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## **News Release**

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### **For immediate release**

April 13, 2011

## **COMMENTS SOUGHT ON REMOVAL OF BUILDING ON HISTORIC FORT BOISE CAMPUS**

### **Public Notice Regarding Section 106 Review of Proposed Demolition of Building 13, Administrative Building at 500 W. Fort St., Boise, ID and Construction of a new facility – Seeking Public Comment**

Many years of water/moisture infiltration of building 13 have created the condition for mold growth which has made the facility uninhabitable. The Department of Veterans Affairs is issuing this public notice as a part of its responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This notice applies to activities carried out by Department of Veterans Affairs, Facility Management Service.

In addition, the removal of Building 13 will allow for the construction of a new 24,500 square foot Community Living Center (CLC) on the Boise Medical Center Campus. This new facility will improve resident safety, confidentiality, dignity, access for women veterans, and infection control issues. This site was chosen for its close proximity and connectivity to current Medical facilities

The regulations in 36 CFR Part 800 requires Department of Veterans Affairs to identify if properties that may be affected by the proposed demolition are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and to assess the effect that the proposed demolition and replacement may have on historic properties. Building 13 originally started out as a 1475 square feet administrative building built 1885, identified on PG 5 by the red outlined area. 1921 saw the addition of a back porch area of 263 square feet, followed by a wing on the North and South ends of the building built in 1935, areas of 1756 square feet and 1767 square feet respectively, identified on PG 5 by the black outlined areas. It remained as an administration facility in many forms until unoccupied in 2008. Its historic significance stems from its continuous use as an Administrative building for over 100 years, from the period of direct military use by the U.S. Army through the Fort's later

transition to a medical facility between the World Wars. The major alterations of the building in the 1920s and 1930s reflect this historical adaptation of the structure. Thus, Building 13 is a contributing structure to the Fort Boise Historic District, and its removal constitutes a finding of “Adverse Effect” under the criteria established in 36CFR800 and requires the appropriate Section 106 review process be implemented.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has initiated consultation to identify historic properties and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties that may result from the demolition of Building 13 at 500 W. Fort St. Boise Idaho and the construction of a Community Living Center (CLC). Any member of the public is encouraged to provide views on how the project may affect historic properties and ways that these effects may be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Included within this public notice, the Boise VAMC Director will offer for a period of not less than 60 days through this notification, the availability of Building 13 for sale to any interested individuals, parties, or organizations for one dollar provided the interested individual, party, or organization removes it from the VA campus at their cost.

For additional questions or any additional information please, contact the project engineer Shawn Flagstad at 422-1000 ext 4405, [shawn.flagstad@va.gov](mailto:shawn.flagstad@va.gov) . Thank you for your assistance. Comments may be submitted to the VA for a 30 day period by regular mail.

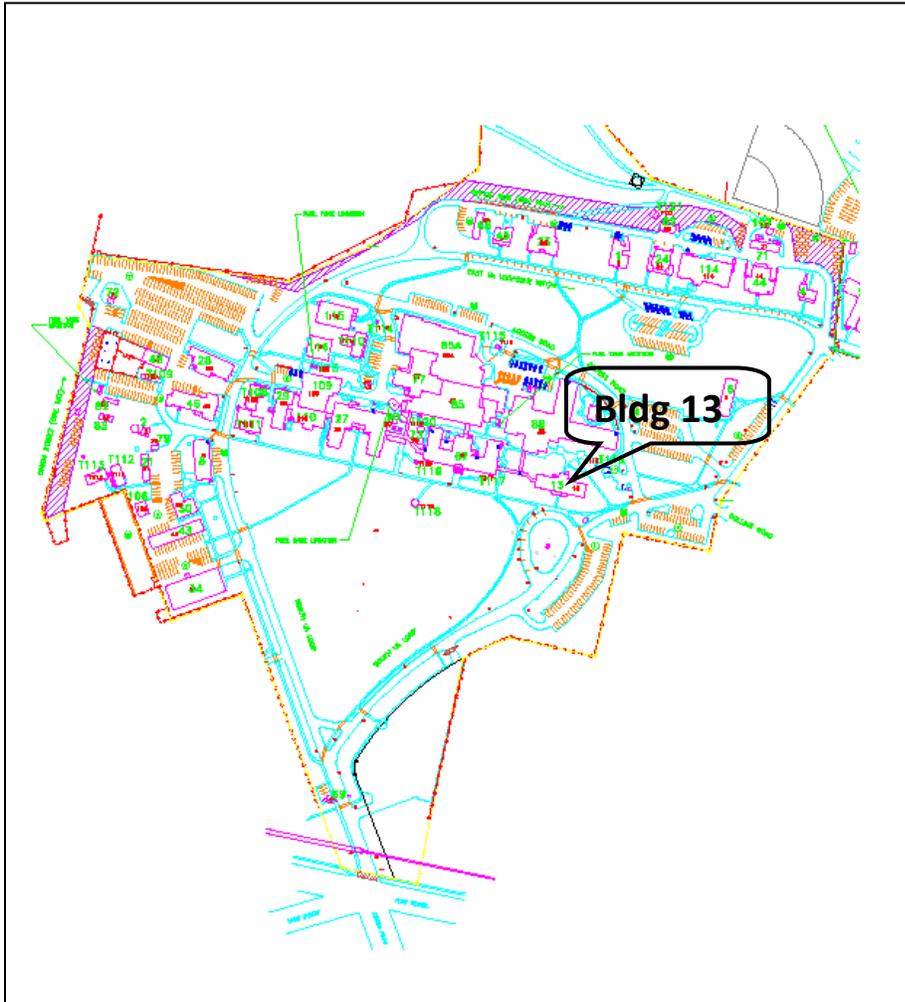
**Mailed comments should be sent to:**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Facility Management Service (138)  
500 W. Fort St.  
Boise Id 83702-4598

