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Dear New Employee:

Congratulations on your selection for a position at the Veterans Affairs Central Iowa Health Care System! The VA values your skills and welcomes you as a member of our diverse workforce.

Des Moines is a great place to live! Our metro area ranks highly in many areas including:

- #1 Wealthiest City in America (*NBC Today Show*).
- #1 Best Cities for Young Professionals (*Forbes*).
- #1 Best Medium Sized Metro Area for Homeownership (*Nerd Wallet*).
- #2 Top Famers' Markets in the country (*Shape*).
- #4 LGBT Friendly City (*Vocativ*).
- #6 Best City for Raising a Family (*Forbes*).

If you are new to the area, the Greater Des Moines Partnership and affiliated local resources can help you in your relocation process. If you have a smartphone you may download the **Catch Des Moines** app, sponsored by the Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau. The included fun pass has discounts to area attractions and events.

The **Des Moines Public Schools** (www.dmschools.org) application contains information on the city's schools you will find helpful if you have school-aged children. Phone (515) 242-7911.

Check out the sites below to find information on housing, maps, schools, area attractions, recreational activities, and a lot more!

- www.DMAAR.com. The Des Moines Area Association of Realtors site has housing information.
- www.seizedesmoines.com. This site has real estate information links, work, education, transportation, housing and more.
- www.polkcountyiowa.gov. This site contains Polk County conservation resources, property tax info, vehicle tags, county Health Department information, voter registration, weapons permits, community links and other Polk County city's government links.
- www.dmgov.org. This site provides information on garbage services, recycling, parks and recreation, libraries, and snow removal and more. City Hall (515) 583-4500.
- www.desmoinesmetro.com. This site provides a wealth of information from cost of living comparisons to other locations, a metro drive time map, attractions and ways to connect with the community.
- www.catchdesmoinesculture.com. This site offers information on the arts including: music, museums, theater, film and festivals and more.

Moving to a new community can be overwhelming. At new employee orientation, you'll meet with a mentor to help guide you in your career here at the VA. He or she will provide you a relocation packet containing additional information about the Des Moines metro area and social events, if desired. The Des Moines Metro Partnership sponsors quarterly events to facilitate meeting other people and integrating in the community.

Signed – New Employee Experience Team