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VA Announces Contract for New Denver VA Medical Center *Spinal Cord Injury Center to Be Part of the Complex*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded a \$580.2 million construction contract to build the Denver VA Medical Center (VAMC) replacement facility on the same campus as the University of Colorado Hospital complex in Aurora, site of the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

“This new medical center will not only help provide Veterans with the care they have earned, it will create good-paying jobs that benefit the local economy,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The new 182-bed medical center will include inpatient tertiary care and ambulatory care, a 30-bed Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder Center, a 30-bed nursing home community living center, a research building, and parking structures.

The medical center will employ approximately 2,000 people and serve approximately 82,700 veterans.

The construction component of the contract totaling \$580.2 million was awarded to Kiewit-Turner Joint Venture from Englewood, Colo., on Nov. 17. The facility will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certified, making the most of renewable energy initiatives. More than 6,300 jobs will be created during the construction of the medical center.

The completion date of the hospital is scheduled for early 2015.

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