

# **The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology: A Briefing for the American Health Information Community**

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# Briefing Topics

- **Who we are**
- **Why we exist**
- **Our role in the landscape**
- **Objectives for the long term**
- **Timetable**
- **Milestones for 2005 and 2006**
- **Q & A**

# Organizational Background

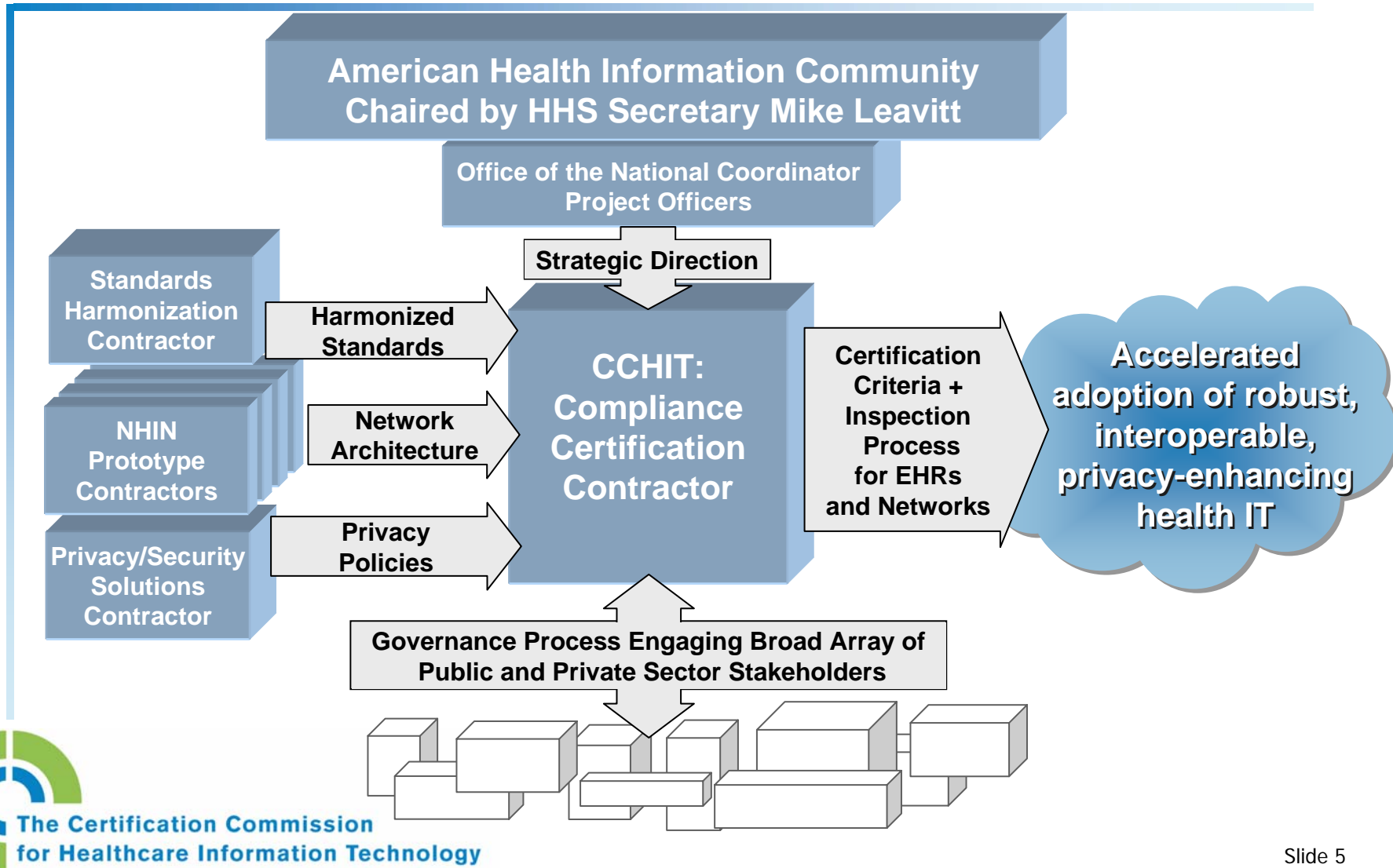
- **July 2004: Certification of HIT products a key action in HHS Strategic Framework**
- **Sept 2004: AHIMA, HIMSS, and the Alliance fund and launch CCHIT**
- **June 2005: Eight additional organizations add \$325k funding support**
- **July 2005: HHS announces Health IT Strategy and releases RFP for Compliance Certification**
- **Sept 2005: CCHIT awarded 3 year, \$7.5M HHS contract to develop and assess EHR and network certification criteria and inspection process**



# Mission of CCHIT

**To accelerate the adoption of robust, interoperable HIT throughout the US healthcare system, by creating an efficient, credible, sustainable mechanism for the certification of HIT products.**

