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Architectural Firm to Begin Plans for Central Nebraska Veterans' Home

Lincoln – The firm selected in January, after winning a competitive bidding process to provide architectural services for the new Central Nebraska Veterans' Home, is set to begin work.

The State of Nebraska signed the contract this week with Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects of Kearney as the lead firm for the project.

According to John Hilgert, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Veterans' Homes, it is prudent to complete the next elements of the application to demonstrate both its readiness for federal participation and to ensure a deliberate and thoughtful design.

"It is very important to start the design work necessary to complete the next step in the grant process. It has become even more obvious and apparent that federal funding will be forth coming. When funding is granted Nebraska will be ready," Hilgert said.

When the selection of WHSA was announced in January, Hilgert said the firm was uniquely qualified for the project, with experience in the planning and design of more than 100 senior care projects, including facilities specializing in independent and assisted living, skilled nursing care and memory care. Local projects include the Grand Island Good Samaritan Village and the Holdrege Christian Homes Assisted and Independent Living facility.

In addition, WHSA has experience with the institutional and commercial food service industry and the Kearney public school system and several projects for Central Community College's Hastings Campus.

"As I said in January, with their 35 years of experience in planning, designing and developing related projects, I'm confident the leadership of WHSA will result in an outstanding new home that will make Nebraska veterans proud," said Hilgert.