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RAHALL ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR V.A. CENTER

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall(D-W.Va.) today announced that the Veterans Administration has awarded an architect-engineer contract for working drawings for Phase 2 of the Clinical Improvements Addition to the Huntington V-A Medical Center.

According to Rahall, the project includes construction of a six-story addition, renovation of certain areas of the main hospital and Building 1, and the construction of a 330-car parking garage.

The contract totals \$2,389,893 and was awarded to Silling Associates, Inc. of Charleston.

Rahall further stated that the expansion project will enable many Huntington area veterans to receive necessary medical treatment closer to their homes and families.

"The new facilities created by the expansion will allow the area's veterans to receive intensive care, ambulatory treatment, eye care, right here in Huntington," Rahall said. "They will also be able to receive dialysis care and treatment for alcohol and drug dependency. This is indeed a great benefit for the more than 144,000 veterans who receive service from the Huntington Veterans Administration Medical Center each year."

Rahall made the announcement today at the Huntington VA Center while attending a service in honor of Prisoners-of-War and those Missing-In-Action.