



VA
HEALTH
CARE | Defining
EXCELLENCE
in the 21st Century

NEWS RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT:
Shirley Redmond, Public Affairs Officer
at 605-333-6889

December 9, 2011

The Sioux Falls VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) Health Care System used \$1,130,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Program to upgrade the VA Medical Center over the past year.

These projects included replacement of motorized equipment and modernization of four elevators in the main building of the medical center. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this month, December 31, 2011. The contractor installed energy efficient equipment and increased the speed of the cars to help with traffic flow .

Another project included design of a new energy-efficient chiller to replace a 24-year-old chiller and piping system for the main building of the medical center. Design is complete, and the project is tentatively scheduled to begin in November 2012 with completion expected by approximately April 30, 2012.

Under the Recovery Act, VA received about \$1.8 billion to spend on behalf of Veterans across the country. Information about VA programs funded by the Recovery Act is available on the Internet at www.va.gov/recovery .

###

Shirley Redmond
Public Affairs Officer
Sioux Falls VA Health Care System
605-333-6889
shirley.redmond@va.gov