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# Public Sector Foresight Network - U.S. Federal Foresight Community of Interest

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## Why establish a Federal Foresight Community of Interest (FFCoI)?

**Purpose:** This framework establishes guidelines for fostering cross agency support and development of foresight ideas, strategies, and methods among Members working to improve the use of Strategic Foresight.



# Background

- ❑ The U.S. Federal Foresight Community of Interest (FFCoI) was established by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in January of 2013
- ❑ Held inaugural meeting of the FFCoI (March 27, 2013)
- ❑ In December 2013, the VA and the U.S. Bureau of Prisons combined resources to enhance the Community of Interest
- ❑ Held Quarterly meeting and established schedule for future FFCoI meetings (January 23, 2014)
- ❑ Held Quarterly FFCoI meeting (April 24, 2014)
- ❑ Refine Framework for the FFCoI (May 2014)
- ❑ Held Quarterly FFCoI meetings and approved Framework (July 24, 2014)
- ❑ Held Quarterly FFCoI meetings (October 9, 2014, February 4, 2015, May 27, 2015, and next meeting schedule for August 20, 2015)



# Capabilities

- ❑ Sharing Foresight methodologies, best practices, results and products
- ❑ Providing a document repository for the community to include past meeting presentations, research/issue papers, results of foresight efforts
- ❑ Leveraging non attritional peer analysis, expertise, and resources
- ❑ Fostering cross agency research and collaboration
- ❑ Advance, institutionalize, and demonstrate the value of foresight/futures in the Federal government
- ❑ Promoting cross agency connectivity and leadership engagement



# Outcomes

- Development of foresight tools and capabilities that equip the FFCoI to be better prepared to meet a full range of complex and changing environments
- Leverage FFCoI will maximize U.S. Federal government resources and provide member organizations with strategic foresight analysis and products that are data supported and coordinated. FFCoI will help mitigate or take advantage of long range foresight challenges and opportunities
- FFCoI resources to produce routine products





# Discussion Points

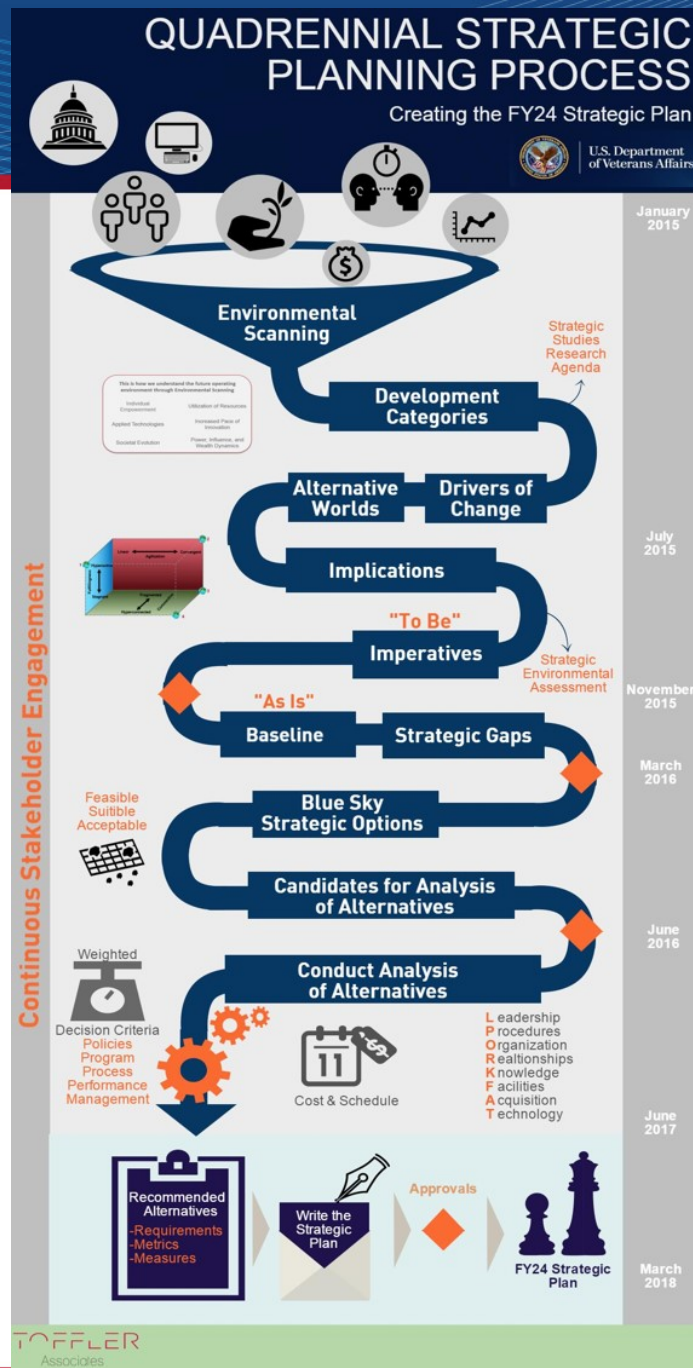
- What are some additional best practices of establishing a Foresight network?
- How does the FFCoI leverage expertise of the larger Foresight Community?
- What are ways the FFCoI can engage other Foresight networks and establish sustainable public and private partnerships?
- What are some of the challenges of working with Federal Government Strategic Foresight practitioners?
- How has the FFCoI helped its members?



# The VA QSPP

The VA Quadrennial Strategic Planning Process (QSPP) is a collaborative, analytic process designed to provide strategic guidance to drive the Department's planning, programming, and budgeting efforts for the 2018-2024 time period.

The **Quadrennial Strategic Planning Process** (QSPP) is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) primary long-term strategy process. It is designed to be forward leaning, analytically-based and collaborative. Alternate Futures is a key element in the QSPP, helping VA to understand the future environment, describe the desired end state, and identify strategic imperatives.





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