

Pre-Construction Cultural Resources Awareness Training Jonathan M. Wainwright Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has planned the construction of the Specialty Care Clinic and the completion of the potable water system upgrade at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center (VAMC) Campus, an 88-acre area southwest of downtown Walla Walla, Washington. In 2010, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was written to encompass these projects plus two other major construction projects and other infrastructure upgrades. All but the SCU and Phase II of the potable water system upgrade were completed prior to the termination of the 2010 MOA. These two projects were not completed prior to the 2014 termination of the MOA because of the extended design process with the SCU and the extended work schedule for the new water tower, both unexpected. With the construction of the SCU set to begin in Spring 2016 and Phase II of the potable water lines set to begin in Summer of 2016, the 2010 MOA has been revised to focus only on these two projects, but to retain the original mitigation measures set forth in 2010.

As a part of the revision, pre-construction cultural resources awareness training is now a requirement for any ground disturbing activity or any design upgrade or alteration to an existing National Register listed building. This attachment includes the PowerPoint presentation used for the training.