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Centralized Contracting Division Fact Sheet

Today, there are 141 national cemeteries in all. VA, through its National Cemetery Administration (NCA), administers 125 of them. More than 3 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict—from the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War—are honored by burial in VA's national cemeteries.

In April 2007, VA opened its 125th cemetery—South Florida VA National Cemetery. Currently 65 VA cemeteries (in 34 states) are able to provide the full range of service to America's veterans and their families.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) furnishes upon request, at no charge to the applicant, a government headstone or marker for the grave of any deceased eligible veteran in any cemetery around the world.

The VA NCA headstone or marker is a lasting memorial that serves as a focal point not only for present-day survivors but also for future generations.

The National Cemetery Administration has set a benchmark for the industry in the standards maintained for the facilities. The general areas of operational functions are:

- Headstone, Marker and Niche Cover Operations
- Grounds Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Facilities

The NCA Centralized Contracting Division (CCD) and Construction Support Division (CSD) of the Logistics Management Service serve as the primary source to procure these services through the use of acquisition strategies. These contracts are publicly advertised (www.fbo.gov). They provide an opportunity to any organization or entity that meets the requirements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (www.arnet.gov) and the specific terms and conditions of the solicitation.