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## Contracts Signed With Construction Teams to Build New Homes for Veterans

*Goal set for unprecedented amount of work to be done by disabled veteran businesses*

**Sacramento, Calif.** – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and the Department of General Services (DGS) announced today that contracts have been signed with Hensel Phelps Construction of San Jose and Costa Mesa-based Clark Design/Build of California to build two new Veterans Homes in Fresno and Redding, California beginning in Spring 2010.

“The great news for the veterans of California and the communities of Redding and Fresno is that we can now proceed with the steps needed to begin actual construction of these veterans homes,” said Roger Brautigan, Secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. “We are also very pleased with the anticipated level of participation and opportunities for disabled veteran business enterprises in these two major projects.”

Both contractors have committed to a goal of having at least 10 percent of the work done by Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE), exceeding the 5 percent goal established by the state for the projects; a commitment to contracting with disabled

veteran businesses that has never been seen before in state construction. The new homes will also be built to meet the energy and environmental goals set by Governor Schwarzenegger for all new construction of state buildings. When completed, the facilities will meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED New Construction Certification, a standard that DGS has achieved in the construction of 17 buildings with LEED certification statewide.

“The veterans who have courageously served our country deserve the very best when it comes to their long-term care and I'm pleased that CalVet and DGS are working to deliver the very best in these homes,” said DGS Acting Director Ron Diedrich. “I hope our veterans will be proud to live and be cared for in homes built to the highest construction standards that also will be models of environmental stewardship in their communities.”

Hensel Phelps Construction Company will lead the design-build team on the 239,000-square-foot, 300-bed facility in Fresno while KMD Architects of San Francisco will be the architect. In an effort to further expand the state's DVBE efforts, Hensel Phelps has committed to a goal of exceeding the state's original 5 percent DVBE goal by an additional 10 percent bringing its total subcontracts with disabled veteran businesses to a 15 percent level.

The 127,000-square-foot, 150-bed facility in Redding will be delivered by the design-build team of Clark Design/Build of California, Inc., along with Pasadena-based Jacobs. Associate Architect SFCS, Inc. of Roanoke, Virginia will serve as the project architect. Clark Design/Build has also committed to a goal of an additional 5 percent of its subcontracting with disabled veteran businesses, which represents a goal of more than \$3.3 million in direct subcontractor participation to the disabled veteran business community.

The United States Department of Veteran Affairs is contributing 60 percent of the \$246.7 million cost for both facilities in the financing of these projects through their Veterans Home Grant Program. The state's 40 percent portion is funded through a November 2009 bond sale.

*Currently, there are five Veterans Homes of California located in Yountville (Napa County), Barstow (San Bernardino County), Chula Vista (San Diego County), Lancaster (Los Angeles County) and Ventura (Ventura County). One more veterans home is under construction in West Los Angeles. The Veterans Homes of California offer residents differing levels of medical care depending on the particular facility or campus. This range of medical care provides continuity in the lives of residents who can move from one level of care to another when medically necessary.*

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