



**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS COUNCIL #53  
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Mid-Term Bargaining Committee**

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July 31, 2006

Ronald E. Cowles, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Labor-Management Relations  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Suite 215  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420

Subject: Demand to Bargain – VHA Barcode Expansion Project (BCE)

Dear Mr. Cowles:

In accordance with Article 44, Section 2 C, of the Master Agreement, the National VA Council #53 formally demanding to bargain over VHA Barcode Expansion Project in the Department. Please provide the above named bargaining committee with any information and/or data concerning the cited subject. The negotiations of this matter should normally begin no later than ten (10) 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  
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cc: Alma L. Lee, President National VA Council #53  
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