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ONCHIT 1 Program Overview



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- ▶ Provide a high level overview and background on the ONCHIT
- ▶ Describe the proposed contract organization

ONCHIT . . .

ONCHIT is a result of a Presidential Executive Order (EO)

- ▶ On April 27, 2004 the President committed to reducing medical errors, lowering medical costs and providing better information for consumers and physicians through a commitment to the Health Information Technology

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/04/20040427-4.html>

- ▶ This EO directed Secretary Mike Leavitt of Health and Human Services (HHS), lead by to establish the position of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health information Technology (ONCHIT)
- ▶ July 21, 2004 ONCHIT released the strategies and goals to realize this EO
 - Resulting in 9 months of public meetings
 - Leading to the the November 2004 Request for Information (RFI)
 - Contributing to a review of the current state and local efforts within the health care industry



ONCHIT . . .

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ONCHIT's Mission:

"The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology provides leadership for the development and nationwide implementation of an interoperable health information technology infrastructure to improve the quality and efficiency of health care and the ability of consumers to manage their care and safety.

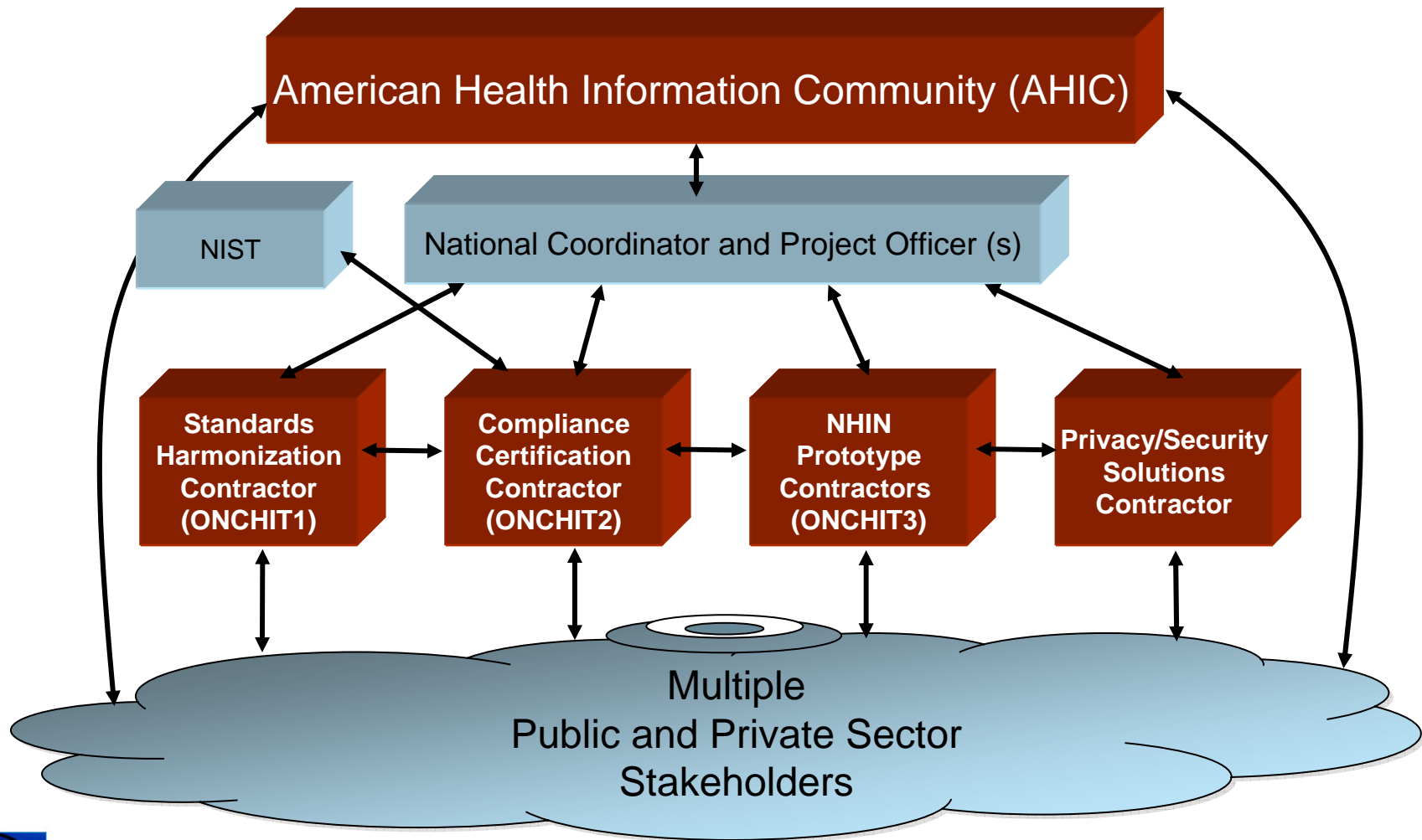
"The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on the development, application, and use of health information technology; coordinates the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) health information technology programs; ensures that HHS health information technology policy and programs are coordinated with those of other relevant executive branch agencies; and to the extent permitted by law, develops, maintains, and directs the implementation of a strategic plan to guide the nationwide implementation of interoperable health information technology in both the public and private health care sectors that will reduce medical errors, improve quality, and produce greater value for health care expenditures, and coordinates outreach and consultation by the relevant executive branch agencies with the public and private sectors.

