

**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-08-VA24
Congressional District: 21

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 119,009 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Port Saint Lucie, FL.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Port Saint Lucie veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	VA
Current NUSF	10,728 (Port St. Lucie Outpatient Clinic)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	119,009
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	108,281 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	160,662
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s) and Contract Clinic(s):	5/11/2027 9/27/2032 9/27/2032
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on Crosstown Pkwy, N on I-95, E on St. Lucie West Blvd, N on NW Peacock Blvd, E on NW University Dr, S on NW California Blvd, S on NW Country Club Dr, E on St. Lucie West Blvd <u>East:</u> S on Florida's Tpke <u>South:</u> W on SW Becker Rd <u>West:</u> N on SW Village Pkwy, W on SW Discovery Way, N on SW Community Blvd, E on SW Westcliffe Ln, N on SW Village Pkwy
Parking Spaces:	850
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$485,657 (lease effective 5/12/2017)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$337,932

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Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$48.52 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$5,775,000

Justification

A new 119,009 NUSF lease in Port Saint Lucie, FL, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Port Saint Lucie Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), as well as the Fort Pierce and Stuart contracted VA clinics.

The current mental health, primary care, specialty care, and ancillary spaces at the Port Saint Lucie Outpatient Clinic, Fort Pierce Contract Clinic, and Stuart Contract Clinic are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Port Saint Lucie area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
 - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2024 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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- VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
- VA ensures governance, systems, data and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.


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Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/5/2023

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration