DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission has scheduled a meeting for March 22–23, 2007 in the Hamilton Ballroom of the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th and K Streets, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. The March 22 session will end at 5:15 p.m. and the March 23 session will end at 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to carry out a study of the benefits under the laws of the United States that are provided to compensate and assist veterans and their survivors for disabilities and deaths attributable to military service.

The agenda for the meeting will feature updates on the progress of the studies being conducted by the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The Commission will receive presentations on the application of VA’s disability rating schedule and several draft Issue Papers in various stages of development. There will also be a discussion of the format and outline to be used for the Commission’s final report. The Commission will also receive comments from interested parties on Research Question 19, “Pending Claim Ends with Death.”

Interested persons may attend and present oral statements to the Commission on March 23. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested parties may also provide written comments for review by the Commission prior to the meeting or at any time, by e-mail to veterans@vetscommission.com or by mail to Mr. Ray Wilburn, Executive Director, Veterans’ Disability Benefits Commission, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,
Committee Management Officer.

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Enhanced-Use Lease of the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Brecksville, OH

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Enter into an Enhanced-Use Lease.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into an enhanced-use lease (EUL) for the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, Brecksville, Ohio. Under the terms of the EUL, the selected lessee/developer would provide the Department with fair consideration in the form of discounted services needed at its Cleveland (Wade Park) campus. Such services would include administrative space and parking services. Additionally, the selected lessee/developer would make domiciliary services available to veterans in a private facility located within operational proximity of Wade Park.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregg Buckley, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–5518.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 38 U.S.C. section 8161 et seq. specifically provides that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that the implementation of a business plan proposed by the Under Secretary for Health for applying the consideration under such a lease to the provision of medical care and services would result in a demonstrable improvement of services to eligible veterans in the geographic service-delivery area within which the property is located. This project meets this requirement.

Approved: February 27, 2007.

R. James Nicholson,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Transitional Residential Homeless Program at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Butler, PA

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of intent to enter into an enhanced-use lease.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into an enhanced-use lease of approximately 0.46 acres including a 6,000-square foot building at the Butler, Pennsylvania. The selected lessee would develop, finance, construct, manage, maintain and operate a transitional residential homeless program. The lessee would also be required to provide VA with in-kind consideration consisting of construction and improvement work on the property and services relating to shelter, job preparation, and referrals for health care programs needs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Hackman, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–5875.

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Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton, OH

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of intent to enter into an enhanced-use lease.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into an enhanced-use lease of approximately 0.6 acres of land and an existing building (Building No. 402) at the VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. The lease would have an initial term of 65 years, and an option to extend such term for 10 additional years. In exchange for and as consideration under the lease, the selected lessee would be required to

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