**If mailed, comments and requests must be physically received at this address by May 02, 2011.**

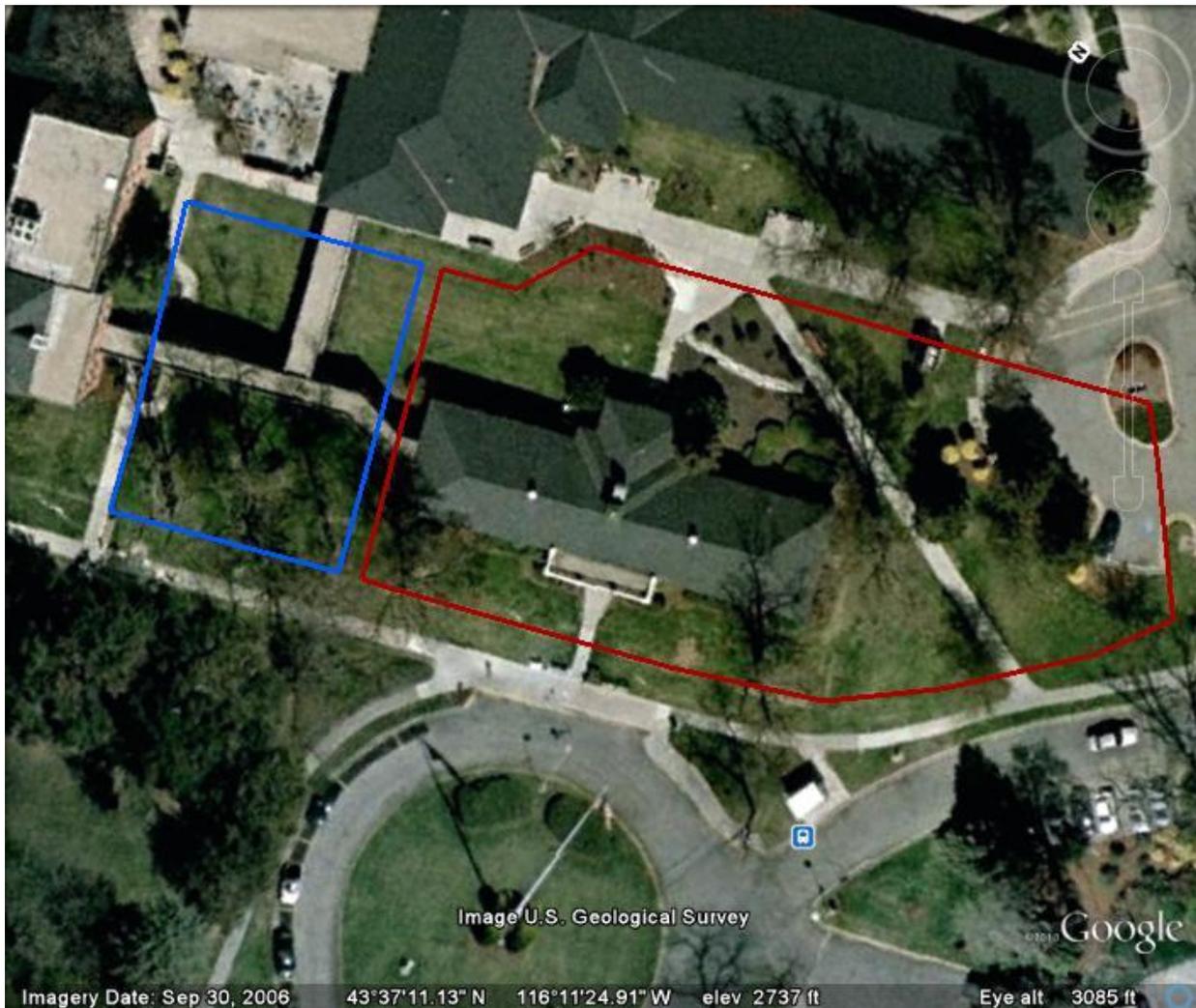
**Interest in purchase and removal of the building must be received by May 31, 2011.**

