



Center for Verification & Evaluation Transfer Update

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CVE Transfer Background

Currently:

- Veteran small businesses can compete for set-aside contracts at the VA through the Veterans First Contracting program. Businesses must be verified as a VOSB or SDVOSB to participate and must receive their verification through VA's Center for Verification and Evaluation (CVE).
- In addition, SDVOSBs can self-certify through SAM.gov and will be eligible to compete for set-aside contracts at most federal agencies. But, VA does not recognize SDVOSB self-certification.

However, **changes are coming** due to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 which officially requires CVE's responsibilities to be transferred to the SBA as of Jan 1, 2023.

SBA will be a one-stop shop for certification and contracting support for VOSBs and SDVOSBs.



CVE Transfer Next Steps

What does this mean for VOSBs and SDVOSBs?

- If you are a VOSB or SDVOSB certified through the VA and **your certification is within 120 days from expiration between now and December 2022**, please recertify with the VA now before the transfer is complete. Follow instructions provided in reminder emails from the VA. Your status will then transfer to the SBA.
- If you are a VOSB or SDVOSB certified through the VA and **you're not up for recertification soon**, no action is required. Your status will transfer to the SBA.
- If you are a **self-certified** SDVOSB, you will **need to become certified** in order to do business with the government once the transfer is effective on Jan. 1, 2023. Note:
 - Consider getting certified through the VA now (vetbiz.va.gov/vip). Your status will then transfer to the SBA.
 - After the transfer, you can keep your contract through the period of performance but to compete for any new sole source or set-aside contracts with the government in the future, then you will need to be certified through the SBA.

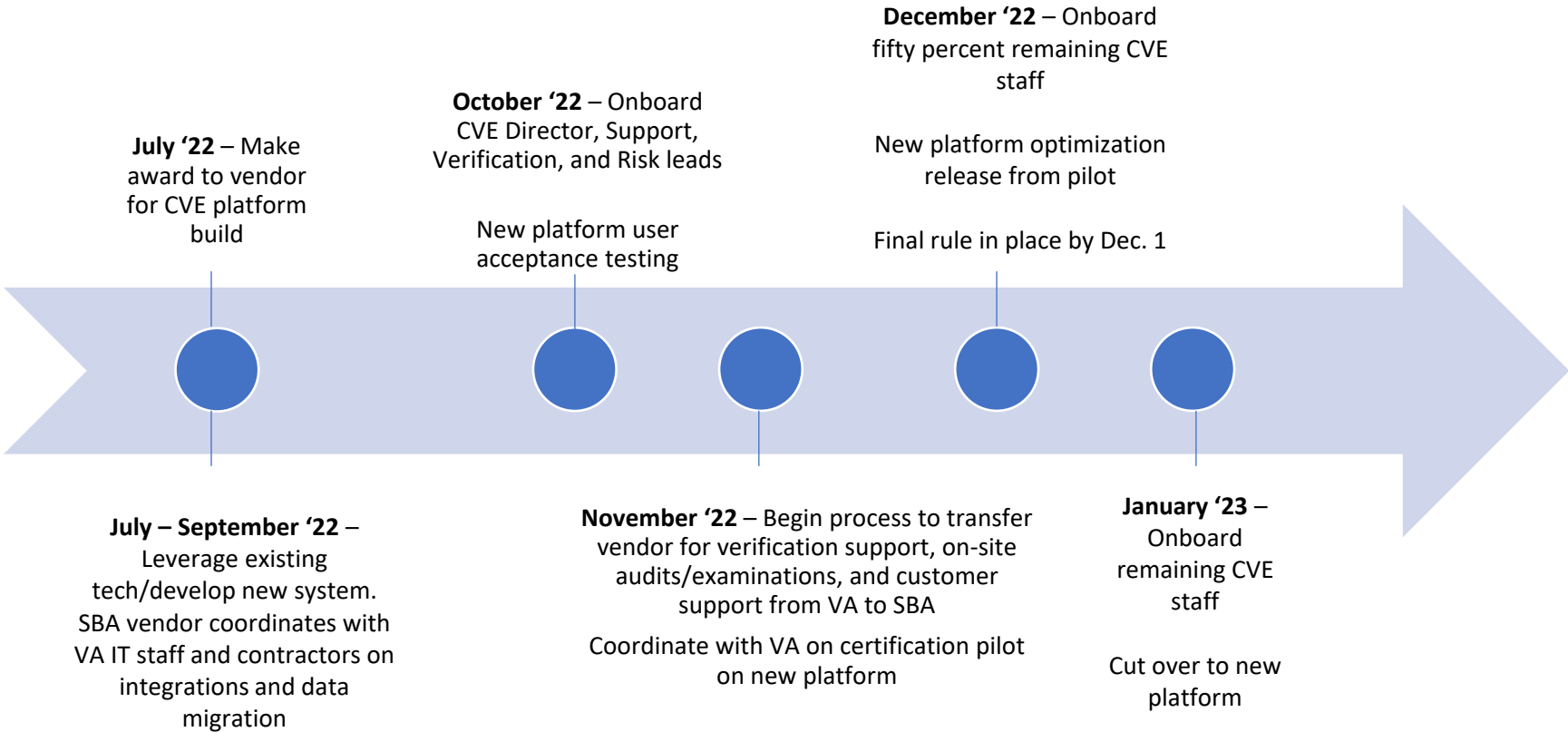


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SBA Administrator Guzman established the CVE Transfer Tiger Team to focus on the transition. SBA and VA are working closely to make this a seamless transition.



CVE Migration Timeline



CVE Transfer Outreach

- More information is available on SBA's website: <https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/contracting-assistance-programs/veteran-assistance-programs>
- For questions about CVE's transfer to SBA, or if you would like to receive monthly email updates, please email: cvetransfer@sba.gov.
- Coming soon: Proposed rule

Questions?

Email cvetransfer@sba.gov
Contact your local SBA district office
(www.sba.gov/local-assistance)