"The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology provides comments and advice at the request of OMB regarding specific Federal health information technology programs."



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Key elements of ONCHIT's strategy for HIT include a health information community and a series of HIT contracts



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The ONCHIT 1 RFP calls for the Evaluation of the Standards Harmonization Process for Health Information Technology

- ▶ The purpose of the ONCHIT 1 contract is to:

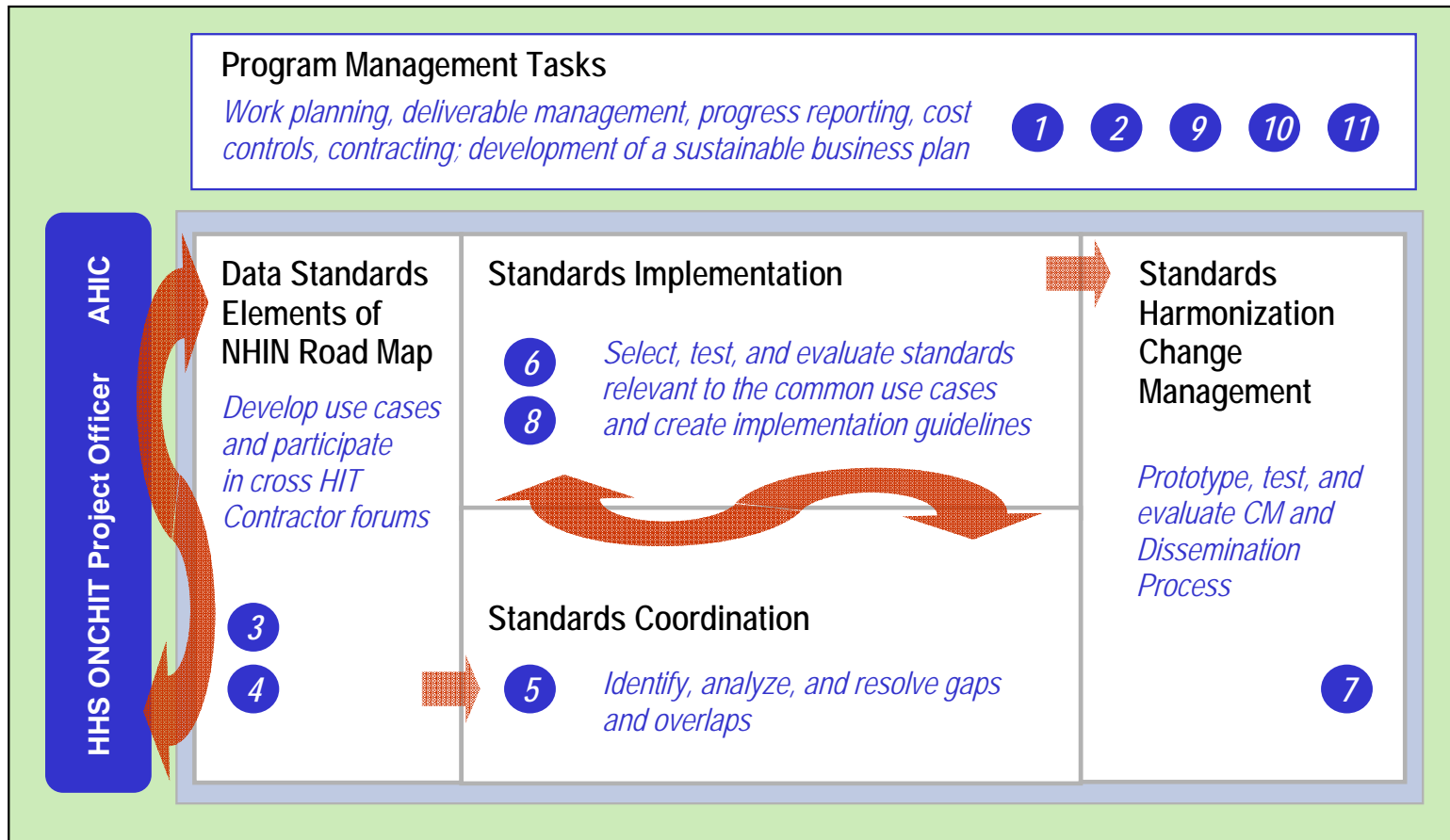
1. Develop
 2. Prototype
 3. and Evaluate
- the Harmonization Process to achieve widely accepted and useful standards that enable and support widespread interoperability among health care software applications, particularly the EHR.

