

OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),<sup>2</sup> and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 26, 2007. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 5, 2007, with: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to BNSF's representative: Sidney L. Strickland, Jr., Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, NW., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

BNSF has filed environmental and historic reports which address the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by March 23, 2007. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 1100, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423-0001) or by calling SEA, at (202) 245-0305. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

<sup>2</sup> Each OFA must be accompanied by the filing fee, which currently is set at \$1,300. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), BNSF shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by BNSF's filing of a notice of consummation by March 16, 2008, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: March 8, 2007.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik,  
Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Vernon A. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Enhanced-Use Lease Development of Property at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center in Sepulveda, CA

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to enter into an enhanced-use lease.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to enter into two enhanced-use leases with a joint venture consisting of two not-for-profit organizations. Each enhanced-use lease will include a building with an underlying parcel of land. Both parcels are located on approximately 5 acres of the VA

Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center campus in Sepulveda, California. The lessee would develop, finance, renovate, construct, manage, maintain and operate the buildings to provide permanent supportive housing and ancillary services for the homeless, with priority placement for homeless veterans within the community. In addition to such property enhancements and veteran services, VA would receive consideration for the lease, in the form of in-kind services such as training, use of space, and professional counseling services to veteran tenants, and cash in the form of a percentage of revenues from certain filmmaking activities on the property.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Sexton, Office of Asset Enterprise Management (004B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-9470.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 8 U.S.C. 8161 *et seq.* states that the Secretary may enter into an enhanced-use lease if he determines that the implementation of a business plan proposed by the Under Secretary for Health for applying the consideration under such a lease to the provision of medical care and services would result in a demonstrable improvement of services to eligible veterans in the geographic service-delivery area within which the property is located. This project meets this requirement.

Approved: March 8, 2007.

**R. James Nicholson,**

*Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

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