PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans at the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, West Los Angeles, CA

In accordance with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Enhanced-Use Leasing authority (38 U.S.C. §§ 8161-8169), the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016 (P.L.114-226, 130 Stat. 926 (2016))( the “West L.A. Leasing Act”), and the framework Draft Master Plan dated January 28, 2016, VA hereby provides notice of a public hearing to present VA’s proposal and receive views, for a contemplated Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) initiative for permanent supportive housing benefitting Veterans who are homeless or at risk for homelessness, on the Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLAHS) campus. The GLAHS campus is located at 11301 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90073.

HEARING DATE AND TIME:
April 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm (PST)

HEARING LOCATION:
Main Hospital (Building 500), Room 1281
West Los Angeles Medical Center
11301 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90073

IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED: The contemplated EUL initiative would be focused on the northern portion of the GLAHS campus, starting with renovation of Building 207 to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless and at risk of homeless Veterans in the GLAHS area. Building 207 was built in 1940 and it consists of 51,010 gross square feet.

Consistent with the concepts reflected in the framework Draft Master Plan, dated and publically announced on January 28, 2016, and the ongoing environmental impact statement analysis pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the contemplated EUL initiative would include renovation of Building 207 and the development and re-use of other existing buildings and parcels located on the north-side of the GLAHS Campus.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY: VA contemplates pursuing an EUL initiative with a Principal Developer to provide permanent supportive housing and related services, for homeless Veterans and Veterans at risk for homelessness, including but not limited to severely disabled Veterans, female Veterans, aging Veterans, and Veterans with families.

VA would select the Principal Developer through a competitive procurement process. The Principal Developer would be required to finance, design, construct, renovate, operate, and maintain the permanent supportive housing units.
GLAHS provides Veterans with access to a full set of healthcare services in a range of treatment environments including inpatient hospital and various outpatient programs. The proposed EUL would enable the development and operation of permanent supportive housing units on the GLAHS campus, consistent with the framework Draft Master Plan dated January 28, 2016, which is available at http://www.losangeles.va.gov/masterplan/. The supportive housing envisioned as part of this EUL includes permanent supportive housing with supportive services. The new housing units for these EUL projects would be compatible with support services to be provided on the GLAHS campus.

For example, such services would include: Veteran health and wellness, nutrition, spiritual wellness, education, vocational training, skills building, peer activities, socialization, physical recreation, volunteerism, family support services, child care services, transportation, and assistance with legal issues and federal benefits. The housing would help revitalize the GLAHS campus into a safe and welcoming community; improve the quality of life for such Veterans and their families; provide Veterans with more convenient access to healthcare, benefits, and services on the GLAHS campus; and help reduce Veteran homelessness in the Greater Los Angeles area.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED LEASES: Using VA’s EUL authority, VA proposes to enter into an EUL initiative on the GLAHS campus with a Principal Developer for a term of up to 75 years. The Principal Developer will be required to finance, design, develop, construct, operate, and maintain the facilities in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, codes, and requirements. In accordance with the West L.A. Leasing Act of 2016, and VA’s EUL authority, any consideration provided to VA shall consist solely of monetary consideration. At the end of the EUL lease term, the outleased land and all improvements will revert to VA at no cost.

The public is invited to attend the hearing regarding this EUL initiative and encouraged to submit written comments by no later than 5:00 pm (PST), on April 23, 2018.

To submit comments, please contact:

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