

# Veterans Health Administration (VHA):

## VA Great Lakes Health Care System (VISN 12)

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Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) consisting of 8 VA hospitals located in Milwaukee, Madison and Tomah WI; Chicago, North Chicago, Hines and Danville, IL and Iron Mountain, MI.

What does the agency purchase?

- Things associated with the operation of a Hospital
- Please consult [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) . Search for “agency”: VA Great Lakes Healthcare System to locate current opportunities.

What certifications are important to the agency?

- Supreme Court case in June of 2016 reinforced 38 USC 8127 which requires VA to utilize businesses owned and controlled by VETERANS (SDVOSB, VOSB) prior to considering other socio-economic concerns (8a, SDB, WOSB, HubZone).
- 38 USC 8127 further requires SDVOSB, VOSB to be certified in [www.vip.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vip.vetbiz.gov) to be considered for this special priority.
- This special priority and requirement for “VETBIZ” registration applies only to doing business with the VA (does not apply to other federal agencies).