

FOREWORD

These Design and Construction Procedures establish consistent design and construction practices and are the minimum acceptable standards for the design and construction of VA facilities.

These design and construction procedures are mandatory where specific statutes and/or regulatory references are included in the Topic text. For other Topics, the procedures and included minimum acceptable standards shall be utilized to the maximum extent practicable, commensurate with cost considerations.

VA Program Offices, project teams, designers and constructors are obligated to our Nation's Veterans and taxpayers to make the most effective and efficient use of resources, by providing a continuum of safe, secure, high quality, high performance, and high value environments of care and service for Veterans. The VA Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) supports the Department's mission through development and application of standards as a basis for disciplined planning, design, and construction of VA facilities.

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For additional information regarding the VA TIL development and application of VA planning, design, and construction standards, please contact Donald L. Myers, Director, Facilities Standards Service, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Construction and Facilities Management.

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