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LEE HARRISS ROBERTS
STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR

December 22, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Senator Phil Berger, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate

Representative Thom Tillis, Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Lee Harriss Roberts

State Budget Director

SUBJECT:

Receipts from Pending Grant Awards - Department of Administration

In accordance with N.C. General Statute Chapter 143.C-5.2.(a), this correspondence serves to notify the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations of a grant award receipt to the Division of Veterans Administration of the Department of Administration. The federal grant award is in the amount of \$5,336,149 from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the establishment of a State Veterans Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

If there are questions, please contact Assistant State Budget Officer Jay Drake by email to <u>jay.drake@osbm.nc.gov</u> or telephone (919) 807-4788 or Barbara Bowers, Budget Analyst, by email to barbara.bowers@osbm.nc.gov or telephone (919) 807-4748.

cc:

David Brown

Jay Drake

Barbara Bowers



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WASHINGTON September 24, 2014

Mr. Ilario Pantano Assistant Secretary North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs 325 North Salisbury Street, Suite 1065 Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Mr. Pantano:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is awarding a grant in the amount of \$5,336,149 for 100 percent of allowable costs for the establishment of a State Veterans Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina (FAI: NC-11-05). The State of North Carolina submitted a formal Application for Federal Assistance for the project on August 18, 2014.

The grant will fund the construction of a main entrance, an administration building, a maintenance facility, roads, an assembly area, a committal shelter, 1,874 preplaced crypts, 882 cremains gravesites, a columbaria, 480 columbarium niches, a memorial walkway, a memorial wall, landscaping, and supporting infrastructure. The project will develop approximately 20 acres.

The grant will help the state provide continued service for 5,332 Veterans and their families in North Carolina. The closest national cemetery is VA's Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina, which is approximately 190 miles away. The closest state cemetery is Sandhill State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, North Carolina, which is approximately 64 miles away.

A Memorandum of Agreement is being sent to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Robert A. McDonald

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