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VA Selects Contractor for Seismic Award in Seattle

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs has selected a contractor to correct seismic deficiencies in Building 100 at VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

“This seismically upgraded facility will ensure that Washington’s Veterans continue to have the world-class medical care that they’ve earned through their service to our Nation,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The contract was awarded to Walsh Construction Company in Chicago on October 10, 2012) and will create 330 construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed fall 2015.

At eight stories tall, Building 100 Nursing Tower and Nursing Home Care Unit were built in 1985 and serve as the inpatient wards in the main hospital at the Seattle Division of VA Puget Sound Health Care System. This project will seismically strengthen 218,754 square feet of Building 100 by replacing all braced frame members with buckling restraint braces as well as brace Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing systems as required in the buildings interstitial spaces. This seismic renovation project will allow VA to continue delivering world-class health care to Veterans in a seismically safe environment.

This initiative is part of the department’s program for infrastructure improvements for the Veterans health care system. It includes approximately \$11 billion in major construction projects and a similar amount of facility acquisitions through lease agreements.

Last year, VA spent \$3 billion providing health care, benefits and services to Washington’s 632,000 Veterans. VA operates major medical centers in Seattle, Spokane, and Walla Walla, with 11 outpatient clinics and nine Vet Centers across the state.

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