

PUBLIC NOTICE
Draft Environmental Assessment
Health Services Unit
Racine Correctional Institution, Wisconsin Department of Corrections
Sturtevant, Wisconsin
DFD Project # 15I1D

A review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the proposed Health Services Unit (HSU) at the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI) in Sturtevant, Wisconsin will be held from November 1 to November 17, 2017. The review period will allow members of the public to ask questions and submit comments regarding the proposed project.

This DEA was prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DOC 335 guidelines. The Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development and Management (DFDM), and the Department of Corrections (DOC), RCI has retained Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) to prepare the DEA.

The State of Wisconsin, DFDM, DOC, and the RCI, propose construction of the HSU at the RCI. The project site is located at 2019 Wisconsin Street in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. The proposed building is planned within the enclosed perimeter of the institution. This project will provide an HSU designed to meet the medical, dental, and therapeutic needs of a diverse inmate population. The HSU will assist in correcting several deficiencies such as accessibility, safety, effectiveness and efficiency of staff, securing of the institution, and inmate health care. RCI is a medium security institution in the Wisconsin DOC system with a capacity of 1,550 inmates.

The proposed HSU will include: two waiting areas, a security control station, examination rooms, office space for health care and clinical professionals, medical and records storage, dental operatory, a multi-purpose therapy room, radiology room, laboratory, telemedicine/hearing room, group program rooms and other related spaces. The building is being designed so medical and clinical caregivers are able to collaborate. The operation and function of the HSU will be consistent with a clinical-type facility utilizing professional and paraprofessional staff to deliver primary health care and to participate/coordinate any secondary (acute) and tertiary levels of care. Resources will be provided to better manage inmates who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

The purpose of the DEA is to define the proposal and identify potential impacts of the project on the physical, biological, archeological/historical, social, and economic environments. The DEA is being made available to the public and appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. The Wisconsin Department of Corrections has made a preliminary determination that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for this action. A copy of the DEA that led to this preliminary determination is available for review for a 15-day comment period beginning November 1, at the Racine Public Library, located at 75 7th Street, Racine, WI 53403. An electronic copy of the DEA is also available for review at the following website: <http://doc.wi.gov/Documents/AboutDOC/PublicNotices/RCIEnvironmentalAssessment.pdf>.

Written public comments on the DEA are welcomed and will be used to develop the Final EA. Comments or inquiries should be emailed or mailed no later than Friday, November 17, 2017 to Darren Fortney at SEH, 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719. Public comments may be submitted via email to: dfortney@sehinc.com.