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U.S. House of Representatives
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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS - LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BALTIMORE, MD
PMD-12-VA25**

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 112,624 net usable square feet of space, and 800 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Baltimore, MD to provide continued and expansion services for the Baltimore veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,081,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PMD-13-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

Adopted: June 11, 2025



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Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PMD-13-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 112,624 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), replacing a separate outpatient facility totaling 68,121 NUSF and five parking-only leases in the vicinity of Baltimore, MD. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus July 27, 2023. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market. Additionally, the Delineated Area has been expanded.

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

Description

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| Occupant: | Veterans Affairs |
| Current NUSF: | 68,121 |
| Estimated Maximum NUSF: | 112,624 |
| Expansion/Reduction NUSF: | 44,503 (expansion) |
| Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet: | 152,042 |
| Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s): | 6/23/2027 3/31/2028 20 years |
| Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority: | <u>North</u> : Interstate 695 & Route 40, Route 40, Hilton Pkwy, Bypass 40, Belair Rd <u>South</u> : Interstate 895, W Patapsco Ave, S Caton Ave, Interstate 95 <u>East</u> : Bypass 40, Interstate 895 <u>West</u> : Interstate 695 |
| Delineated Area: | 800 Operating Lease \$1,889,189 (leases effective 6/9/2011, 4/1/2018) \$1,770,351 |
| Number of Official Parking Spaces: | |
| Scoring: | |
| Current Total Annual Cost ¹ : | |
| Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost: | |

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

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Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate²: \$71.75 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost³: \$8,081,000

Justification

A new 112,624 NUSF lease in Baltimore, MD will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Baltimore Annex Clinic lease and consolidate five parking leases and allow for decompression of the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Baltimore area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals 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 achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

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.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 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.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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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.

Certification of Need

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration