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OFFICE OF ACQUISITION AND MATERIEL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION LETTER

TO: Under Secretaries for Health, Benefits, and Memorial Affairs; Chief Facilities Management Officer, Office of Facilities Management; Veterans Integrated Service Network Directors; Directors, VA Medical Center Activities, Domiciliary, Outpatient Clinics, Medical and Regional Office Centers, and Regional Offices; Directors, Denver Distribution Center, Austin Automation Center, Records Management Center, VBA Benefits Delivery Centers, and the VA Health Administration Center; and the Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, VA National Acquisition Center

ATTN: Head of the Contracting Activity
All VA Contracting Officers

SUBJECT: Interim guidance for VA's Energy investments

1. The Deputy Secretary tasked the Office of Asset Enterprise Management (OAEM) with developing a comprehensive Department-wide energy investment policy, which will be based upon a review of Veterans Affairs and other Federal agencies' practices as well as private sector-based performance standards and benchmarks.
2. Until final guidance is issued from OAEM, at this time, all contractual actions that obligate the Department to more than \$50,000 must be submitted to OAEM for review prior to execution (feasibility studies, audits, and/or proposal preparation that are less than \$50,000 are excluded from this requirement). Concerns regarding this interim guidance should be directed to Anthony DiStasio, Director, Office of Capital Asset Management and Planning Services (182), at (202) 565-4092 for Veterans Health Administration or Edward Bradley, Senior Portfolio Manager, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), at (202) 273-9489.
3. Please direct any questions regarding this information letter to Paulette Creighton, Procurement Analyst, Policy Division (049A5A), at (202) 273-8821.

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