



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Medical Center**  
**Alexandria, Louisiana 71306-9004**

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In Reply Refer To: 502/00PA

- The Honorable Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.  
Lafayette District Office  
800 Lafayette Street, Suite 1400  
Lafayette, LA 70501

Dear Congressman Boustany:

Our plans for continuing to best meet the needs of the Veteran population of Louisiana through our Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) are reflected in the updates below.

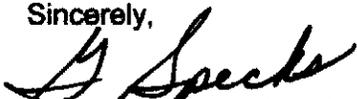
Lafayette CBOC: The Alexandria VAMC has selected an offeror and we are negotiating the floor plan/layout and total square footage. Upon acceptance of the floor plan/layout and total square footage, the VAMC will proceed with the price negotiation. It is anticipated that the price negotiation should begin on or about October 11, 2011 and take approximately 30 days.

Lake Charles CBOC: "Draft" copy of the contract lease was submitted to Regional Counsel and the VISN Contract Review Board (CRB) on September 13, 2011. The independent appraisal is due on September 23, 2011. Based on preliminary review, there are concerns with the negotiated price. The CRB recommends the Alexandria VAMC re-open negotiations/discussions with the selected offeror. The projected award has been pushed back to November 1, 2011.

Fort Polk CBOC: The delivery/set-up of the Fort Polk Modular Building was accepted on September 9, 2011. Fort Polk CBOC staff is in the process of setting/installing furniture and equipment. The proposed landscaping design is 50% complete. More than 1,130 Veterans have enrolled or requested their VA care be transferred to the Fort Polk CBOC. Anticipated date to begin seeing patients at this new CBOC is November 1, 2011.

We thank you for your continued support of VA services for the Veterans of Louisiana. It is our desire to offer new and expanded services to all of our Veterans and bring health care closer to the communities in which they live. We will provide our next bi-monthly update by November 30, 2011. Should you require anything before that time, please contact my office at (318) 466-2205 or email me at [gracie.specks2@va.gov](mailto:gracie.specks2@va.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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