



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53**

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VBA Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Mr. Kevin Nelson, Chief Negotiator
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Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20420

Subject: DTB – Specialized Adjudication Review Course (SPARC)

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C., of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 is formally demanding to bargain on the above cited subject within the Department.

Typically, national mid-term negotiations should begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the Management Chief Negotiator receives our demand to bargain. However, it is understood that VBA would like this to be handled as expeditiously as possible. For this reason, a proposed MOU has already been provided to VBA.

The information VBA provided AFGE on April 16, 2014 conflicts with the information being disseminated in the field. For this reason, AFGE is requesting that VBA honor their bargaining obligations and commence bargaining immediately.

Please cease and desist any further implementation until bargaining obligations have been met.

If you have any questions, please call me at (727) 319-7788.

Sincerely,

Valorie Reilly, Chairperson
VBA Sub Committee, Mid-Term Bargaining
AFGE-NVAC #53

Cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53
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