

To: Whom It May Concern
Re: Healthcare Services Architecture Standards Project
Date: 16 December 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is pleased to announce our commitment to the Healthcare Services Architecture standardization effort occurring in both the Health Level Seven and the Object Management Group. Having read the HL7 Services Specification Project Charter, the Office of Information within VHA is supportive of its objectives and intends to participate in the development and evolution of open standards in this space. We are a benefactor member of Health Level 7 (HL7) and a government member of the Object Management Group (OMG). In this light, we will be making available the resources listed below to further this objective.

In particular, we expect the following individuals to be participating. Their names and contact information follow:

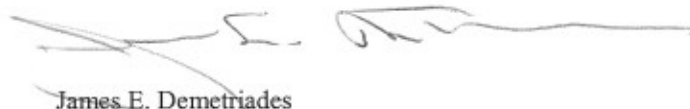
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In addition, we can make available on a limited basis the use of web conferencing tools when there is an unused capacity. If the need arises, there is also a possibility of providing meeting space to host small workgroup sessions.

VHA, recognizing the importance of this activity, is excited to be taking a leadership role in this effort. As such, we are granting the project organizers and the affiliated standards group(s) above permission to reference our commitment as part of their efforts to bring this work through to a successful completion.

For more information about VA and our participation in this activity, please visit <http://www.va.gov/vha-ita/default.html> or contact Ken Rubin listed in the table above.

Sincerely,



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