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Subject: Employee Development & Training Service - Lead Group Project Survey

This is a demand to bargain (DTB) filed under the provisions of Article 47, Sections 1 and 2 of the Master Agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), signed March 15, 2011 (MCBA) with respect to the above referenced subject.

The VBA Midterm Bargaining Committee received notice on January 9, 2017 concerning the Employee Development & Training Service - Lead Group Project Survey. AFGE requests a briefing on this matter in order to determine if we need to bargain over the Procedures and Appropriate Arrangements for the employees we represent.

Any and all implementation already begun should be stopped and VA should cease and desist any further implementation until bargaining has been concluded.

The above identified AFGE VBA midterm bargaining team should be provided a briefing before proposals are provided. VA shall cease and desist from any and all implementation of the proposed initiative until the bargaining obligation has been satisfied. **Please provide any and all necessary and relevant documents relied upon related to the above subject to the VBA midterm bargaining team.** The VA chief negotiator should contact the undersigned no less than 20 days from the receipt of this DTB.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 253-677-6224 (or by electronic mail at dennis.freeman2@va.gov).

In Solidarity,

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