



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

Monday, November 2, 2009

As the plans for the new hospital continue to take shape, we have received many questions about how we intend to make the new facility energy efficient, or “green”. We are proud that our new facility will include some of the most advanced medical technology available, but we aren’t stopping there. We intend to utilize some of the newest “green” technology throughout the facility. In fact, we are required by the VA to improve energy efficiency and must design the building to meet the Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification level. The LEED green building rating system promotes design and construction practices that reduce the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being. In reaching this goal, we are working closely with architectural company Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill on this project; they are renowned for their energy efficient designs.

The VA has also hired a consultant energy firm to make sure we don't miss any opportunity to conserve energy. We also have been working with Xcel Energy and their consultants as we continue to seek partnerships that can aid us in energy conservation for the new facility.

Status Summary for this week:

- Contracted preparation tasks in Building 817 (the former PX Building) are complete.
- Start drilling to collect soil samples within the new hospital construction site.

Proposed tasks for next week:

- Drilling slightly delayed due to last week’s snow; should be finish on November 11, 2009.
- Waste from various preparation tasks to be transported.
- Start hazardous material remediation in Building 817.

As always, you may contact me with questions at (303) 393-5205 or jordan.schupbach@va.gov.

Respectfully,

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