



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

December 3, 2012

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Waxman:

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded a construction contract for renovation of Building 209 at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Los Angeles, California. This award represents just a portion of the seismic correction of a 12 building project for the medical center.

The contract was awarded to Westport Construction Company located in Arcadia, California, in the amount of \$17,600,000. Funding for this project was appropriated in fiscal years 2009 and 2012. The estimated project completion is scheduled for July 2014.

This contract provides for the seismic upgrade and renovation for Building 209 to accommodate a rehabilitation program for homeless Veterans for whom previous recovery attempts have failed - the chronically homeless.

This notification is being sent to the appropriate leadership of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and Veterans' Affairs and the California Congressional Delegation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric K. Shinseki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E".

Eric K. Shinseki