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December 24, 2013

Larry H. Carroll, Director  
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Vancouver, WA 98661

Subject: VISN 20 – Real time Location System (RTLS) Implementation of Asset Tracking, Cath Lab Supply Management, Equipment Temperature Monitoring and Sterile Processing Workflow

Dear Mr. Carroll:

In accordance with Article 47 Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on VISN 20 RTLS implementation cited above within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee, President of the National VA Council #53, will be naming the Union's Chief Negotiator and team members. Please provide the named bargaining team with all information and/or data related to the cited subject. The negotiation of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management's Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The above named bargaining team my request a briefing over the cited subject above, before sending any proposals. If you have any questions please contact me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.  
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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December 17, 2013

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Subject: Real Time Location System Update  
Facilities Management Service, Portland Oregon

Mr. Williams,

Attached you will find the VISN 20 RTLS (Real Time Location System) Update for your review and consideration. The current MOU concerning Real Time Locations System (RTLS) within VA dated December 19, 2012 is also attached.

**Reason**

This system will be used to track government assets at the medical center in order to better control inventory. This system will ultimately increase the time clinicians can spend with patients by locating needed equipment in a timelier manner.

**Employees affected**

There will be training required by all clinical, biomed, SPS, facilities staff to use the system. There will be additional duties for the department that owns the system and performs maintenance to the system. The SPS staff will need to etch new clinical instruments, and scan items in/out of each station as they are processing the items which could add time to their process. The catheterization laboratory clinicians will need to scan items used for each procedure. The owner of the system will need to run reports, update floor plans, and train new users to the system.

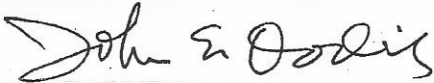
**Estimated Timeline**

January 21-30 RTLS team will be onsite to perform a walkthrough assessment of our site.  
March 15, 2014 Equipment installations would begin  
July 2014, Train employees on use of system  
August 2014, Begin using the RTLS system

**NVAC Notification  
Notification of Draft Document  
Real Time Location System Update  
Facilities Management Service Portland Oregon**

Absent a response by January 17, 2013, we will implement this new Real Time Location System Update. We would welcome discussion with you regarding any questions or concerns you may have. To set up an appointment with the Service and HR, please contact Terra Docorte at 503-220-8262 ext. 56922.

Sincerely,



**JOHN E. DODIER**  
Chief, Facilities Management Service

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