



Program Fact Sheet

Support to Veterans Affairs (VA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

In September 2007, USACE and the VA executed an MOA to provide support to the VA for workload in 3 primary VHA Program areas: Emergency Supplemental (ES) Program, Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) Program, and Minor Construction Program. Charleston District provides support to the VA within their Veterans Integrated Support Network (VISN) 7 region, to execute assigned design, vertical construction, and renovation projects in each of the 3 Program areas. Projects supported are located at 4 VA Medical Centers: Charleston, SC; Columbia, SC; Augusta, GA; and Dublin, GA. Charleston District's support to VISN 7 is coordinated through the Capital Asset Management Support office at their VISN 7 office located in Tuscaloosa, AL. In March 2011, a new IAA was executed between the VA and USACE, restructuring the program support requirements and establishing an extendable working relationship through March 2016. In July 2015, USACE and the VA executed an updated IAA, establishing an additional extendable working relationship through June 2020 which was again modified extending the relationship through June 2028, principally for support to the VA's Major Construction Program, with continued support to the Minor Construction and Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) Programs and other assigned support areas.

In 2014, USACE and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) executed an IAA, effective through 2018, to procure architectural and engineering management, construction management services, acquisition services, and related work. Through this IAA, Charleston District was assigned the Phase 2 Cemetery Expansion project at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, for which design, acquisition, and construction services were provided to expand the existing cemetery capacity into the Phase 2 site layout areas depicted in the approved 2009 Cemetery Master Plan. In Feb 2019, a new IAA was executed between USACE and the NCA that extended USACE support until Feb 2024.

STATUS

As of 1 March 2024: Charleston District has completed 34 projects for the VA, totaling \$66.3M, 26 of which involved vertical construction of new facilities, renovation of existing facilities and installation of system upgrades at each of the 4 VA Medical Centers (VAMC) supported by the District. The remaining 8 projects supported development of design packages that were used by the VA to support future facility improvements or system upgrades

Currently, Charleston District is working with VA Charleston to award a \$13.5M DB contract to construct a VA Clinic and on agreements to build a \$25M Dental Clinic in Myrtle Beach on the site of a closed clinic as well as a \$20M Pump Station on the downtown site. Charleston district is also completing a \$13M Parking Deck and \$14M Rehab Clinic at VA Columbia

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

In FY25 and out years, Charleston District will continue to routinely coordinate with the VISN 7 CAM on the projects listed above that are underway as well as for projected work within the Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) and Minor Construction Programs that may be assigned to the District to execute as well as Major Construction projects pending approval for Charleston and Columbia. Charleston District Contracting successfully awarded the Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) DB Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC)

in Jul 23 to provide the VA with a responsive tool that will be able to rapidly award DB contracts. In addition, Charleston District Contracting is working on a Architectural Engineer (AE) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract that will include at least one SDVOSB AE to provide another responsive tool that will be able to rapidly award design contracts. Charleston District has access to a full range of engineering, procurement, construction, administrative, and advisory staff that are available and strategically positioned to support the VA in their efforts to execute their respective programs. Charleston District also has the capability and experience to provide support to other VA VISNs and other VA programs as needed for VA design and construction workload.

A March 2022 Department of Veteran Affairs Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission Report indicates significant growth in veteran population by 2029 driving a large construction program for the VISN including 3 possible Major construction projects in South Carolina.

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