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Dear Mr. Sandherr:

Thank you for your letter dated March 4, 2020 requesting VA's guidance on plans for dealing with the potential effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize communication with industry is critical to successful continuation of VA's mission to care for Veterans and their families.

On March 12, 2020, VA's Chief Acquisition Officer issued a letter to the VA Contractor Community discussing the priority of the health and safety of the VA and contractor workforce while continuing to meet VA's mission. The letter identifies the criticality of communication and the importance of continued performance unless there are reasons work cannot continue. Contractors experiencing interruptions to contract performance should discuss operational impacts and seek guidance from the assigned Contracting Officers.

VA Contracting Officers have both the authority and tools needed to address contractual impacts and potential solutions to performance interruptions on a case-by-case basis. As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we will coordinate with the contractor community utilizing the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, State, and local public health authorities' guidance in assessing continued performance of each contract in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-20-18.

The critical industry communication and market feedback provided by AGC is appreciated as VA continues to work with our partners to overcome the challenges faced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For your reference, see enclosed memorandum Subject: "Chief Acquisition Officer Message on Health and Safety Precautions for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)" dated March 12, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure