

DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Memorandum

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From: Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary
Supervisor, Office of Information and Technology (005)

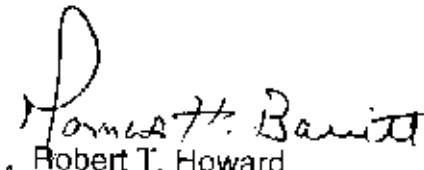
Subj: Expiration of PCHS-2 Contract; WebCIMS Folder 363678

To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Deputy Assistant Secretaries, and
Other Key Officials

1. The VA-wide PCHS-2 contract have reached their \$1.375 billion dollar ceiling and it has been determined that this ceiling cannot be increased. This memorandum is to inform you that as of this date, no further orders may be issued under this contract.

2. The Deputy Secretary recently approved mandatory use of the NASA SEWP IV contracts; however they are not expected to be awarded for several more months. VA offices should use the existing SEWP III contract (see <http://sewp.nasa.gov>). The VA acquisition approval process remains unchanged. If an item has been approved for purchase from the PCHS-2 contract, it should now be purchased using SEWP III. No additional IT Tracker approval is needed as long as the EXACT item as originally approved is ordered. If the exact item is not available on any SEWP III contract, GSA schedules should be used. If the exact item is not available on either of those contracts, an open market purchase may be made.

3. Further guidance will be provided when available. If you have any questions please contact me at 202-273-8842 or have a member of your staff contact Gary Shaffer at 202-357-3923.

for 
Robert T. Howard