

Public Meeting - Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC)
Site-Specific Design & Construction Process

Meeting Date: Thursday April 16, 2009

Location: Grace Episcopal Church, 3700 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70119

Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm

NEW ORLEANS – The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to utilize federal funding to construct a replacement Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in New Orleans. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) VA hereby gives notice of the initiation of NEPA compliance activities for future actions associated with the VAMC site-specific design and construction process.

On April 16, 2009, VA will be holding a public information meeting to present the design alternatives for the replacement VAMC. The purpose of this meeting is to engage the veterans, general public, local businesses, associations, stakeholders, affected governmental agencies and other interested parties to solicit relevant input and provide timely information throughout the environmental compliance review process.

The public meeting will begin with a ½-hr open house from 6:30 – 7:00 pm to allow interested parties to view the proposed design alternatives and talk directly to Federal representatives. At 7:00 pm VA will give a brief presentation, after which the audience will have an opportunity to voice questions and comments.

Public meetings are a critical element of VA's commitment to meeting their environmental compliance responsibilities. This meeting is held in accordance with the requirements of NEPA and provides the public the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and ensure that VA takes into account concerns and comments regarding the impact of the proposed undertaking on environmental resources.

Project information, including four conceptual design schemes for the new hospital, can be found at the following: <http://valsumedcenters.com> <<http://valsumedcenters.com/>>