MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between
The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
and the
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office
Demolition of Building 51 at the VA Medical Center, Hines, Illinois

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) intends to demolish Building 51 located at the VA Medical Center in Hines, Illinois and has determined that this action constitutes an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR part 800, "Protecting Historic Properties", regulations promulgated in accordance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16USC470 (the Act); and

WHEREAS, this undertaking will have an adverse effect on Building 51, a property contributing to the Hines Veteran's Administration Medical Center Historic District, which was determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places on March 30, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the VA has consulted with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA and the SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations to take into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

STIPULATIONS

The VA shall ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Building 51 will be documented in accordance with the Illinois Historic American Buildings Survey Standards (IL HABS).
2. The IL HABS number for the building shall be CK-2009-1.
3. Level III documentation shall be prepared by the applicant.
4. Sketch plans, drawn in computer assisted drafting (CAD) format shall be produced on archivally stable Mylar sheets.
5. 35mm black and white or digital photography of the building to include building site, exterior elevations, distinctive exterior architectural features and significant interior spaces and features shall be produced on archivally stable photographic paper.
6. Written historic narrative of the Building 51 and a written architectural description of the building using the IL HABS designated outline format shall be completed.

7. The applicant will award the recordation contract to the consultant of its choice, provided the consultant is qualified to perform the work and agrees to meet IL HABS Standards and guidelines
8. IHPA will review the draft photos and field notes and accept or reject documentation and deliver one original and one copy on computer disc to IHPA and a local repository is so requested.
9. Upon IHPA's written acceptance of the draft IL HABS documentation, the applicant may commence demolition activities to the building.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the VA and the Illinois SHPO, its subsequent submittal to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the implementation of its terms, demonstrate that the VA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

By: Sharon M. Helman Date 3-18-11
United State Department of Veterans Affairs

By: Anne E. Haaker Date 3-18-11
Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer