



VAi2: Innovative Housing Technology



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VAi2: Industry Innovation Competition



“We identify, fund, and test new ideas from VA employees, academia, and the private sector. Our focus is on improving access, quality, performance, and cost. At the end of the day, progress in these areas greatly enhances the VA’s ability to serve Veterans in the 21st Century.”

- VAI2 gives Veterans Affairs a structured way to identify, fund, and test creative new solutions that advance the services we provide
- The Industry Innovation Competition is your invitation to participate in the process
- We’ve identified 6 key areas that are opportunities for significant advancement
- We ask for your best ideas on making significant improvements in these 6 areas
- Proposals should provide a clear benefit that can be demonstrated via prototype or field test within about 1 year

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- Issued under FAR 35.016 and 6.102(d)(2)(i)
- Does not commit the Government to make an award or pay proposal preparation costs
- Open until September 30, 2010
- Government available to commence evaluations beginning July 6, 2010
- Proposals must be valid for at least 90 days
- Proposals will be evaluated on their own merit according to the criteria stated in the BAA, not against other proposals

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Proposal Preparation Instructions

- Quality is more important than quantity of information
 - Technical volume is limited to 50 pages
 - Charts, diagrams and similar representations count towards the page limit
 - Hyperlinks are not allowed

Instructions, Continued:

- Firm Fixed Price (FFP) contracts preferred
- Offerors must be registered in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR)
- Proposals must be submitted electronically to vai2baa@va.gov

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Homelessness



“Ending homelessness among Veterans is a top priority for the Department and VAI2’s Industry-Competition offers an opportunity to bring new and innovative ideas to that mission.”

- VA currently offers a wide array of programs and initiatives designed to help Veterans live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible.
- Strong collaboration with other federal agencies such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD), local and non-profit community partners is essential for VA’s efforts to be successful and VAI2 is committed to enhancing those collaborations through new innovations from the private sector in the Industry-Competition.
- Current need outstrips the available resources and the VA is very interested in innovative new ways to address this pressing issue.

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Homelessness: Renovation



Existing VA Campuses:

- Vacant or under-used buildings at existing VA sites may be repurposed to provide new space for additional affordable housing.
- VA is seeking proposals that enhance the Department's ability to provide **safe, affordable, energy-efficient, adaptable housing** that can serve Veterans with disabilities but who are able to live independently.

Renovation of existing buildings:

- Where VA has existing buildings that can be repurposed, renovation is already sometimes pursued.
- VA is interested in proposals involving innovative design, materials, or other techniques to rapidly convert structures while meeting the safety, affordability, and other goals of the project.
- Multiple sites (both urban and rural) may be available for field testing.

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Homelessness: New Facilities



New Housing Technologies:

- In addition to renovations, VA is interested in projects that involve new construction.
- Like the renovation proposals, these projects should address safety, affordability, energy-efficiency, and be adaptable to Veterans with disabilities.
- Proposals for new construction should also address time to completion.

Multiple Improvements Preferred

- Proposals that address multiple improvements (safer, more efficient, and cheaper) are preferred.
- However, proposals that make big gains in one area will also be strongly considered (proposals that make very low cost units or incredibly low construction times, for example).
- Multiple sites are available for new construction field testing, as well.

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Questions and Answers



- Answers to questions will be posted at www.fedbizopps.com

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