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# **VA Mobile Contracting**

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# Agenda

- 1) Contracted Elements of Application Development
- 2) Template used for VA Mobile App Contracting
- 3) Requirements for the Contracting Process
- 4) Questions

# Overview of Access to Care

## Transactions

- Fill my prescription
- Make / Request an appointment
- Pay VA bills online
- Submit travel claim online

## Expert Care

- Asynchronous and synchronous remote visits with providers
- In-home/mobile monitoring, video visits, and care coordination
- Problem solving support tools to help me with self-management
- Telephone call centers that use common triage tools

## Information Sharing

- Share data with my clinical team that I am tracking from my biometric and home monitoring devices
- Control my healthcare data – I can store it, I can send it, I can receive it, I can combine it
- Personalize care based on what you already know about me

## Communications

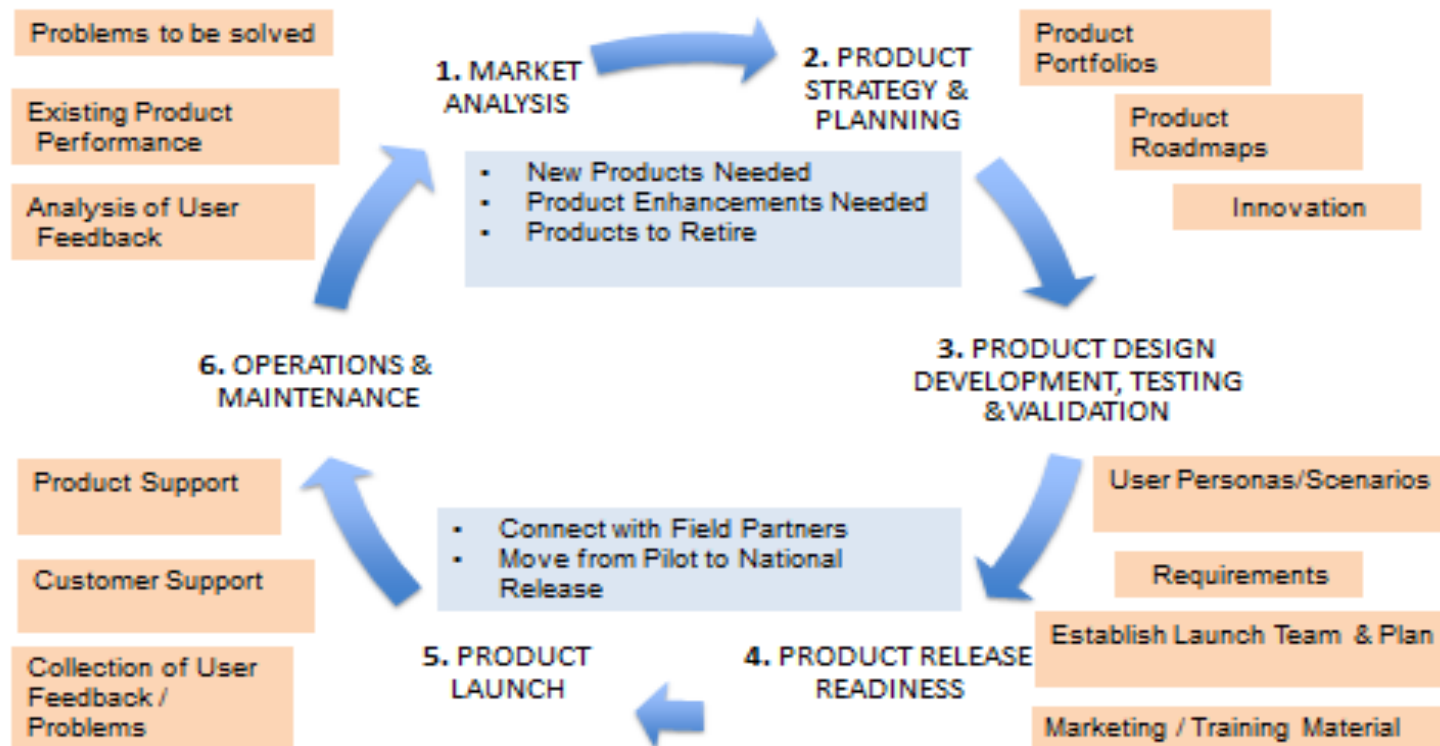
- Secure messaging with my healthcare team
- Text messages to support self-management

