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Dear Ms. Ferrer:

I am pleased to submit the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Federal Performance Report for Fiscal Years 2004-2006 in support of Executive Order 13339, Increasing Economic Opportunity and Business Participation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The Performance Report describes VA's initiatives and program activities that support Departmental objectives to increase the business participation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Federal programs where they may be underserved.

If you have any questions concerning the report, please have a member of your staff contact David Walton, National Program Manager for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Employment Opportunity, at (202) 461-4002 or via e-mail at: david.walton@va.gov. Mr. Walton is VA's representative on the Coordinating Committee for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Hutter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Paul J. Hutter
Executive in Charge of the
Office of Human Resources and Administration

Enclosure

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Interagency Working Group Activity Template**

Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, FY 2004-2006 WHIAAPI Performance Report, Table 1

Coordinating Committee Contact: David M. Walton, AAPI National Program Manager, (202) 461-4002

Activity/Strategy	Objective	Time Frame	Results/Outcome		Comments	Contact Person/ Information ¹
			Economic Impact	Number Served		
The Center for Minority Veterans conducted a presentation on the Center's mission at the Japanese American Veterans Association's Quarterly Meeting in Potomac, MD.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006				
The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) exhibited at the CelebrAsian 2006: Partnering for Growth Conference in Chicago, IL.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006		400	The Conference was sponsored by the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce.	
Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE) and OSDBU participated in the Asian American and Pacific Islander Summit that was held in Washington, DC.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006		300	The Conference was sponsored by the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce.	
VA's New York Regional Office (NYRO) maintains a relationship with such organizations as the New York Federal Executive Board (NYFEB), whose mission is to provide outreach services to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006			The NYFEB has a program entitled "Government Working Together," which provides Government services to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.	

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The NYRO also hosted Soon Mi Jang, a Veterans Benefits Representative of the Republic of Korea, to conduct an outreach program for the Korean community. Ms. Jang and two NYRO field examiners facilitated at the job fair.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006			Information was provided to Korean veterans and their families about VA benefits including disability compensation and pension, educational benefits, home loans, vocational rehabilitation and employment.	
OSDBU exhibited at the National Asian American Business Conference in Washington, DC.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006		250		
OSDBU exhibited at the 17th National Association of Professional Asian American Women National Training Conference and Small Business Expo in Bethesda, MD.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006		200		
CVE and OSDBU partnered with other Federal agencies to host an outreach conference in Honolulu, HI. AAPI veteran-owned small businesses attended.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2006		Over 200	The Conference was sponsored by the White House Initiative Office.	
VA's State Cemetery Grant Program awarded a grant to establish a veterans' cemetery in Saipan. The grant paid 100% of the allowable costs for establishing a 4.6 acre cemetery, including roads, drainage, committal shelter, and irrigation.	Increase participation in Federal programs for AAPI businesses through equal access to such programs.	FY2005	\$1.7 million to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands		The cemetery includes 1,200 grave sites; burials began in November 2006.	

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<p>The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Division at the VARO in Honolulu, HI, procured services and supplies from vendors in Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa.</p>	<p>Ensure nondiscrimination in Federal contracts and procurement opportunities.</p>	<p>FY2006</p>			<p>With a caseload of over 1,200 veterans—including 100 veterans in Samoa and approximately the same number in Guam—almost all purchases are made through local vendors who are predominantly of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.</p>	
<p>The Philadelphia VARO provided equal opportunity for public-sector/private-sector partnership for the community—and economic development of Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses—by intervening with the City of Philadelphia.</p>	<p>Provide equal opportunity for public-sector/private-sector partnerships for the community and economic development of AAPI businesses.</p>	<p>FY2005</p>			<p>The Philadelphia VARO worked with the City of Philadelphia to have an ordinance passed which permitted an AAPI-owned business to provide food service to VA employees at the VARO.</p>	
<p>The Los Angeles VARO created an Outreach Committee to address issues impacting AAPI veterans regarding the dissemination of program information on VA benefits relating to compensation and education and services such as counseling and vocational rehabilitation. As a result, the VARO established meaningful partnership arrangements with several AAPI community groups such as the Japanese American National Museum, the Japanese Bar Association, the Japanese American Korean War Veterans Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.</p>	<p>Provide equal opportunity for public-sector/private-sector partnerships for the community and economic development of AAPI businesses.</p>	<p>FY2005</p>			<p>These partnership arrangements have enabled the Los Angeles VARO, with input from the community associations, to identify specific needs of the AAPI communities, including those relating to business entities, to increase participation in VA programs and services by AAPI individuals by providing awareness information on equal access to VA programs and services.</p>	

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Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, FY 2004-2006 WHIAAPI Performance Report, Table 2

Coordinating Committee Contact: David M. Walton, AAPI National Program Manager, (202) 461-4002

Activity/Strategy	Objective	Time Frame	Results/Outcome		Comments	Contact Person/ Information ¹
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VA AAPI Federal Procurements	Ensure nondiscrimination in Federal contracts and procurement opportunities.	FY2007	\$6,662,326	106 Contracts	Extracted from Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)	
VA AAPI Federal Procurements	Ensure nondiscrimination in Federal contracts and procurement opportunities.	FY2006	\$27,770,748	276 Contracts	Extracted from FPDS	
VA AAPI Federal Procurements	Ensure nondiscrimination in Federal contracts and procurement opportunities.	FY2005	\$69,264,000	284 Contracts	Extracted from FPDS	
VA AAPI Federal Procurements	Ensure nondiscrimination in Federal contracts and procurement opportunities.	FY2004	\$28,478,043	150 Contracts	Extracted from FPDS	

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VA Small and Disadvantaged Business Contract Dollars as compared to AAPI Small Business Contract Dollars							
Time Frame	VA Small & Disadvantaged Business Contract Dollars	Section 8(a) Small Business Contract Dollars	Women-Owned Small Business Contract Dollars	Veteran-Owned Small Business Contract Dollars	Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Contract Dollars	Historically Underutilized Business Zone Contract Dollars	AAPI Small Business Contract Dollars
FY 2004	\$356,308,485	\$467,802,287	\$398,543,168	\$367,154,177	110,654,561	\$276,045	\$28,478,043
FY 2005	\$75,446,613	\$524,651,666	\$525,109,220	\$488,327,724	\$207,320,465	\$356,259,771	\$69,264,000
FY 2006	\$507,442,123	\$402,569,565	\$513,104,216	\$666,825,417	\$348,077,159	\$336,856,889	\$27,770,748