- ▶ **Harmonization** means developing, reconciling, setting and maintaining standards required to achieve interoperability

The Standards Harmonization contract is scheduled to be awarded by HHS no later than September 30, 2005.



An integrated approach has been outlined to complete the 11 tasks defined by the government in ONCHIT1



n Indicates the Statement of Work tasks that are addressed.



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The goals of the other three ONCHIT contracts are closely related to the Standards Harmonization Collaboration Initiative

**Compliance
Certification
Contractor**

- *The goal is to develop criteria to address Electronic Health Record (EHR) functionality*

**NHIN
Prototype
Contractors**

- *The goal is to develop and evaluate prototypes for the Internet based Architecture to achieve health care interoperability*

**Privacy/Security
Solutions
Contractor**

- *The goal is to assess and develop solutions that meet state and business privacy and security practices that will enable health care interoperability*

The work completed by the Standards Harmonization Collaboration Team is likely to set a precedence for this work to come.



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American Health information Community (AHIC) is a new community announced on September 13, 2005

- ▶ The purpose of AHIC is to help advance efforts of President Bush's call for most electronic health records to be the standard in ten years.
- ▶ Federally-chartered by HHS to provide input and recommendations regarding the interoperability of the electronic health records
- ▶ AHIC has 17 members
 - Secretary Mike Leavitt is the Chair
 - 16 members selected by Secretary Leavitt represent a combination of key leaders in the public and private sectors.
 - A complete list of members can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic.html>

Our contract requires close collaboration with and support of the American Health Information Community.

