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## Mental Health Anti-Ligature Door Alarms Installation



The Spanos Group Construction is a VA-certified Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Small Business [SDVOSB] California licensed GC that brings decades of engineering and construction experience to bear for our federal government customers. We pride ourselves on strict adherence to the CFR, Safety & Health best practices (including VHA directives) while delivering superior craftsmanship and attention to detail in the performance of our federal contracts.

**the customer** the Veterans Health Administration was under a mandate to provide a functioning suicide deterrent and reliable detection system to address the ongoing challenges with veterans mental health and the VA's overall suicide prevention efforts. The mental health facilities were located in four (4) cities across three (3) separate US states, including Hawaii.

**the challenge** the construction and installation was required to be conducted concurrently across all four (4) facilities in secure, locked-down inpatient environment where patients would not be restricted from construction zones. Most significantly, the Period of Performance began in the onset of an unprecedented global health pandemic (COVID-19).

**spanos solution** despite being faced with a novel viral epidemic and extremely aggressive scheduling requirements from the VA, spanos quickly developed extraordinary health and safety protocols to perform complex electrical, door hardware, and anti-ligature alarm system installation in less than half the time originally allotted by the VA.

**the outcome** our suicide detection system provided for self-monitoring, remote diagnostics, nurse's station remote monitoring panels, audible and visual indicators, and electronic event logs. The system was designed to detect the presence of a ligature before pressure is applied. It has since become the VA's preferred suicide deterrent and alarm solution.

Providing support to the VA's most vulnerable patient population while in the midst of an unprecedented global health pandemic (COVID-19).

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