

(a) Identify ways to improve benefits and services for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beneficiaries and Department of Defense (DoD) military retirees who are also eligible for benefits from VA, through better coordination of the activities of the two departments;

(b) Identify opportunities to remove barriers that impede VA and DoD coordination, including budgeting processes, timely billing, cost accounting, information technology, and reimbursement; and

(c) Identify opportunities through partnership between VA and DoD, to maximize the use of resources and infrastructure, including buildings, information technology and data sharing systems, procurement of supplies, equipment and services.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the April 24, meeting will focus on consideration and approval of the Task Force's final report for submission to the President. It is expected that this will be the final meeting of the Task Force.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties can provide written comments to Mr. Dan Amon, Communications Director,

President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, 1401 Wilson Boulevard, 4th Floor, Arlington, Virginia, 22209.

Dated: April 2, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary:

R. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of intent of designate.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is designating 0.5 acres of underutilized space at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for an enhanced-use leasing development. The Department intends to enter into a 35-year lease of real

property with a selected lessee/developer who will finance, design, develop, maintain and manage a Federal Credit Union, at no cost to VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 38 U.S.C. Section 8161 *et seq.* specifically

provides that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that at least part of the use of the property under the lease will be to provide appropriate space for an activity contributing to the mission of the Department; the lease will not be inconsistent with and will not adversely affect the mission of the Department; and the lease will enhance the property or result in improved services to veterans. This project meets these requirements.

Approved: April 2, 2003.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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