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## **Battle Creek Veterans Affairs Medical Center renovations to take place**

**DETROIT** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, has awarded a contract to a Michigan firm for building renovations at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek, Michigan.

L.D. Docsa Associates, Inc, a small business from Kalamazoo Michigan, will renovate the Community Living Center with the \$5.1 million contract. They plan on starting this project early winter 2012 and wrap up all work by the end of 2013.

“We are pleased to do our part to help ensure quality medical facilities for the care of Veterans – men and women who have sacrificed to serve our country and deserve nothing less,” said Lt. Col. Robert Ells, district engineer.

The Department of Veterans Affairs sought the Detroit District’s involvement in the Battle Creek project through the Army’s International and Interagency Services program, IIS. Under IIS, the two agencies can enter into a support agreement in which the VA funds a project, but the Corps provides services such as planning, design, construction, contract procurement and project management.

“This project will allow us to continue to offer excellent quality care for the Veterans we serve,” said Denise Deitzen, Acting Director of the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. “We look forward to having increased privacy for our Veterans, along with comfortable and pleasant space for resident care.”

The existing 28,000 square foot facility will be renovated with new patient rooms and new electrical, heating, cooling and ventilation systems. Large, multi- bed dorms will be reconfigured into private and semi-private bedrooms for resident privacy.

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