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TO: Senator Deb Peters, Co-Chair Interim Joint Appropriations
Representative Fred Romkema, Co-Chair Interim Joint Appropriations
Joint Appropriations Committee Members

FROM: Larry Zimmerman, SDDVA Secretary

SUBJECT: Status Report on Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home

Construction on the new veteran's home is advancing. The steel framing is progressing and the concrete slab has been poured to connect Areas A, B & C. Roof trusses are being erected and exterior sheathing is moving ahead as planned.

Total costs submitted to the VA are \$12.4 Million and \$6.56 Million has been reimbursed by the VA to date. We have one pending reimbursement for August expenses of \$1.5 Million.

It's my understanding that your committee will be touring state facilities in western South Dakota October 9. Furthermore that you will be touring the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home campus at 4:30 pm that day. If not feasible to make the trip to the Hills, I would encourage you to view the web cam that we have set up on our webpage --- progress changes daily.
(<http://www.truelook.com/clients/scullconstruction-webcam3/>).

We appreciate the support you have provided for this project and I will continue to update you quarterly, on the project.

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Jason Dilges, Bureau of Finance and Management

