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Vish Sankaran was appointed Director of the Federal Health Architecture (FHA) program in the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in March 2007. As FHA director, he has driven collaboration among federal agencies to advance the adoption of interoperable health IT in order to allow for the secure exchange of health information within the federal government, and with state, tribal, and local governments and the private sector. This goal is being achieved through initiatives that provide federal business needs management, and systematic investment planning, reporting and interoperability architecture.

Under Mr. Sankaran's leadership, FHA has worked with federal agencies to rapidly and efficiently implement government-wide solutions for interoperable and secure health information exchange that address agency business priorities while protecting citizen privacy. FHA serves the needs of more than twenty federal agencies in domains as diverse as military and veterans' healthcare, public health monitoring, long-term care and disability services, research, tribal health services and many other critical federal priorities.

Before arriving at HHS in 2005, Mr. Sankaran worked in the private-sector healthcare technology field. He was the director of IT and product operations at CareScience Inc, a healthcare application service provider that helps hospitals and health systems improve care management, clinical performance and data sharing. While at CareScience, he developed strategies to achieve organizational goals, built cohesive teams, increased operational efficiency and reduced costs. In that position, he administered architecture and operations of healthcare software products, including health information exchange solutions.

In February, 2009, Mr. Sankaran was named as one of the Federal 100 by the editors of *Federal Computer Week*. The Federal 100 recognizes individuals from government, industry and academia who significantly influenced how the federal government buys, uses or manages information technology. Federal 100 winners are recognized for their risk-taking, vision and pioneering spirit in the federal IT community.