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Larry L. Bennett, HR Consultant
for Labor-Management Relations (LMR), Suite 215
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420

Subject: 2007 Contracting Workforce Competencies Survey

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The National VA Council #53 is providing our comments to the 2007 Contracting Workforce Competencies Survey. The survey does not inform employees of the survey being voluntary, their anonymity is protected or that the responses will be confidential. Please provide NVAC with a sample of a letter to bargaining unit employees informing them of their voluntary participation, confidential responses and the protection of their anonymity. If VA agrees with our comments the survey is approved for the bargaining unit employees. NVAC would like to receive a copy of the results of this survey once completed by mail.

If, you have any questions please call me at (217) 554-4866.

Sincerely,

Oscar L. Williams, Jr.
Chairperson, Mid-Term Bargaining Committee
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