



FUTURE - DENVER VA MEDICAL CENTER - AURORA, COLORADO

PROJECT EAGLE UPDATE

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This month, “*Future home of the VA Medical Center*” signs were placed at four locations on the site. Veterans and the community can now see where the facility will be and know that the project is moving forward.

The July User Group Meetings are completed. The topic for this series was “Elevations”; this includes the placement of such things as: paper towel dispensers, blood pressure machines, shelving, white boards, and mirrors. For many areas the architects have created three dimensional renditions of spaces to assist users in envisioning what the rooms will look like and where the elevations will be located. The 3D modeling also assists the user groups to better see patient and employee flow and interactions. Several areas have “tweaked” their design based on these new views and better understanding of how the actual space will look.

The next round of User Group Meetings is scheduled to start the week of August 30th and last until September 17th. This round of meetings will include a review of mechanical, electrical, plumbing and Information Technology needs.

I’ve received some inquiries about how many jobs will be created during the construction phase of the new Denver Replacement Hospital. We can’t provide any hard numbers at this point in time. However, we can generate an estimate based on similar projects. On the Children’s Hospital project in Aurora, Colorado, which was approximately the same size as the new Denver Medical Center Replacement Facility, at the peak of construction, there were 1,400 workers on site. Over the life of the project 9,400 identification badges were issued to workers. I have heard that one of the IDC Contractors is expecting 1,750 workers on site at construction peak and approximately 10,000 over the life of the project. While these are estimates, they provide a perspective into the significant size and scope of this VA project.

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

Respectfully,

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