGENCY PLANNING" (Word 7.0 format)

VBA Letter (January 1, 2000) "Day One Information Technology (IT) Recommendations" 

(Word 7.0 format)

Veterans and the Year 2000 (Q&A) (Word 7.0 format)

Year 2000 Awareness Checklist for all RO's (Word 7.0 format)

Y2K Test Procedures (September 97)

GAO Assessment Guide (In PDF format (154KB) - requires Adobe PDF Reader) 

Year 2000 FAQ's (downloadable file with ZIP compression)

Recommended Contract Language

Compliance Guidance Letter to RO's (Word 2.0 format)

Applications and Systems Acquisition Guidance (Word Doc with Attachment)

Miscellaneous

Statement by Deputy Secretary Gober before House Subcommittee
on Veterans' Affairs on October 28, 1999. (Word 7.0 format)

 Campaign 2000 - The March to the Next Millennium. (Word 7.0 format)
Statement by Deputy Secretary Gober (April 15, 1999) before House
Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs. (Word 7.0 format)
Your Home Personal Computer (PC) and the Year 2000. (Word 7.0 format)

 Links To Other Year 2000 Web Sites  (Internet access required)

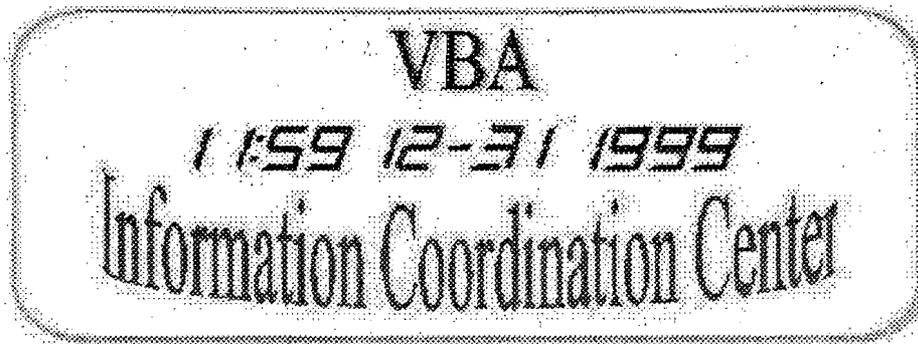


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[VBA ICC Operations Procedures Manual](#)
[Operations Procedures Manual \(change pages - 12/20/99\)](#) **UPDATED**

[Millennium Health Check Plan](#)
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- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) FEMA (see Y2K Issues) - *(Internet Access Rqr'd)
- ["Information Technology Support Center \(ITSC\)](#) (This site provides information from the ITSC including: BDN availability; current outages, and broadcast messages.)
- [President's Council on Y2K Conversion](#)
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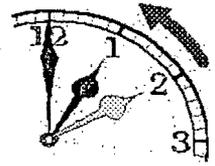
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- [GSA's Home Page](#) Links to other sites relevant to Y2K issues.
- [IBM's Year 2000 Website](#)
- [Medicare](#) Medicare and Y2K (Year 2000) - Issues & Links.
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[Plans & Status](#)

[Compensation & Pension Status](#)

VBA Project Plan (in Word)

[Campaign 2000 - March to the Next Millenium \(Word 7.0\)](#) **UPDATED**

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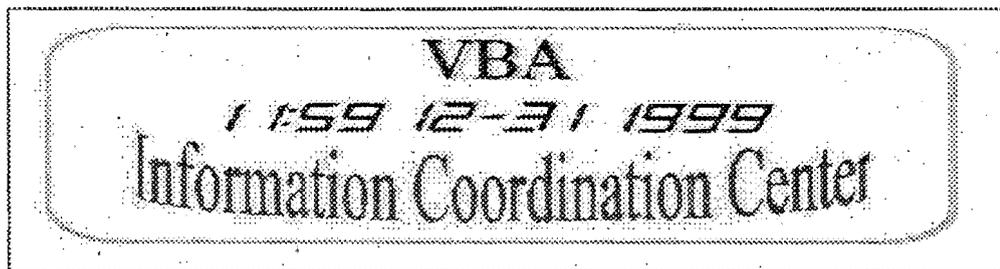
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Briefings and Reports

[Latest Status Briefing - Ending September 30, 1999 \(Powerpoint 7.0\)](#)

[VA Insurance System Continuity of Operations Plan \(Word 7.0\)](#) **UPDATED**

[VA Implements Year 2000 Compliant Gov't Life Insurance Benefits \(Word 7.0\)](#)

Press Releases + Hot Items

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P. R. - Aug 26, 1998 "VA On Schedule with Y2K Requirements" (Word 7.0)

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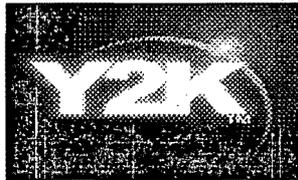
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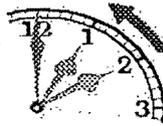
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- [Computing Services and Software Association \(CSSA\) Year 2000 Activities - United Kingdom \(English\) - \(Select "Year 2000" from dialog box\)](#)
 - [Millennium Times Europe United Kingdom \(English\)](#)
 - [The Millennium Problem in Embedded Systems - The Institution of Electrical Engineers.](#)
 - ["The Global Millennium Foundation \(Canada\)"](#) (A premier Canadian site)
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