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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:47 a.m. in room 406, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon. Thomas R. Carper (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Senators Carper, Capito, Cardin, Merkley, Markey, Stabenow, Kelly, Padilla, Lummis, Boozman, Ricketts.

### **OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. THOMAS R. CARPER, U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

Senator CARPER. Good morning, everybody. I am pleased to call this business meeting to order, and thank everybody for joining us.

Today we are going to be voting on several different matters. One of those is S. 2195, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act, or DERA reauthorization thereof that Senator Capito and I are leading again.

The next item is S. 2395, which is the Wildlife Innovation Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act, affectionately known by former Chairman John Barrasso, who always used to call this piece of legislation WILD thing.

[Laughter.]

Senator CARPER. In his honor, WILD thing here this morning. The third vote will be on S. 1381, the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023. We will do individual voice votes on those.

Then we have a bill to designate, S. 1278, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the Rosa Parks Federal Building. We will do also combining with that bill 16 resolutions to approve General Services Administration (GSA) prospectuses. Those GSA prospectuses and the Rosa Parks naming bill will be done together, jointly, by unanimous consent.

Before we vote, I want to take a moment or two if I can to highlight a couple of the bills. One is the Diesel Emission Reduction Act, and the second is the WILD Act. Since its implementation in 2005, the Diesel Emission Reduction Act has been one of our Nation's most cost-effective tools for reducing harmful diesel emissions by incentivizing people to replace or retrofit their older diesel engines with American-made, clean vehicle technology. DERA creates good-paying domestic manufacturing jobs, while protecting public health and our environment at the same time.

Bipartisan legislation before us today would reauthorize the DERA program for another 5 years, ensuring that it continues to provide economic, health and environmental benefits. I would like to thank our Ranking Member, Senator Capito, very much for your support and leadership in working toward reauthorizing what I think most of us and maybe all of us believe is a commonsense clean air program.

This morning we will also vote on legislation to reauthorize the WILD Act, as I mentioned earlier. The WILD Act enables the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promote voluntary conservation here at home while also ensuring that the United States remains a global leader in protecting some of our world's most beloved species. The WILD Act would reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, which helps landowners restore habitat in all 50 States and the territories. This legislation would also reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, helping to ensure that elephants, rhinos, great apes, tigers, and turtles continue to thrive in the wild for generations to come.

Again, I want to thank our Ranking Member, Senator Capito, for joining me in this bipartisan conservation effort.

In addition to these bills I just discussed, I am pleased to support Senator Cardin's and Senator Graham's Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023. This legislation to rename the Federal Building in Detroit after civil rights leader Rosa Parks as well as GSA Resolutions before us. I will vote yes on each of these matters, and I would urge my colleagues to join us in doing the same.

With that in mind, let me recognize Senator Capito, Ranking Member, for any remarks that she would like to make. Welcome. Thank you, Senator Capito.

Senator CAPITO. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we have critical mass here to proceed with the markup, so I will hold my statement until after we do the votes, if that suits you.

Senator CARPER. All right, thank you ma'am.

I think we have a quorum, and I understand Senator Cardin would also like to make a couple of brief remarks on his bill that we are considering here today. Senator Cardin?

Senator CARDIN. It is good legislation.

[Laughter.]

Senator CARPER. Could you be more brief?

Senator CARDIN. I would ask consent if I could be made a cosponsor of the DERA bill.

Senator CARPER. All right. I understand we have a voting quorum present. Let's get started. First, I want to call up S. 2195, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2023. Does any Senator wish to offer an amendment to this legislation? Senator Cardin would like to be listed as a cosponsor. Anyone else who would like to be listed as a cosponsor, just let us know at the end of this markup. We would be happy to do that.

I think Senator Markey is expected to offer to withdraw amendments. Do you want to do that now or later?

Senator MARKEY. If I can be recognized for 1 minute, then I will withdraw.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am speaking on Markey Amendment No. 1, and I am grateful for the partnership that comes to-

gether to create programs like the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. This is a win for air quality across America.

However, I am also concerned that we are missing a critical opportunity to support family sustaining, good-paying union jobs right here in America. Clean technologies and clean air can and must go hand in hand with strong labor protections and good union jobs. With Federal investments at the scale of \$100 million, we have a duty to ensure that this public money is spent in a way that supports workers without undercutting our economy that will keep our air clean and get us where we need to go, not just now but for the future.

