



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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Stan Bush, Network Chief Information Officer, VISN 23  
Office of Information & Technology  
Minneapolis VA Healthcare System  
One Veterans Drive  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VISN 23 OI&T propose changes for OI&T Region 2, VISN 23  
Help Desk operating hours (AFGE Local 1969, AFGE Local 2270 and AFGE Local  
3669)

Dear Mr. Bush:

In accordance with Article 47, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over the cited changes in VISN 23 OI&T operating hours for the help desk in VISN 23 within the Department. Ms. Alma L. Lee will be naming the Chief Union Negotiator and negotiating team. Please provide the named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than twenty (20) workdays after the management chief negotiator in this matter receives our demand to bargain.

Please cease and desist any implementation until the bargaining obligation has been met. The named bargaining committee may 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Vice President  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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