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VA plans groundbreaking for Charlotte health-care center

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will break ground on its 295,000-square-foot Charlotte health-care center on March 28.

Plans call for a six-story building [that will be located on a 35-acre parcel](#) at West Tyvola Road and Cascade Pointe Boulevard.

The groundbreaking ceremony starts at 2 p.m.

That health center will offer out-patient primary care and specialty services such as cardiology, neurology, dental oncology and surgery.

Childress Klein Properties of Charlotte has teamed up with Cambridge Development Group on the project. Together, they have formed Childress Klein-Cambridge Healthcare Solutions to design, build and provide facility management for the project.

Cambridge is based in Herndon, Va.

RPA Design of Charlotte is the architect of record. J.E. Dunn Construction Co. of Charlotte is the general contractor.

The facility is scheduled to be completed in spring 2016.

It will be leased back to the VA for roughly \$12.6 million annually over the next 20 years.

The building's estimated value is \$150 million.

The health center will serve veterans who currently receive care through the Charlotte Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

"It's no secret that North Carolina is a veteran-friendly state. We must be ready now and in the future to meet the needs of the more than 769,000 veterans who have made their homes here," says [Daniel Hoffmann](#), director for the VA's Mid-Atlantic Health Care Network.

The Charlotte center is [one of seven approved for construction](#) in 2010. At 295,000 net usable square feet, it is the largest new lease acquisition in the VA.

It is being designed to achieve LEED Silver certification from the **U.S. Green Building Council**.

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