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Secretary Tours Recovery Act Improvements *Cleveland VA Medical Center Projects Assist Veterans*

CLEVELAND – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki visited the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center today and received a first-hand update on Recovery Act-funded projects that will help Veterans access VA care and provide surgical ward upgrades. The Cleveland VA Medical Center provides both inpatient and outpatient health care services at two facilities located in Cleveland (Wade Park) and Brecksville, Ohio.

“In putting America back to work, we are targeting the programs of greatest interest to Veterans, including the improvement of our health care facilities like those here in Cleveland,” said Shinseki.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided \$15.2 million to design, construct, upgrade and renovate Veteran health care services at the medical center. These projects include: \$8,345,352 to renovate surgical areas; \$2,086,890 to renovate the elevator lobby; \$2,106,890 for Canteen improvements; \$1,167,890 for hematology and oncology department; \$1,277,000 for additional patient care improvements and \$502,429 for energy conservation measures.

It is estimated that the ARRA funding at the Cleveland VAMC has created more than 500 jobs for Ohioans. Other provisions of the law allow VA to award construction contracts at many of its 153 VA medical centers and 130 national cemeteries.

Detailed information about each VA project is available at www.va.gov/recovery and www.recovery.org.

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