In the decade between year 2008 and year 2018, DERA replaced enough old, dirty engines to prevent half a million tons of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, 17,000 tons of soot emissions, 5.3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The workers building these technologies are actually saving lives and they deserve strong labor protections for their work.

I am submitting this amendment as an urgent call to ensure our investments in zero emissions technology benefit American union workers. While I am not calling for a vote on this amendment at this time, I intend to work with the committee to build support for strong implementation standards for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you and I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

Senator CARPER. Without objection. Thank you very, very much.

I now move that the committee report S. 2195, the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2023 favorably. Is there a second?

Senator CAPITO. Second.

Senator CARPER. It has been moved and seconded. All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Senator CARPER. All those opposed, say nay.

[No audible response.]

Senator CARPER. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The legislation is favorably reported. I note for the record that a quorum of the committee is present.

Now we are going to consider S. 2395, the WILD Reauthorization Act. No Senators have filed, as far as I can tell, no Senators have filed amendments, I think that is correct, to this legislation, so we will just report it by voice. I move that the committee favorably report S. 2395, the WILD Reauthorization Act. Is there a second?

Senator CAPITO. Second.

Senator CARPER. It has been moved and seconded. All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Senator CARPER. Opposed, say nay.

[No audible response.]

Senator CARPER. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, the legislation is favorably reported. I note for the record that a quorum of the committee is present.

Next, I want to call up S. 1381, the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023. No Senators have filed amendments to this legislation. We will just report it by voice. I move that the committee favorably

report S. 1381, the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023. Is there a second?

Senator CAPITO. Second.

Senator CARPER. It has been moved and seconded. All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Senator CARPER. All opposed, say nay.

[No audible response.]

Senator CARPER. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The legislation is favorably reported. I note for the record that a quorum of the committee is present.

Finally, I want to call up S. 1278, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan as the Rosa Parks Federal Building, and for other purposes, along with 16 Resolutions relating to the General Services Administration. This would be the naming of the Federal building after Rosa Parks, and also the passage of 16 Resolutions relating to GSA.

I know we have a Senator from Michigan who was instrumental in this, so we thank you for that.

As committee members know, we routinely approve GSA prospectuses by committee resolution. The resolutions we consider are for GSA leases throughout our Country. Members have had the opportunity to review these documents. I believe both the resolutions and the Federal building naming bill are noncontroversial.

Therefore, without objection, we will consider S. 1278 and the 16 GSA resolutions en bloc and by voice vote. I move to report these items favorably. Is there a second?

Senator CAPITO. Second.

Senator CARPER. All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Senator CARPER. All opposed, say nay.

[No audible response.]

Senator CARPER. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The legislation and the resolutions are favorably reported. I note for the record that a quorum of this committee is present.

That concludes the committee's votes as part of today's business meeting. I thank everyone for their participation. Thank you especially to our Ranking Member.

I now will recognize any member who would like to speak on any matters.

Senator CARDIN. I ask unanimous consent to put a statement into the record.

Senator CARPER. Please, go right ahead. Without objection.

[The referenced information follows:]

***Remarks – as prepared***

- The Coastal Program is a voluntary, partnership-based, habitat conservation program focused in priority coastal areas, including the Chesapeake Bay along with the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, Gulf of Mexico, Great Lakes, and in the Caribbean.
- Development and other pressures are challenging our coastal communities like never before, increasing the need to strengthen successful efforts like the Coastal Program that serve to protect and engage them.
- I'm proud to partner with Senator Graham, and appreciate the work of you and your staff to advance our effort to codify this key source of support to local habitat restoration partners in our coastal communities.

- Many of the GSA resolutions we are approving today are for new and expanded clinics for veterans across the country, including one in Prince George's County, Maryland.
- The Committee's action today is an important follow-through on authorizations for these facilities provided in the Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022.
- The PACT Act of 2022 honors our Nation's commitment to our veterans.
- This new law expands VA health care eligibility to Post-9/11 combat veterans, which includes more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans.
- The PACT Act adds 23 burn pit and toxic exposure-related conditions to the VA's list of service presumptions.

- In addition to taking care of more of our veterans, the PACT Act will also strengthen federal research on toxic exposure and improve VA's resources for toxic-exposed veterans.
- And the PACT Act also will establish 31 new VA outpatient clinics, including two in Maryland.
- Maryland is the proud home to over 350,000 veterans and we look forward to continuing to provide them with the care they earned during their time in uniform.

Senator CARPER. Senator Capito.

**OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO,  
U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Senator CAPITO. Mr. Chairman, I am going to briefly talk about the bills that we just passed. I am very happy that DERA has been moved and unanimously approved. Obviously, it helps us replace old equipment with modern, low-emission technologies. You were the original cosponsor of this bill in 2005, and I am glad we can continue this good work.

The WILD bill, or the WILD thing bill, I am proud to cosponsor with you also, Chairman Carper, and also the 1381, the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act, which I thought we passed last year, but I guess we got it kind of close. Hopefully we will have better luck in the full Senate.

Anyway, the WILD Act extends a number of important programs to promote conservation and the coastal habitat obviously codifies the existing Fish and Wildlife Coastal program. It is important that programs that are already receiving appropriations, like the coastal program, are properly authorized by this committee. This bill of Senator Cardin and Senator Graham does just that.

We did just consider the Rosa Parks renaming, which I am very much in support of. I would like to speak a little bit about the 16 GSA Resolutions to address the needs for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the EPA, and NOAA. I allowed these resolutions to be considered, but I want to make it abundantly clear that the status quo of Federal property management by GSA is very unacceptable.

Recently, the GAO reviewed the utilization of 24 Federal headquarters buildings in the D.C. area. Of the 24 reviewed, 17 used an average of 25 percent or less of their building's capacity. That sounds like a colossal waste of money to me. These buildings cost billions of taxpayer dollars to operate and maintain, regardless of their usage.

So I look forward to working with GSA to closely examine the needs of our Federal agencies and provide them with adequate space while removing any excess or waste in our Federal buildings portfolio.

As I have said many times, Mr. Chairman, this committee has a long track record of bipartisan legislation and success with the American people. I want to thank you for your partnership and collaboration.

Senator CARPER. Would you just repeat what you said about vacancy?

Senator CAPITO. Yes. The GAO study showed that they reviewed 24 Federal headquarter buildings I believe in the D.C. area. Of the 24 reviewed, 17 of those agencies used an estimated average of 25 or less usage of their building's capacity. That is not the number of people in, that is how much of the actual building they are using. I think we need to take a good, hard look at this, maybe into the fall.

Senator CARPER. As a senior member of the Homeland Security Governmental Affairs Committee, we work very closely with GAO, Gene Dodaro, the Comptroller General. This is something that I

will be interested in talking with him about, and his team, and invite you to join us.

Senator CAPITO. Thank you.

Senator CARPER. You bet.

I understand that Senator Markey has something to add.

**OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY,  
U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Senator MARKEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would say, Mr. Chairman, over the next year I would really appreciate it, I think all the committee members would, as well, just to let us know which building in Lincoln, Delaware you want named as the Carper Building.

[Laughter.]

Senator MARKEY. I think I can get you the votes for that. You have to pick the exact piece of real estate.

Senator CARPER. When I was elected to statewide office 14 times. I am told that is more than anybody in Delaware history. The only thing named after me in Delaware is a combined water-sewer overflow under the city of Wilmington. We are going to see if we can do better.

[Laughter.]

Senator CARPER. My wife wants to name Dover Air Force Base after me, but I am a Navy guy, so that probably does not work, either.

[Laughter.]

Senator CARPER. Thank you for the thought.

Senator MARKEY. Let's figure out what that is going to look like before the end of next year.

I wish to be recognized today on the General Services Administration Resolutions. While I voted to approve these time-sensitive prospectuses, I am deeply alarmed that the GSA is failing to address urgent safety issues and ongoing infrastructure deficiencies at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston. I have two dozen staff and interns in my office on the ninth floor on the second tower of the building. I know my partner, Senator Warren, has about the same number in the other tower in the structure.

The JFK Building also houses offices in the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Labor, the Social Security Administration, and the Department of Health and Human Services, not to mention the GSA staff themselves.

More than 2,000 staff work in the JFK Building in Boston every single day. Thousands of others come to the building for citizenship ceremonies, for visa appointments, for taxpayer assistance, veterans benefits, passport assistance. There are people accessing basic services, participating in our democracy and working to have their voices heard.

Here is what those people have experienced recently. This month, two people were stuck in an elevator for over an hour, requiring the labor of Boston Fire Department to rescue them from being trapped in a blind elevator shaft. That follows multiple occasions where my staff, my constituents and other visitors have been trapped and even dropped in elevators. This has happened to my

own staff in the JFK Building. When the elevators are not delivering occupants to the wrong floor, the elevators will open their doors but will not move if you hit a button for another floor.

