VHA CATEX form

**Project:**
VHA National Pharmacy Call Center

**Location:**
VAMC Hot Springs, SD

**Project Number:**
SL-568-17-001

**Type of Project:**
- [ ] Operation and Maintenance Activities
- [x] Repairs/Renovation Project
- [ ] New Construction Project
- [ ] Lease
- [ ] Other

**Project Description:**
light renovation in bldg 3A, 4A, 4B and 4 basement. to accommodate a 120 cubicle call center. Installation of power and data to include conduit. Minor patching and painting. Removal of asbestos in basement of bldg 4.

**Level of NEPA Analysis:**
- [x] Categorical Exclusion
- [ ] Environmental Assessment Needed
- [ ] Environmental Impact Statement Needed

**Other Environmental Permits/Analysis Needed:**

**Project Impacts:**

**Would the proposed activity involve or generate any of the following?**

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**Determination:**
CAT Exclusion #5, minor asbestos mastic removal and only interior power and data utilities affected.

- [x] I find the proposed project qualifies as a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION with no extraordinary circumstances. Specify which CATEX: 5
- [ ] I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, an ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT will be prepared.
- [ ] EIS

**Recommended by:**
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**Project Manager:**

**Date:** 10-13-16

**Approved by:**
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**GEMS:**

**Date:** 10-14-16

**Approved by:**
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**Chief, Eng. Service:**

**Date:** 10-13-16

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Categorical Exclusions List

1. Repair, replacement and new installation of primary or secondary electrical distribution systems;
2. Repair, replacement and new installation of components such as windows, doors, roofs, and site elements such as sidewalks, patios, fences, retaining walls, curbs, water distribution line and sewer lines which involve work totally within VA property boundaries;
3. Routine VA grounds and facility maintenance activities;
4. Procurement and activities for goods and services for routing facility operations maintenance and support;
5. Interior construction or renovation;
6. New construction of 75,000 gross square feet or less;
7. Development of 20 acres of land or less within an existing cemetery, or development of an acquired land of five acres or less.
8. Actions which involve support or ancillary appurtenances for normal operation;
9. Leases, licenses, permits, and easements;
10. Reduction in force resulting from workload adjustments, reduced personnel or funding levels, skill imbalances or other similar causes;
11. VA policies, actions and studies which do not significantly affect the quality of the human environment;
12. Preparation of regulations, directives, manuals, or other guidance that implement, but do not substantially change, the regulations, directives, manuals, or other guidance of higher organizational levels or another Federal agency, and
13. Actions, activities. Or programs that do not require expenditure of Federal funds.

*38CFR Part 26.6(b)(1)
Department of Veterans Affairs

National Environmental Policy Act - Project Review

Project: National Pharmacy Call Center, Buildings 3 and 4

Location: Black Hills Health Care System, 500 North 5th Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747

Date: 10/14/2016

Description of Action: VA proposes to create a National VHA Member Services call center in Buildings 3 and 4 of the Hot Springs Campus of the VA Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS). The project will include installation of modular workstations within the existing interior floorplan for approximately 120 employees and involves installation of telecommunications and power cabling (some surface mounted), and new surface treatments such as flooring and paint. The basement of bldg. 4 will have minor asbestos abatement of ceiling tile mastic and piping performed by a qualified abatement contractor. VA BHHCS has defined the APE as buildings 3 and 4 of the Hot Springs campus, as no work is proposed external to the building. (Attachment 1)

Background: The Department of Veterans Affairs occupies and/or manages all buildings located at 500 North 5th Street, Hot Springs, SD 57747. The Secretary of the Interior designated the Battle Mountain Sanitarium a National Historic Landmark on 6/17/2011. Our buildings support a mixture patient care, administrative, quarters, or support service functions. Domiciliary buildings 3 and 4 are currently underutilized and are not needed in support of direct patient care mission.

Action: The interior of buildings 3 and 4 will be configured to accommodate approximately 120 workstations. The new workstations will be movable, modular furniture. No walls will be added or removed. New telecommunication and power cabling will use existing conduits if available or new surface mounted conduit as required. Minor mastic and piping asbestos abatement in the basement of building 4 will be performed.

NEPA Evaluation: In accordance VA NEPA Implementing Regulations (38CFRPart 26), this Action can be classified as a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) based upon the information presented for review, specifically: (v) Interior construction or renovation

Other Actions: A National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review will be completed with the State of South Dakota Historic Preservation Office.

Signatures:

John Henderson, Chief, Facilities Management