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TO: All VA Management Brokers and Contractors

SUBJ: Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction

1. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have issued their final rules on notification, evaluation, and reduction of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in federally owned residential housing. As these rules pertain to **ALL** federally owned residential housing, contractors who wish to maintain or expand their contracting work with the federal government must be in compliance with the new policies.

2. To develop a roster of qualified candidates for solicitations, HUD is providing free training nationwide. This training will also qualify contractors to receive contract solicitations from VA.

3. Satisfactory completion of a one day course entitled *Lead Based Paint Remodelers and Renovators Training*, will qualify you to perform the new paint stabilization requirements.

4. Interested contractors can register on line, or obtain additional information at HUD's Lead-Based Paint website at www.hud.gov/lea/ or by calling HUD's Lead Paint Compliance Assistance Center toll free at 1-806-HUD-1012.

5. Your consistent involvement in our program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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