

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Information Capture: DoD and its partners (including VA and DOL) have been tasked to develop a new training and services delivery model to help strengthen the transition of Service members from military to civilian life. In order to accomplish this integration, DoD's partners need to capture data from each Service member during TAP. DoD's partners in this process previously understood that DoD would begin transmitting additional data concerning TAP participants beginning November 2012. As of October 2012, DoD has informed its partners there is no established process or immediate plans to transmit additional data from TAP. VA intended to use this process to capture data from Service members that would allow for the proactive delivery of benefits once the Service member separated from service. The optimal solution is for DoD to enable its TAP classrooms with approximately 2,700 internet connected computers. This would allow Service members to log in, create eBenefits accounts, and establish an initial relationship with VA. This process would also allow VA to collect risk assessments from the Service member and to conduct more effective and specific outreach to those deemed "at-risk" Veterans.

ACTION REQUIRED: Respectfully suggest that COSVA contact the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and request that DoD provide computers and internet connectivity in every TAP classroom to allow Service members to establish eBenefits access.

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