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## Houston National Cemetery design contract awarded

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The Houston National Cemetery is set to get another facelift.

The **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** has awarded a \$1.1 million contract to Austin-based **RVI Planning** to prepare construction documents for the fourth phase of development for the 44-year-old cemetery, located on Veterans Memorial Drive in northwest Houston.

The project will develop about 20 acres into new burial sections, and also calls for construction of a new public information center and restrooms, a committal shelter, access roads and parking, water distribution and irrigation systems, utilities, fencing, signs and landscaping.

Other improvements will include repairs to existing roads and storm sewers, upgrades to the existing electrical distribution system and improvements to the existing maintenance facility.

The design project is scheduled for completion in spring 2010. Construction funding has been submitted in the department's 2010 budget.

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