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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

Alma L. Lee
National VA Council, President

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[OMB Tells Agencies: No New Contracts for Desktops, Laptops](#) // Jack Moore

The Office of Management and Budget is prohibiting federal agencies from issuing new awards or solicitations for laptop or desktop computers and directing agencies to limit purchases to a small number of governmentwide contracting vehicles.

The new policy was announced Friday by federal Chief Information Officer Tony Scott and Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Anne Rung.

Agencies routinely purchase basic laptops and desktops using thousands of contracts and delivery orders "resulting in reduced buying power, duplication of contracts and little transparency into the prices that agencies were paying for similar computers," Scott and Rung

said in a post on the OMB blog.

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