SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed VA Inpatient Facility Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the proposed acquisition by donation, renovation of existing buildings, and construction of a new building to create a new VA Inpatient Facility on a 5.2-acre site at 440 South Houston Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127. The proposed project would provide state-of-the-art facilities to meet the need for expanded Veteran health care services in the region.

The Draft EA examines the potential environmental effects from implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. VA prepared the Draft EA in accordance with the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

The Draft EA is available for public review at Tulsa City County Library (located at 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103) and on the VA website at www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/. The 30-day public review and comment period ends on Sunday, May 29, 2022, 2022. Comments on the Draft EA should be sent to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line “Tulsa VA EA” no later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2022.

VA will prepare and publish a Final EA following the 30-day comment period. The Final EA will summarize and address comments on the Draft EA.

For additional information or questions, please contact Mr. Bruce Mack, VA Environmental Engineer, at Bruce.Mack@va.gov. please reference “Tulsa VA EA” in your correspondence.