# What Types of Work do we Contract?

- Training Materials and Support
- Marketing and Communications
- Application Development, Compliance, and Implementation
- Project and Program Management Support
- Project Lifecycle Coordination
- Product Management
- Release Management
- Software Quality Assurance Testing (SQA)
- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
- Medical Device Procurement
- Help Desk
- Maintenance and Sustainment

# Mobile Product Life Cycle

## PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE SUPPORT



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# Mobile Application Pre-requisite Work

- Gather and Document Business Requirements
- Conduct an Architectural Review
- Conduct Market Research
- Review Compliance Body Requirements such as Patient Safety, Security, 508, Privacy, etc.
- Evaluate current/existing VHA Mobile functionality:
  - Similar app or functionality that can be rolled into the new application
  - Simply add new application functionality to an existing VHA Mobile App

# Mobile Applications Contract Template

- Template created specifically for mobile applications in a time and materials (T&M) format
- Dedicated TAC team to handle mobile applications contracts using the already approved template
- With a solid set of Business Requirements (BRD) it can take as little as 90 days to contract out for a mobile application

# Mobile Applications Template Sections

- The PWS follows the ProPath Mobile Application Development Workflow (MADW) found at:
  - [http://vaww.oed.wss.va.gov/process/maps/process\\_MADW.pdf](http://vaww.oed.wss.va.gov/process/maps/process_MADW.pdf)
- The key sections are:
  - MADW-2 - Initiate Mobile Effort
  - MADW-3 - Application Development document
  - MADW-4 - Verification and Validation
  - MADW-5 - Compliance Review
  - MADW-6 - User Acceptance Test
  - MADW-7 - Field Test (IOC)
  - MADW-8 - Releasing the Application Nationally
- The key sections are utilized as milestones in the App project plan and the Integrated Master Schedule



# Integrated Master Schedule

- The Contractor is Required to Generate:
  - An Application Project Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) for all work required by sections 5.3.2 through 5.3.6 detailing the activities required
  - Estimated duration and both Contractor and VA resources required.
  - These sections cover the work required to complete:
    - MADW-2 Initiate Mobile Effort
    - MADW-4 Verification and Validation
    - MADW-5 Compliance Review
    - MADW-6 User Acceptance Test
    - MADW-7 Field Test (IOC)
    - MADW-8 Releasing the Application Nationally
  - Contractor shall provide the estimated number of development sprints, associated story points, estimated level of effort, and cost.
  - This section covers the work required to complete:
    - MADW-3 Application Development document

# Mobile Application Categories

- In order to better support the VA's customer experience (Veterans, Care Givers and Providers) the CHO has grouped the apps into ten distinct categories.
- Managing by category will allow prioritization of the work to be performed and ensure overall programs and systems work together to improve and support the mobile app user experience.
- The app categories are:
  - Awareness, Consideration and On-Boarding
  - Enrollment and Scheduling Services
  - Pre-Arrival Appointment Reminder
  - Arrival and Check In
  - Care Delivery
  - Check-Out and Discharge
  - Billing and Payment
  - Care Management and Wellness
  - Experience Feedback, Engagement, and Customization
  - Research / Clinical Study

# Mobile Application Contract - What is Agile and What is Not

- Section MADW3 (Application Development) uses the Agile Methodology
  - This is about 40% of the total cost of the mobile application implementation work
  - The other 60% is more sequential (waterfall approach); remaining sections of the application lifecycle

# Mobile Application Acquisition Activities

- Designate a Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and a Project Manager (PM)
- Contact Connected Health and work with our approved template
- Submit to TAC's VOA system and request assignment to the designated TAC team for mobile development work
- Enter the negotiation and review process with Contracting Officer and Contract Specialists to answer questions and determine the package actionable state:
- Request for Information (RFI); if necessary
- Request for Proposal (RFP); solicitation issued
- Vendor Questions
- Receive Proposals from the Vendors
- Technical Evaluation
  - (Source Selection Evaluation Board – SSEB)
- Contract Award

