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NOTICE OF INTENT AND PUBLIC SCOPING
Environmental Impact Statement for
Replacement Robley Rex Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Louisville, Kentucky

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to construct and operate a 104-bed hospital, diagnostic and treatment facilities, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) regional office, and required site amenities and improvements on a new campus. This proposed project would replace the existing Robley Rex VAMC, three community-based outpatient clinics, and the existing VBA regional office. In accordance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA), VA will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for this project.

The proposed project is needed because the existing Louisville VAMC facilities on Zorn Avenue are inadequate to effectively and efficiently meet the expanding needs of VA's healthcare mission and VBA services in the region. VA has identified two potential action alternatives to be analyzed in detail in this EIS: constructing and operating the replacement VAMC campus at the "Brownsboro Site" at 4906 Brownsboro Road, Louisville; and constructing and operating the replacement VAMC campus at the "St. Joseph Site" on a parcel located east of I-265 and south of Factory Lane in Louisville. The EIS will also evaluate the impacts associated with the No Action alternative.

Two prior environmental assessments (EAs) addressed aspects of VA's proposal. Upon further review, VA concluded that an EIS was the appropriate level of NEPA documentation. Extensive public input was provided throughout the scoping and public draft reviews for the two EAs. These comments remain in the project record and are being incorporated as identified scoping issues for this EIS. Additional scoping input may be provided by submitting comments on or before November 30, 2015, online through www.Louisville-EIS.com, by email to LouisvilleReplacementHospitalComments@va.gov, or by regular mail to Robley Rex VAMC, Attn: Replacement VAMC Activation Team Office, 800 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206.

VA does not intend to hold a public scoping event specific to this EIS, anticipating that any input would largely reiterate issues that have been previously identified. Upon specific request, VA will consider whether an additional in-person scoping event would enhance public involvement in this EIS. The event would be at a Louisville venue at which a project fact sheet would be available in hard copy, posters summarizing the EIS process would be available for viewing, and members of the public could submit written comments using either comment forms or their own written format. There would be no formal presentation by VA or verbal public comment opportunity. The comment form (this form is not a required format for submitting scoping comments), the fact sheet, and the two previous EAs are available online at www.louisville.va.gov/newmedicalcenter, along with other information related to the EIS process.

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