

PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION:

Bioremediation (Mold Abatement), Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix, Arizona

YEAR(s) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED:

October through November 2007

PROJECT OWNER:

Department of Veterans Affairs, Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Prime remediation contractor and project manager for the abatement of mold impacted offices, restrooms and a utility/maintenance area located within the administration buildings of the medical center complex. The work included the removal and/or decontamination of mold-affected building materials, sampling to verify all mold-affected areas are in compliance, and the reconstruction of all areas with new and/or re-used building materials as specified by the Department of Veterans Affairs representatives.



During the demolition phase of the project, asbestos containing materials were identified and required abatement during the specified activities. The project manager for Golden State Environmental, Inc. was able to incorporate this additional remediation requirement with minimal impact to ongoing activities and the overall project schedule.



It is important to note that the inside air-handling requirements (negative versus positive pressure containments) are different for mold and asbestos materials. All work was performed under the oversight of Golden State Environmental, Inc.'s Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH). Confirmation sampling was also performed by an independent CIH retained by the Department of Veterans Affairs representatives.

Although there were many unanticipated out of scope challenges (additional areas requiring mold abatement, the presence of asbestos containing building materials, damaged existing fixtures, etc.) Golden State Environmental, Inc. was able to complete the project within 30 days from notice to proceed (contract specification was 90 days) and with only minimal change orders to cover out of scope issues. All abatement and reconstruction activities were performed to the complete satisfaction of the Department of Veterans Affairs representatives.