



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

# PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

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Last month, VA announced the selection of the joint venture of Kiewit-Turner as the construction contractor for Project Eagle. The contract award is for \$1,313,100 to begin pre-construction services. The contract provides pre-construction services to assist VA and the architect/engineer team in the design of a new 180-bed, approximately 1.126 million square feet tertiary care medical center. This includes remodeling the building currently on the south end of the site. One of the first activities that will be noticed is the demolition of two of the former buildings on the site as well as the old City of Aurora Pool. This is to make way for construction trailers to be used during the project to house all of the necessary on-site employees.

There have been many inquiries from potential subcontractors and business owners regarding working on this project. One of the federal government-wide statutory goals for contract awards is that a minimum of 3 percent of all agency procurements be awarded to service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses. Recently, VA announced that nearly 17 percent of its acquisition dollars were awarded in this category. Kiewit-Turner has an excellent record in using small businesses to work on its projects.

A web-site has been set up that allows any businesses interested in working on this project to submit preliminary information indicating an area of specialty. On the home web page, <http://www.denvervahospital.com>, a link appears titled "Subcontractors". By clicking on this link, a new page appears where the necessary information can be submitted.

Kiewit-Turner is also involved in the Helmets to Hardhats program. Helmets to Hardhats is a national program that connects National Guard, Reserve and transitioning active-duty military members with quality career training and employment opportunities within the construction industry.

Of the 24 architecture, engineering and various supporting firms working on the new medical center now, 17 are Colorado companies. The VA will add nearly 180 new jobs to help in staffing this larger facility. Total project cost for the new VAMC is \$800 million. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2014.

As always, please direct your questions or concerns to me at (303) 393-5205, or [jordan.schupbach@va.gov](mailto:jordan.schupbach@va.gov).

Respectfully,

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