

**PROSPECTUS – LEASE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
AKRON, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-06-VA25  
Congressional District: 13

**Executive Summary**

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 216,682 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Akron, OH.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Akron veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

**Description**

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	47,842 (Akron Outpatient Clinic, Akron Rehab Clinic, Cleveland Ambulatory Surgery)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	216,682
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	168,840 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	292,521
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	12/31/2026 02/23/2024 04/13/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on OH Rt 261, SE on Southeast Ave <u>East:</u> S on N Cleveland Ave/Portage Line Rd <u>South:</u> W on Sanitarium Rd, N on Sunnyside Ave, W on Lakeside Dr, W on Lake Rd, S on Hilbish Ave, W on Krumroy Rd, N on S Arlington Rd, W on Swartz, N on I-77, W on I-277 <u>West:</u> N on I-76, E on I-76, N on SR-59, N on SR-8
Parking Spaces:	1,500
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$1,798,535 (leases effective 01/02/2003; 02/23/2009; 04/14/2014)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$1,225,256

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Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: <sup>1</sup>	\$51.20 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: <sup>2</sup>	\$11,095,000

**Justification**

A new 216,682 NUSF lease in Akron, OH, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Akron Outpatient Clinic, Akron Rehab Clinic, and Cleveland Ambulatory Surgery leases.

The primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary spaces at the existing leases are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years. Additionally, the consolidation of services from multiple existing leases would create operational efficiencies.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Akron area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,<sup>3</sup> and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
  - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs, and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
  - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security

<sup>1</sup> This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

<sup>2</sup> New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

<sup>3</sup> Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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- VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

**Summary of Energy Compliance**

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Resolutions of Approval**

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

**Interim Leasing**

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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**Certification of Need**

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes  
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Rahmi Carman  
Administrator, General Services Administration