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James M. Sullivan is the Director of the Office of Asset Enterprise Management (OAEM), within VA's Office of Management. Mr. Sullivan assumed this leadership role in January 2009 after serving as the Deputy Director since May 2002. With over twenty-five years of experience in various aspects of capital budgeting, planning, and asset management and sustainable, green program management, Mr. Sullivan plays a pivotal role in developing and setting Departmental level capital asset and sustainability policy.

VA is one of the largest property holders in the federal government, and Mr. Sullivan is responsible for VA's transition from managing individual assets to a portfolio asset management concept, fundamentally changing how VA buys, manages and disposes of property. In 2001, he was instrumental in creating and establishing OAEM as the principal policy office and business advisor for the acquisition, stewardship, and disposal of all Department capital assets. OAEM ensures that capital investments fully support the agency mission and strategic goals by employing strategic vision, managing VA's inventory most effectively, making prudent investments, measuring performance, and disposing or reusing assets that are no longer needed.

OAEM has primary responsibility for developing and promulgating the governance policies, processes, decision-making, and performance measuring systems related to the Department's capital asset management. These responsibilities include coordinating the Presidential budget and Long Range Capital Plan for VA's major, minor construction, non-recurring maintenance, and leasing programs, disposal plans, as well as other infrastructure programs and initiatives. Mr. Sullivan was instrumental in developing VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) process.

Mr. Sullivan is the Senior Sustainability Officer for the Department, responsible for the Green Management Program that includes energy management, environmental stewardship, fleet management, and sustainability.

Mr. Sullivan participates as a key member on Federal interagency and White House task forces, committees and councils that cover all aspects of effective stewardship, accountability, and policy guidance for real property and capital assets in the Federal government – to include energy management, environmental stewardship, transportation (fleet) management and sustainability. Mr. Sullivan also interfaces with OMB, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), Congress and interagency task forces and work groups for the Department on VA capital programs.

Mr. Sullivan and his staff work collaboratively with all areas of VA to ensure a consistent and cohesive Departmental approach to capital asset portfolio management, enabling VA to meet the health care, benefits, and burial needs of our Veterans now and in the future.

Mr. Sullivan entered Federal service in 1983 as a Presidential Management Intern (budget analyst). Less than eight years later, he directed and provided leadership for a broad range of capital budgeting oversight activities in the Office of Budget. By 2001, he engaged in planning, directing and leading a broad range of capital asset management activities that evolved with ever-increasing scope and complexity into his current position. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a masters' degree in Public Administration from The American University, and an MBA in Finance from George Washington University.