



***BUTTE-SILVER BOW
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Butte-Silver Bow, in cooperation with all of the veterans groups in our area, is soliciting interest from private landowners who may wish to donate property for the construction of a veteran's nursing home.

Legislation passed in 2009 provided authority to build a new veteran's home in one of six counties in Southwest Montana. Governor Schweitzer appointed six veterans to a site selection committee that has met several times to develop site criteria and establish a process to solicit formal proposals from each of the six eligible counties. The proposals are due in early February 2010, and a decision on the location of the home is expected in April 2010.

To make sure that our community has the best possible proposal to meet the needs of the veterans, Chief Executive Paul Babb formed a working committee to meet this challenge. This committee has been meeting since October and is at the point of identifying suitable properties.

Two significant requirements for the selected site are its size – optimum is 9-10 acres – and its proximity to public water and sewer facilities. The selection process stipulates that the land must be donated to the project.

Butte-Silver Bow has received several inquiries about the project and wants to make sure all possible options are considered in preparing the best proposal in response to the request for proposals. Local veteran groups have been very involved in the process, meeting several times with city officials offering input and guidance on the preferred area for the home.

“With this announcement today, we want to alert any interested landowner of our need for suitable locations,” said Babb. “Once we know our options, we intend to meet again with the veteran groups to verify their preferences. Then, we will get to work in January to prepare our response to meet the February deadline.”

Interested parties are asked to submit a brief letter, including a description of the land offered, to Karen Byrnes, Community Development Director, 155, W. Granite Street, Room 115, Butte, MT 59701. Please submit the letter by 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 30, 2009.