

**The Disability Evaluation System (DES) is the mechanism for determining return to duty, separation or retirement of Service members due to disability. JDES is a Joint IT solution for the DES that provides case management, tracking, reporting and electronic information exchange capabilities in order to facilitate DES case processing, provide increased transparency to DES case processors, the command structure and the Service member.**

Service members proceed through one of three DES processes: The Legacy Disability Evaluation System (LDES), the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) or the Expedited Disability Evaluation System (EDES). The Department of Defense (DOD) objective in all DES processes is to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure continuity of care, timely processing, and seamless transition of the Service member from DOD to VA in cases of disability separation or retirement.

Veteran Tracking Application (VTA) is the VA system with which JDES will eventually interface. VTA will eventually be replaced with the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) within the VA.



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### Key Benefits

- ▶ Joint IT solution that will eventually be used by all the services (Air Force first)
- ▶ Facilitates efficient DES case processing
- ▶ Provides increased transparency to DES case processors, the command structure and the Service member
- ▶ Business Process Management (Traceability, Accessibility, and Role-Appropriate Analytics)

### Key Features

- ▶ Provides case management, tracking, reporting and electronic information exchange
- ▶ Interfaces with VA systems for streamlined communications
- ▶ Dynamic workflow capabilities
- ▶ Adaptive Case Handling (Flexible event-driven workflow process)