Strategic Goal 4, Contributing to the Nation's Well-Being
Total Obligations: $1,503 million. This constitutes 1.8% of VA's obligations.

Strategic Objective 4.1 supports strategic goal 4. This objective is as follows: Improve the Nation's preparedness for response to war, terrorism, national emergencies, and natural disasters by developing plans and taking actions to ensure continued service to veterans, as well as to support national, state, and local emergency management and homeland security efforts.

Total Obligations for Strategic Objective 4.1 are $23 million. This constitutes less than 0.1% of VA's obligations.

Selected FY 2007 performance results related to Strategic Objective 4.1 are as follows:

Percent of Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and other key officials who self-certify their teams "ready to deploy" to their Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) site

FY 2007 Target: 100%
FY 2007 Result: 90%

4-Year History
FY 2006, Target 100%, Result 85%
FY 2005, Target N/A, Result 85%
FY 2004, Target N/A, Result N/A
FY 2003, Target N/A, Result N/A

Strategic Objective 4.2 supports strategic goal 4. This objective is as follows: Advance VA medical research and develop programs that address veterans' needs – with an emphasis on service-connected injuries and illnesses – and contribute to the Nation's knowledge of disease and disability.

Total Obligations for Strategic Objective 4.2 are $379 million. This constitutes 0.4% of VA's obligations.

Selected FY 2007 performance results related to Strategic Objective 4.2 are as follows:

Progress towards development of one new treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

FY 2007 Target: 67%
FY 2007 Result: 67%, actual data through 08/2007. Final data are expected in 11/2007.

4-Year History
FY 2006, Target 60%, Result 47%
FY 2005, Target N/A, Result 40%
FY 2004, Target N/A, Result 33%
FY 2003, Target N/A, Result N/A

Strategic Objective 4.3 supports strategic goal 4. This objective is as follows: Enhance the quality of care to veterans and provide high-quality educational experiences for health profession trainees, created internally in VA and via partnerships with the academic community.

Total Obligations for Strategic Objective 4.3: $996 million. This constitutes 1.2% of VA's obligations.

Selected FY 2007 performance results related to Strategic Objective 4.3 are as follows:

Medical residents' and other trainees' scores on a VHA survey assessing their clinical training experience at VA (on a scale of 0-100)

FY 2007 Target: 86
FY 2007 Result: 86

FY 2006, Target 85, Result 85
FY 2005, Target 85, Result 84
FY 2004, Target 82, Result 84
FY 2003, Target 82, Result 83

Strategic Objective 4.4 supports strategic goal 4. This objective is as follows: Enhance the socioeconomic well-being of veterans, and thereby the Nation and local communities, through veterans benefits; assistance programs for small, disadvantaged, and veteran-owned businesses; and other community initiatives.

Total Obligations for Strategic Objective 4.4: $2 million. This constitutes less than 0.1% of VA's obligations.

Selected FY 2007 performance results related to Strategic Objective 4.4 are as follows:

Attainment of statutory minimum goals for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses expressed as a percent of total VA procurement dollars

FY 2007 Target: 3.00%
FY 2007 Result: 5.59%, actual data through 08/2007. Final data are expected in 06/2008.

4-Year History
FY 2006, Target 3.00%, Result 3.58%
FY 2005, Target 3.00%, Result 2.15%
FY 2004, Target 3.00%, Result 1.25%
FY 2003, Target 3.00%, Result 0.49%

Strategic Objective 4.5 supports strategic goal 4. This objective is as follows: Ensure that national cemeteries are maintained as shrines dedicated to preserving our Nation's history, nurturing patriotism, and honoring the service and sacrifice veterans have made.

Total Obligations for Strategic Objective 4.5: $103 million. This constitutes 0.1% of VA's obligations.

Selected FY 2007 performance results related to Strategic Objective 4.5 are as follows:

Percent of survey respondents who rate national cemetery appearance as excellent
FY 2007 Target: 99%
FY 2007 Result: 97%

4-Year History
FY 2006, Target 99%, Result 97%
FY 2005, Target 98%, Result 98%
FY 2004, Target 98%, Result 98%
FY 2003, Target 98%, Result 97%