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**INDUSTRY INNOVATION COMPETITION 2011**

**Second Industry Innovation Competition**

VA announces new Industry Competition with up to \$100M in awards.

Private companies, entrepreneurs, universities and non-profits are encouraged to participate in the competition, which targets achievements in five topic areas.

This year, participants will submit short concept papers for a preliminary review. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2011.

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**New Challenges Released for 2011 VAI2 Competition**

- Secretary Shinseki Announces 2010 Innovation Awards
- Veterans Health Wireless Innovation Challenge
- National Entrepreneurship Week
- President Obama Calls on Industry for VA Innovations

## OPEN FOR INNOVATIONS

**Welcome**

**2011 Industry Innovations Competition**

Welcome to VAQ, the flagship Open Government initiative for the Department of Veterans Affairs – a 300,000 person organization with a \$125 billion budget focused on one thing: serving Veterans. VAQ creates opportunities for the Department to test new ideas from VA employees, academia, and the private sector. The focus of our work is improving access, quality, cost, and satisfaction throughout the Department.

VAQ pursues this goal in three ways: employee competitions, industry competitions, and special projects. This design allows us to tap two rich sources of innovation - our workforce and private industry – while remaining flexible to new opportunities.

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**February 23, 2011  
11 AM - 5 PM EST**

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