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# Feedback from Federal CIO on Cloud Computing Issues

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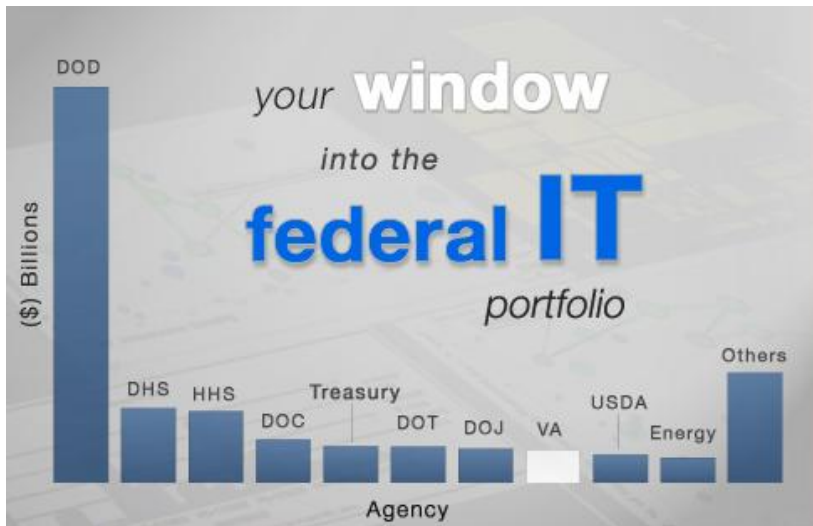
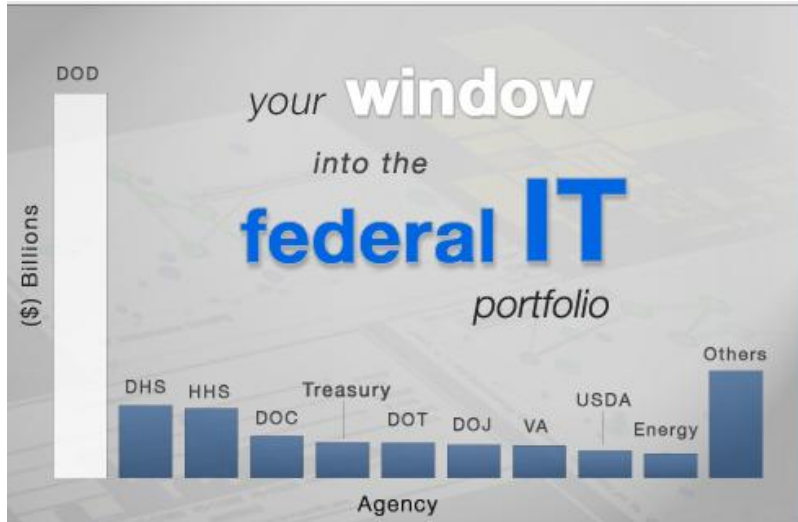
# The View from the Federal CIO

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- On Wall - Graphic showing the Federal IT spend for each agency
  - Federal CIO's #1 goal - Stop the practice of building silo'ed IT infrastructures in order to save money in the 2010 budget
- Improving Federal IT procurement
  - Provide rewards for enhanced IT efficiency
  - Agency incentives to reduce IT spending
  - Increased use of cloud computing
- Need for interoperability, portability and standards.
  - "Government PaaS"?
- Strategic coordination between DoD and civilian agencies on a common cloud platform.
- Go Speak with Casey Coleman
  - GSA as cloud computing center of gravity
- **Transparency Drives Innovation**



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By [J. Nicholas Hoover](#)  
InformationWeek  
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Under a spending authorization bill approved Monday by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Veterans Administration would get \$3.31 billion to spend on [information technology](#) in 2010, an increase of 30% over the agency's 2009 budget.

Much of that money would go toward electronic medical records projects at the VA, as well as the integration of those medical records with the medical records kept by the Department of Defense. In all, the committee recommendation includes \$800 million for new program development.

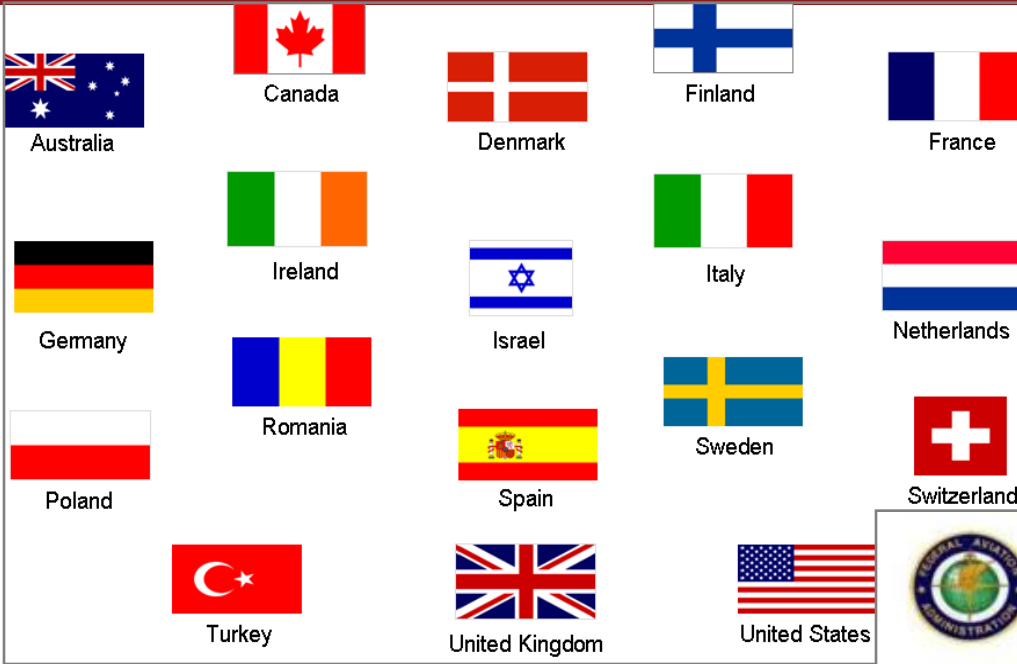


"The committee understands that effective healthcare delivery in the 21st century requires robust and modern IT systems and remains strongly dedicated to providing the VA with the resources it needs to accomplish this modernization," the committee said in a report accompanying the bill.

Breaking down the \$3.31 billion IT budget at the VA, \$939 million will go to staff salaries and expenses and \$1.57 billion will go to operations for existing programs, plus the \$800 million for new programs. However, much of that money will be held back while the agency's CIO and secretary undertake a review of IT spending.

That review, which amounts to the \$400 million, follows an agreement to schedule a meeting with...

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