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VITA received from Northrop Grumman on Aug. 28 a plan for completing transformation activities originally scheduled for completion June 30, 2009. While the plan contains significant gaps that VITA previously has called to Northrop Grumman's attention, from an operational standpoint, this plan is nevertheless a significant improvement to what we had in place previously. It represents a significant amount of work by Northrop Grumman, and improves agency planning and VITA's ability to analyze Northrop Grumman's performance.

VITA has completed an extensive review of the plan and has worked closely with the Office of the Attorney General to preserve the rights and privileges of the Commonwealth.

VITA's Oct. 22, 2009, letter responds to the legal and contractual issues raised by the plan. Specifically, VITA clearly states that the corrective action plan does not change or supersede the contract in place today – VITA and Northrop Grumman will continue to rely on the Comprehensive Infrastructure Agreement (CIA). The plan also does not cure the breach notice provided by VITA to Northrop Grumman on June 30. These key points address legal implications and protect the Commonwealth's best interest.

Operationally, we are moving forward aggressively with transformation activities. VITA does not object to using those components of the plan that help us get transformation scheduled at agencies and completed by June 2010. Despite our reservations from a legal and contractual standpoint, there is operational benefit to working from a common plan to achieve the milestones prescribed in the CIA.

Transformation is well underway, with roughly 70 percent of all transformation work complete. Sixteen agencies are 100 percent transformed, with 40 percent of all agencies more than 90 percent of the way there.

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