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Enhanced-Use Lease (EUL) of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Real Property at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Federal Register notice is to provide the public with notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to enter into an EUL of the Ward Memorial Hall Theater, Governor's Mansion, and Chapel on approximately 4.76 acres of underutilized land on the campus of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Brett Simms, Executive Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, Office of Management, 202-502-0262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 8161, et seq. as amended by Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-168, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to enter into an EUL, for a term of up to 99 years, that a) provides supportive housing for veterans and their families, or b) enhances the use of the leased property by directly or indirectly benefitting veterans. In addition, the EUL must not be inconsistent with and not adversely affect VA's mission or the operation of VA's facilities, programs, and services in the area of the leased property. Consistent with this authority, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs intends to enter into an EUL for the purpose of outleasing the Ward Memorial Hall Theater, Governor's Mansion, and Chapel on approximately 4.76 acres of underutilized land. The selected EUL lessee/developer, National Soldiers Home Commercial I, LLC, will finance, design, develop, renovate, construct, manage, maintain, and operate the three historic buildings. In addition, the lessee/developer will be required to provide supportive services and programming for veterans and their families.

Signing Authority

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on November 13, 2026, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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