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**FAX TRANSMISSION SHEET**

**July 23, 2015**

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**COMMENTS:** Attached are copies of the letters and the Memo of Agreement awarding a Federal grant of \$23,966,546.89 for 65 percent of the actual cost for a grant to construct a new 80-bed nursing home in Walla Walla, Washington (FAI 53-034).



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

July 21, 2015

The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor of Washington  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded a final grant totaling \$23,966,546.89 to the State of Washington. The grant is for Federal assistance towards the cost to construct a new 80-bed nursing home in Walla Walla, Washington (FAI 53-034).

Enclosed for your information is a copy of my letter to Ms. Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos, Director, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, notifying her of VA's commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert A. McDonald", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. McDonald

Enclosure



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

July 21, 2015

Ms. Lourdes Alvarado-Ramos  
Director  
Washington Department of Veterans Affairs  
1102 Quince Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Ms. Alvarado-Ramos:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded a final grant totaling \$23,966,546.89 to the State of Washington. The grant is for Federal assistance towards the construction of a new 80-bed nursing home in Walla Walla, Washington (FAI 53-034).

A review of the application indicates that VA may participate in the lesser of \$23,966,546.89 or 65 percent of the actual cost of construction. The grant is awarded in the amount of \$23,966,546.89, but the exact amount of the grant is subject to adjustment at the final audit. You may now submit claims for reimbursement of allowable expenses for this project. The sum of the requests for payment may not exceed the amount of this grant. Disbursements will be made to the State of Washington upon receipt of each request for reimbursement.

It was my pleasure to sign the Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. McDonald", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. McDonald

Enclosure

Memorandum of Agreement for A Grant  
To A State Veterans Home under 38 CFR PART 59

This Memorandum of Agreement is hereby made by and between  
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, and  
The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs  
1102 Quince St SE, Olympia WA 98501

**The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** has submitted to VA an application for a grant to develop the Walla Walla Veterans Home for veterans in Washington State, **FAI 53-034**. This grant is for the construction of an 80-bed nursing home facility. The parties agree that this application meets the requirements of Federal law for this grant. The estimated total cost in which VA will participate, is **\$39,634,904.80**. The VA grant will total up to **\$23,966,546.89** but will not exceed sixty-five (65) percent of the actual cost of the **construction** as determined by the final audit. In consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

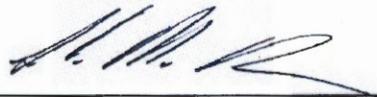
- (1) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** certifies that the plans and specifications included in the application meet all applicable Federal requirements.
- (2) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that it will construct the Walla Walla Veterans Home to be completed in accordance with the documentation submitted by the state.
- (3) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees to comply strictly with the assurances contained in the documentation submitted.
- (4) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees to enter into a contract to develop the Walla Walla Veterans Home within 90 days of the date on which both parties have signed this agreement.
- (5) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees to periodically inspect the project and certify to the Chief Consultant, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, for payment of such sums which it deems are payable by VA.
- (6) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees to furnish any additional State funds needed to complete the project and, if **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** expends \$500,000 or more in a year in Federal awards, conduct and submit the results of an audit on the Walla Walla Veterans Home in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200.
- (7) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that, upon completion of the project, it will provide adequate financial support to maintain and operate the facility.

- (8) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that following completion of the project, it will open at least eight beds per month until the project area is filled.
- (9) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that it will use the Walla Walla Veterans Home to sustain the **80-bed nursing home** facility principally to furnish veterans nursing home care, and that not more than 25 percent of the bed occupancy at any one time will consist of residents who are not receiving such level of care as veterans. **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** further agrees that all non-veteran residents must be spouses of veterans or parents of a child who died while serving in the Armed Forces.
- (10) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that it will operate and maintain the facility in conformance with State standards and with all applicable State and local laws, codes, regulations and ordinances, and in conformance with the standards prescribed by VA.
- (11) **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** agrees that it will make such reports in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may from time to time reasonably require, and give the Secretary, upon demand, access to the records upon which such information is based.

The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs hereby approves the application. After **The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs** certifies its **construction** costs as set forth in paragraph (5) above, the Secretary agrees that the grant shall be paid by way of reimbursement, and in such installments consistent with the progress of the project. VA will make these reimbursements by making partial payments to cover the costs certified. VA reimbursements will be limited to the unpaid balance of the grant for actual incurred costs for this project.

This grant is subject to the recapture provisions as stated in 38 CFR 59.110

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto affixed their signature on the dates indicated:



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized State Official  
 Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos, Director  
 Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

6/15/2015

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 Date



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 Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs

7/1/2015

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 Date