



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Robert Orifici

Director, Benefits and Memorial Systems Portfolio Office of Information and Technology

Robert J. Orifici serves as the Benefits and Memorial Systems Portfolio Director, a position he has held since 2021. In this role, he leads a team of more than 260 government employees and 2,042 contractors across seven product lines to support information technology services provided to the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the National Cemetery Administration. He is responsible for setting strategic direction, overseeing delivery execution, and maintaining operations integrity. He oversees an annual budget of more than \$500 million.

In 2022, Mr. Orifici was named co-chair of the PACT Act 701(b) OIT 5-Year IT Benefits Systems Modernization Plan, assisting in developing the plan across multiple service lines. He currently co-chairs the integrated project team that monitors the execution of efforts in the modernization plan.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Orifici was the Product Line Manager for the Education Veterans Readiness and Employment (EVRE) product line in BAM, where he implemented the Colmery Act, a top Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) priority. He also successfully stood up the first product line at VA, leading to a reduction and reassignment of staff to other high priority areas through cross-training, as well as added efficiencies and reduced the number of contracts. He previously served as the Technical Portfolio Director for EVRE and as the Chief Engineer for the Post 9-11 GI Bill.

Mr. Orifici has spent more than 19 years serving VA in a variety of roles across multiple high-visibility IT transformation efforts. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Virginia Tech and a master's certificate in Project Management from George Washington University. He lives in Maryland with his wife and two children.

