

session will be followed by a repeat of the educational workshops. The April 12 session will include closing remarks from the Chairman, followed that evening by the Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, interested persons may either attend or file statements with the Committee. Written statements may be filed either before the meeting or within 10 days after the meeting and addressed to: Ms. Laura B. Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office (10C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to contact Ms. Balun at (202) 273-8952.

Dated: February 15, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Lease of VA Property for the Development and Operation of a Transitional Housing Facility for Homeless Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Batavia, NY

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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 7,196 square feet of underutilized space at the VA Medical Center in Batavia, New York. The selected lessee would finance, design, develop, operate and maintain a transitional housing facility consisting of no less than 7 two-bedroom units and 4 one-bedroom units for a total of 18 units. As consideration for the lease, eligible veterans would be provided facility units and related services on a priority basis at no cost to VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Bradley, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7778 (Not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title 38 U.S.C. 8161 *et seq.* states 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 15, 2008.

James B. Peake,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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