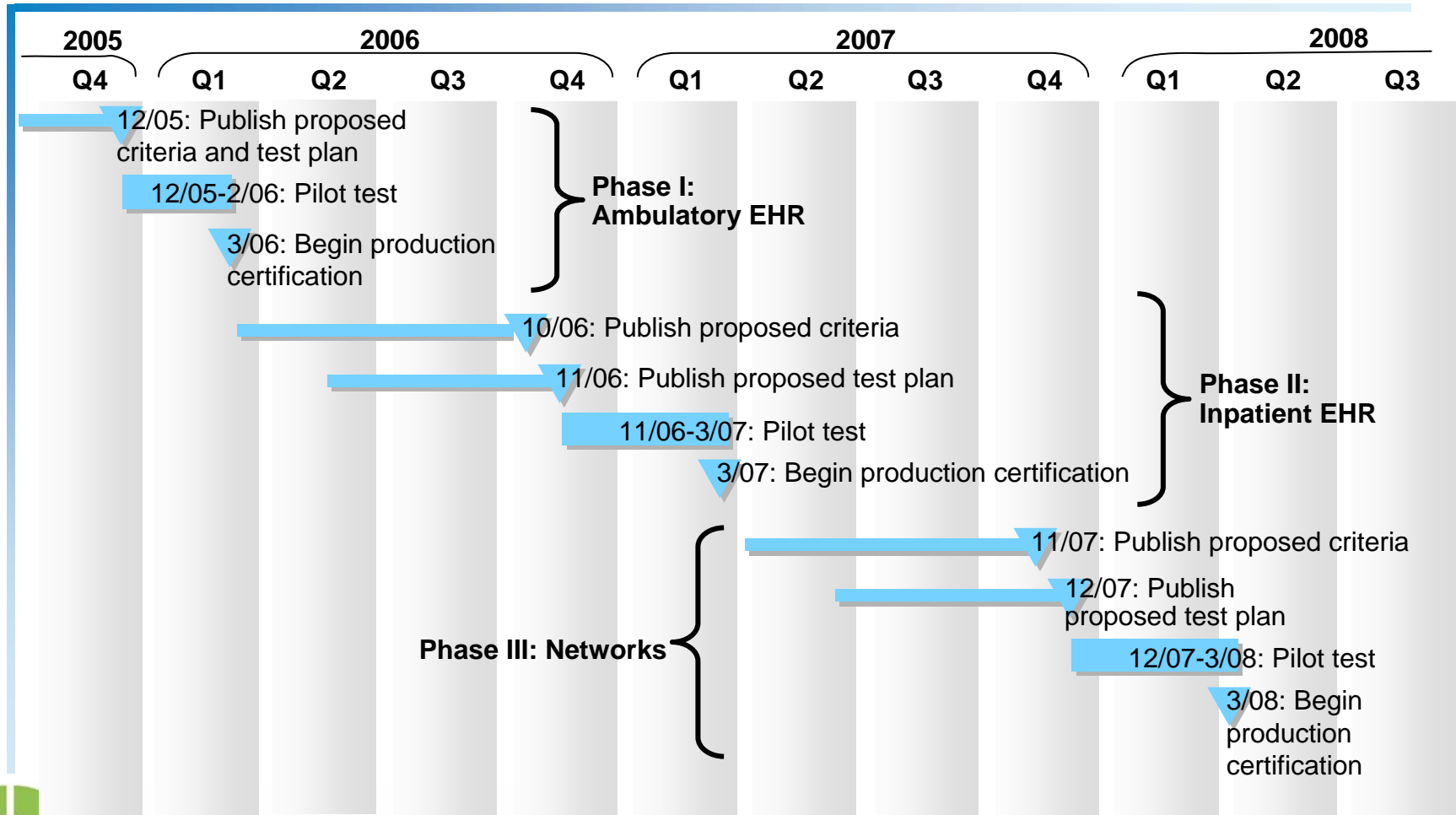
# Role of CCHIT within the Health IT Strategic Landscape



# Long Term Objectives of Health IT Product Certification

- Accelerate adoption by reducing the risks of investing in HIT
- Facilitate interoperability of HIT products within the emerging national health information network
- Enhance availability of HIT adoption incentives and relief of regulatory barriers
- Ensure that HIT products and networks always protect the privacy of personal health information

# CCHIT Contractual Timetable



Not shown: Certification criteria and inspection process for each domain are updated annually after initial development

# Milestones completed or anticipated in 2005 and 2006



**Nov 2005: publish proposed criteria and test process for certifying ambulatory EHR products**

- **Feb 2006: complete Pilot Test of certification**
- **June 2006: have certified ambulatory EHR products in the marketplace**
- **September 2006: begin certifying e-prescribing and laboratory interoperability of EHRs (dependent on standards harmonization)**
- **October 2006: publish proposed criteria and test process for certifying inpatient EHR products**



# Thank You!

## Q & A

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