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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

Alma L. Lee
National VA Council, President

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**In This Briefing: VA Makes Awards Totaling up to \$4.6 Billion to Streamline its Medical Surgical Supply Chain**

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Makes Good on MyVA Commitments to Improve Service Delivery to Veterans and

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the awarding of four major contracts that will bolster its ability to deliver timely health care to the nation's Veterans. The contracts make up a \$4.6 billion [Medical Surgical Prime Vendor Next-Generation Program](#) (MSPV-NG) acquisition, and represent a major step forward in supply chain modernization – a “breakthrough priority” of the Department's [MyVA](#) transformation effort.

“When MyVA was launched in September 2014, we made a commitment to the Veterans who served our nation and the American public to change the way VA operates,” said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. “To accomplish this, we had to look at our processes – from the way we deliver care – to the way we order the products that provide care. This Next Generation program improves the acquisition process of surgical supplies, and ensures a speedier delivery to Veterans. It is one of many efforts underway to transform our supply chain to provide the service our Veterans deserve and potential cost savings to American taxpayers.”

Contracts were awarded to the following firms:

- American Medical Depot, Miramar, FL – Small Business
- Kreislers, Inc. Sioux Falls, SD – Small Business
- Cardinal Health, Dublin, OH – Large Business
- Medline Industries, Inc., Mundelein, IL – Large Business

The contracts are being awarded for a period of 20 months with two, 20-month options, with an aggregate ceiling of \$4.6 billion. The contract will be managed by VA's Strategic Acquisition Center based in in Fredericksburg, VA.