Boise VAMC – Bldg 13 Site Map

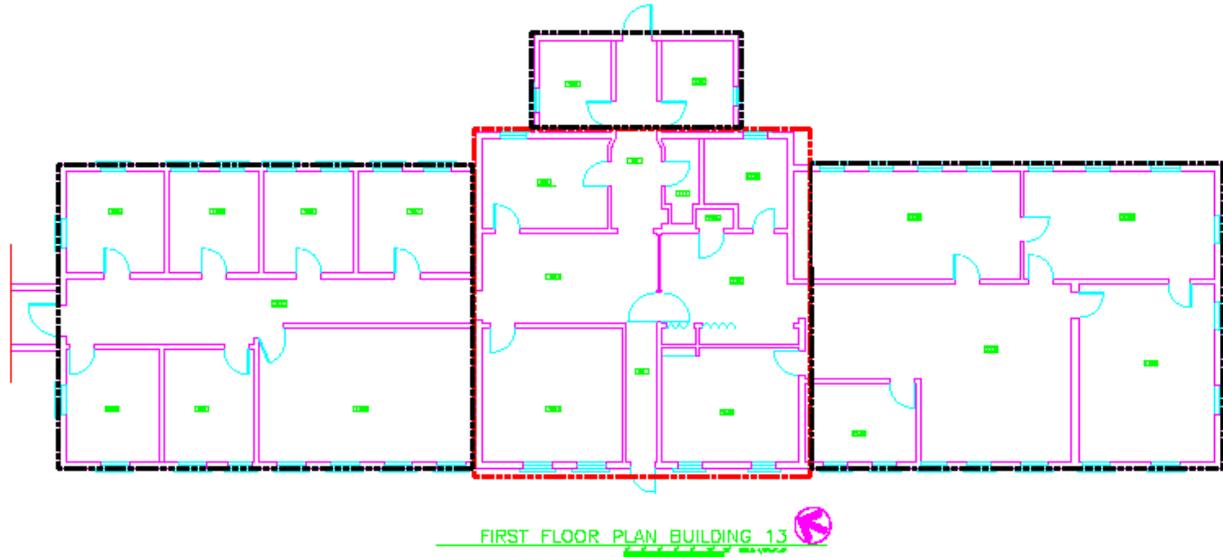




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Areas of Potential Effects, Blue area designates location of proposed Medical Imaging building, Red area designates location of proposed Community Living Center



Current floorplan of building 13, Red outlined area designates original building, Black outlined areas designate later additions to the facility

Boise VAMC - Building 13



View Front of Building, Looking East



View Rear of Building, Looking West



View South Side, Looking North



View North End, Looking South

***About the Boise VA Medical Center***

*The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding Community Based Outpatient Clinics are available meet the health care needs of the estimated 100,000 military veterans living in the southern Idaho/eastern Oregon region of the United States. The Boise VA Medical Center and surrounding clinics treat almost 25,000 individual veterans each year in primary care, surgical, behavioral health, long-term care, oncology and dental services. The Boise VA Medical Center is an 87 bed teaching and research hospital dedicated to meeting the health needs of the men and women who served in the United States military.*

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