## **Milestones**

1. Package Actionable
2. Solicitation
3. Proposal Receipt Date
4. Technical Evaluation
5. Contract Award

# Post Production Implementation Considerations

- After the application is implemented into production there are many costs associated with the maintenance and sustainment of an application that are not covered under the contract template:
  - Cost of ownership
    - Staff and other Resources
  - Content Updates
  - Functionality Updates
    - User Interface
    - Backend Database
  - Future Integration into new VHA solutions
    - New Systems
    - New Repositories
  - Operating System Upgrades and Compatibility
  - New Training Requirements
  - Marketing and Communications Material Updates
  - New Policy and Standards Adherence

# Mobile Application Portfolio Pipeline



## NEW

Ask a Pharmacist (V)  
 Mental Health Pt. Outcomes (V)  
 Genetic Diagnostic Testing (V)  
 Addiction Support (V)  
 GREC (V)  
 Post Falls Nursing Note (S)

## National Release

- Summary of Care (V)
- Mobile Blue Button (V)
- Launchpad (V)
- Caring 4 Women Vets (S)
- Preconception (S)
- Immunization (S)
- Move Mobile (V) – iOS App Store



# External Mobile Applications

## External Apps

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAC Suport Wiki - IOS</li> <li>• Clinical Application Support Wiki Android</li> <li>• Concussion Coach</li> <li>• CPRS Tips and Tricks Wiki - IOS</li> <li>• CPRS Tips and Tricks Wiki Android</li> <li>• DEMPS Mental Health Phone Apps</li> <li>• Federal Benefits Booklet App</li> <li>• Health 4 Heros (H4H)</li> <li>• Health Benefits Enrollment Mobile Application</li> <li>• Mobile eBenefits (MeB App)</li> <li>• Move! Coach Web (MCW) Release 2</li> <li>• My Goals</li> <li>• My Recovery Plan Peer Support (may be modified)</li> <li>• MyVeHU Campus Virtual Conference Guide - Android/HTML5</li> <li>• MyVeHUCampus Virtual Conference Guide- IOS</li> <li>• PFA Mobile (Provider) (Android)</li> <li>• POP Patient Facing Application</li> <li>• Post Deployment Integrated Care Wiki (PDIC) IOS</li> <li>• Post Deployment Integrated Care Wiki App (Android)</li> <li>• Prosthetic Sensory Aids Service (PSAS)</li> <li>• Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Wiki - IOS</li> <li>• Resident Supervision - Attending Practitioner Responsibilities</li> <li>• Stay Quit App (Android)</li> <li>• VA PUR</li> <li>• Vet Change</li> <li>• Vet Kiosk Wiki - IOS</li> <li>• Veterans Administration - Virtual Medical Center (VA-VMC)</li> <li>• Precision Oncology App</li> <li>• Hearing Aid App</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content Management System for Health Management Messaging</li> <li>• DoD VA Transition App</li> <li>• Information Application</li> <li>• Mild Traumatic Brain Injury App/Concussion Coach (Android)</li> <li>• Military Health History Pocket Card</li> <li>• Mission Health Voucher</li> <li>• Mood Coach</li> <li>• Move! Coach</li> <li>• PNCS SMARTForms</li> <li>• PTSD Family Coach</li> <li>• PTSD Family Coach (Android)</li> <li>• Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Wiki - Android</li> <li>• Safe Patient Handling</li> <li>• Thoracentesis "Time Out"</li> <li>• VA Virtual 311</li> <li>• Benefits Mobile Application</li> <li>• CBT-i Coach for Android</li> <li>• Cognitive Processing Therapy Coach (CPT)</li> <li>• CPT Coach for Android</li> <li>• Mindfulness Coach</li> <li>• Moving Forward</li> <li>• Parenting2Go</li> <li>• PE Coach for Android</li> <li>• DoD VA Veteran Link</li> <li>• Vet Kiosk Wiki App (Android)</li> <li>• Imaging Viewing Solution (COTS)</li> <li>• OPH Exposure App</li> <li>• ACT Coach</li> <li>• CBT for Insomnia Coach</li> <li>• Concussion Coach App</li> <li>• PE Coach</li> <li>• Psychological First Aid Mobile</li> <li>• PTSD Coach</li> <li>• Stay Quit Coach</li> </ul> |
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# VA Web and Mobile Solutions Resources

- VA Mobile

<https://mobile.va.gov>

- Contract Template Point of Contact:

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# Questions?

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