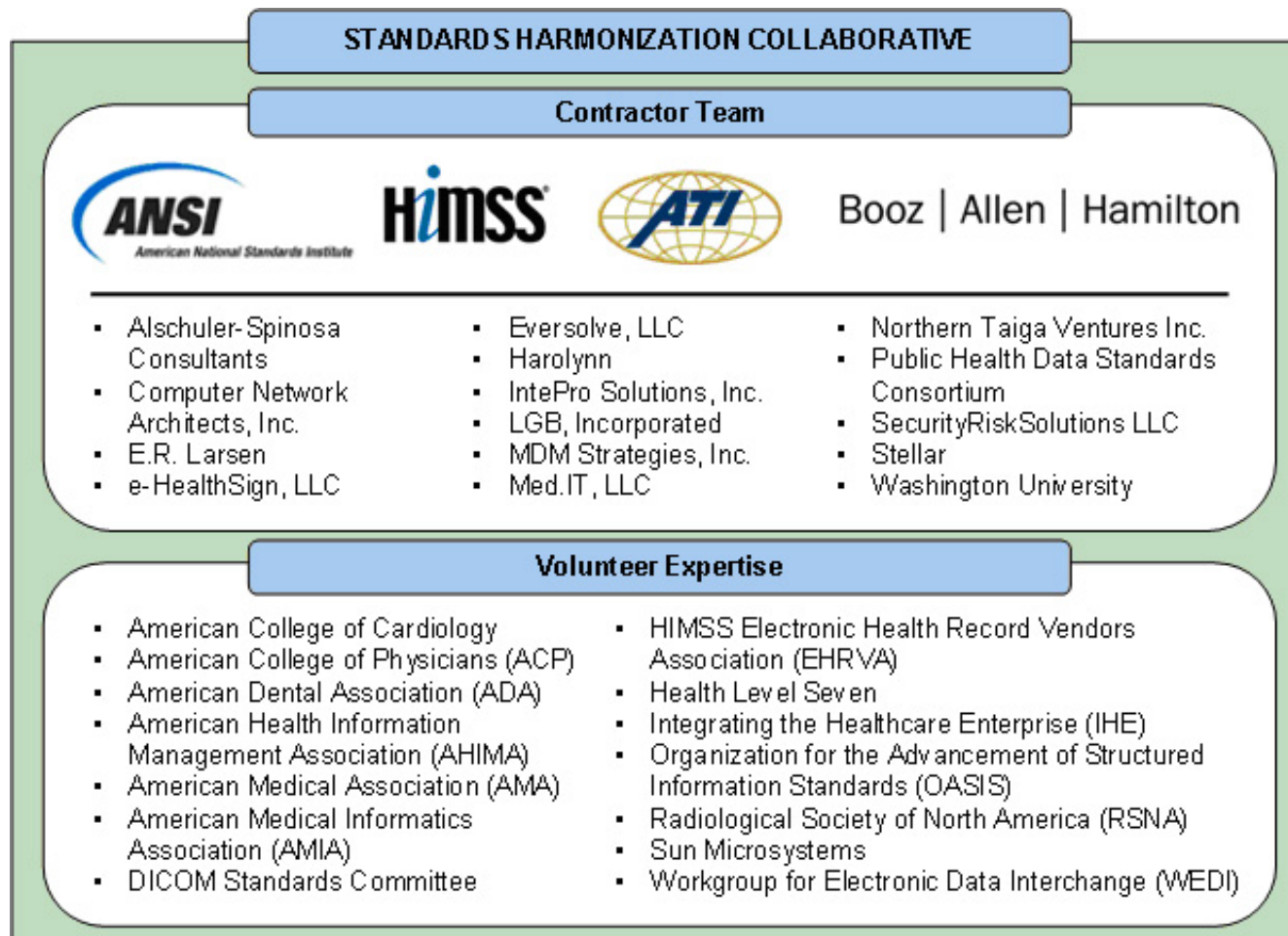


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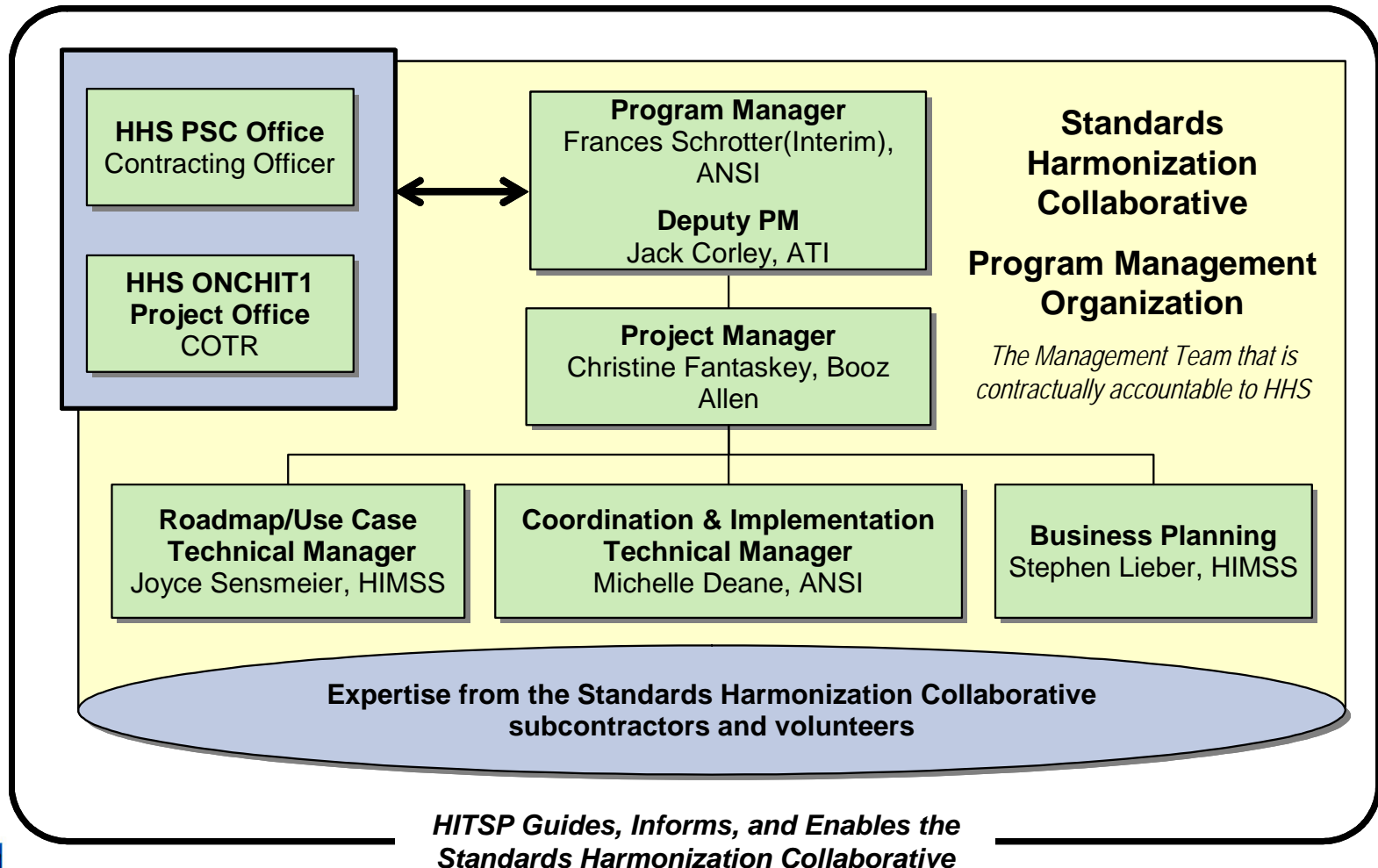
Contract Organization . . .

The ONCHIT1 proposal was prepared by a team of contractors and volunteers



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Upon award, a small project management team will manage the work from a contractual perspective



Clearly defined roles and responsibilities will enable timely delivery of contractual items

Management Position	Primary Roles and Responsibilities
<p>Program Manager</p>	<p>ANSI-appointed corporate official authorized to legally bind and/or represent the organization Responsible for contractual obligations resulting from an award Ensures overall project quality and strategic direction to meet the ONCHIT needs Ensures appropriate resources are available and in place Acts as the single point of contact for the HHS Contracting Officer</p>
<p>Deputy PM</p>	<p>Coordinates and participates in contract and task order negotiations, coordinates all subcontract agreements from a contract perspective Supports PM's interactions with the government contracting officer</p>
<p>Project Manager</p>	<p>Responsible for day-to-day functional and technical management of the contract Creates and executes task methodologies Manages performance of tasks, develops work plans, controls, schedules, budgets and deliverables Manages program risks</p>
<p>Technical Manager</p>	<p>Guides, directs, and supports the activities performed by the volunteers toward the successful completion of the contract deliverables in each technical area</p>



Questions?

