

# Red Hat Wins Veterans Affairs Medical Appointment Scheduling Challenge as Part of HP Open Community Team

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*Industry and Agency Collaboration Helps VA Lead the Way for Healthcare IT*

RALEIGH, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced it was selected, as part of the HP Open Community team, as an award winner in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Appointment Scheduling Challenge. The contest was designed to challenge software developers to create new systems that schedule appointments in the VA's nationwide health system.

The VA Medical Appointment Scheduling Challenge was launched in January 2013 to encourage industry experts to develop open source and open application program interface (API)-based hospital scheduling applications to replace components of the VA's 25-year-old scheduling software in its VistA electronic health system, enabling veterans to make appointments for VA outpatient and ambulatory care from the Veterans Health Administration. When the Challenge was introduced, the VA noted that it was "driven by VA's decision to transition its VistA electronic health system into an openly architected product and to challenge developers to offer standards-based, modular components that can be extended and modified much more easily than customized products." According to the VA's [press release on the Challenge](#), they plan to "use the results of the contest to design final specification for an appointment scheduling system to be deployed nationally."

The HP Open Community team's winning submission included the use of Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Red Hat JBoss Enterprise Application Platform and Red Hat JBoss BRMS, as well as Red Hat Consulting for system design, architecture, implementation and testing. Red Hat's products and services contributed to the team's adaptive, supportive and flexible approach for managing complexity of business logic and workflow associated with medical appointment scheduling. The submission reinforced the benefits of open source and open community development that could provide a long-term solution to the VA's scheduling challenges.

By placing in the VA Medical Appointment Scheduling Challenge, the HP Open Community team, including Red Hat, will collectively donate its nearly \$500,000 prize to multiple Veterans Service Organizations.

## Supporting Quotes

*Paul Smith, vice president and general manager, Public Sector, Red Hat*

"Industry and agency collaboration is essential because it brings the most innovative technology solutions to government to help cut costs and improve efficiency. The VA understands the benefits of these relationships and we appreciate the opportunity to display how open technologies can provide them with the confidence they need to better serve some of our most deserving citizens. Red Hat is excited to have been part of the HP Open Community team."

## Additional Resources

[VA Medical Appointment Scheduling Contest Website](#)

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