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TO: Government Operations and Audit Committee

FROM: Larry Zimmerman, Secretary SUBJECT: Summary Plan for Strategic Plan

The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs' mission and vision remain unchanged. We are the voice for South Dakota's veterans.

Nationally, and at the state level, extensive work is being done to identify veterans with unmet needs as well as those veterans who have not accessed their benefits through the federal VA. Our Department, along with our many partners, have made headway with outreach during the past five years, but much work remains as we work to reach as many veterans and their dependents as we are able to.

To accomplish our mission and continue our vision, we will need to remain steadfast in our pursuit of the following three pillars:

Workforce Development

- Increase Training
- o Retain Knowledgeable, Skilled, and Prepared Workforce
- o Remain Flexible
- Maximize Effectiveness

Economic Impact

- Increase Education and Awareness
- o Increase Revenue Generated by Department for Veterans

Customer Service

- Sustain Outreach
- Ensure Quality of Care
- Provide Information on the Ever-Changing Benefits and Services
- Ensure that our Department has the Tools and Resources
 Necessary to Reach as Many Veterans as we are able
- Strengthen Partnerships with Veterans Service Organizations,
 County and Tribal Veterans Service Officers, Healthcare
 Providers, and Community Leaders
- Raise Awareness of the Resources Available to Veterans
- Grow Programs to Assist Incarcerated Veterans