The overhead lights in my office automatically turn off at 5:55 p.m. on weekdays and remain off over the entire weekend, with no way for staff to override or keep lights on in their office if they are staying late. That is the same for the air conditioning and the heating in the building, which also cannot be controlled.

On April 13th and April 14th, it was 90 degrees in Boston. The heat was on full blast in the entire JFK Building, with no ability to adjust the temperature.

Respectfully, let's not ask what the JFK Building can do for us, but what we can do for the JFK Building.

[Laughter.]

Senator MARKEY. That would be my hope, that we can work that through in our committee. No one's first experience of American citizenship should come with terrifying experiences on an elevator. No one who has served their country and then comes in for their health benefits should have to contend with asbestos in the walls. No one who is working day in and day out in support of the American people should have to work in the dark and without climate control because their office is falling apart.

I will be following up with the GSA with a detailed list of questions regarding the status of the improvement, repairs, and upgrades to the JFK Building. Until I receive satisfactory answers to these questions, I will have concerns and hesitations about moving other Resolutions for the GSA.

I thank the Chairman for his and his staff's willingness, and the minority staff's willingness to engage with me on this important issue. I look forward to resolving these concerns.

Senator CARPER. Thank you. I thank you so much for that always interesting commentary. I do not know who writes your material, Eddie, but it is really good.

[Laughter.]

Senator CARPER. All right, we are still on our business meeting. I think before we close out of it, I want to again thank our members who have joined us today for voting on these important bills. I want to thank our staffs, who have really done a lot of work to make this a smooth and easy business meeting to go through.

Senator CARPER. I also ask unanimous consent that our staff have the authority to make technical and conforming changes to the GSA Resolutions approved today. Is there any objection?

Hearing none, I want to thank everyone for your participation. With that, the business meeting portion of our day is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the committee proceeded to other business.]

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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2195

[Report No. 118-\_\_\_\_\_]

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

(legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment.

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## A BILL

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Diesel Emissions Re-  
5 duction Act of 2023".

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUC-**  
2 **TION ACT.**

3 Section 797(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42  
4 U.S.C. 16137(a)) is amended by striking “2024” and in-  
5 serting “2029”.

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118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 2395

[Report No. 118-\_\_\_\_\_]

To reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

(legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment.

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## A BILL

To reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildlife Innovation  
5 and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT.**

2 Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act  
3 (16 U.S.C. 3774) is amended by striking “2019 through  
4 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

5 **SEC. 3. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT.**

6 (a) **PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.**—Section 2101 of the  
7 African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—

10 “(1) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary may  
11 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
12 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
13 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
14 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
15 strategy for African elephants and the habitat of Af-  
16 rican elephants.

17 “(2) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
18 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
19 annual basis.”.

20 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
21 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16  
22 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
23 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

24 **SEC. 4. ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

25 (a) **ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ASSIST-**  
26 **ANCE.**—Section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act

1 of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4264) is amended by adding at the  
2 end the following:

3 “(i) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

4 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
5 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
6 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
7 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
8 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
9 strategy for Asian elephants and the habitat of  
10 Asian elephants.

11 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
12 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
13 annual basis.”

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
15 8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16  
16 U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
17 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

18 **SEC. 5. RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ACT OF**  
19 **1994.**

20 (a) RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ASSIST-  
21 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-  
22 tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding  
23 at the end the following:

24 “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

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1           “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may  
2           award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
3           grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
4           5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
5           onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
6           strategy for rhinoceroses or tigers and the habitat of  
7           rhinoceroses or tigers.

8           “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
9           cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
10          annual basis.”.

11          (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
12 10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of  
13 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by striking “2019  
14 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

15 **SEC. 6. GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000.**

16          (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4(j)(1) of the  
17 Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
18 6303(j)(1)) is amended by inserting “of up to 5 years”  
19 after “multiyear grant”.

20          (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
21 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.  
22 6305) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and  
23 inserting “2024 through 2028”.

1 **SEC. 7. MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.**

2 (a) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—Section 4 of the Marine  
3 Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603) is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—

6 “(1) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary may  
7 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a  
8 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to  
9 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-  
10 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation  
11 strategy for marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or  
12 tortoises and the habitat of marine turtles, fresh-  
13 water turtles, or tortoises.

14 “(2) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this subsection pre-  
15 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an  
16 annual basis.”.

17 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
18 7(a) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16  
19 U.S.C. 6606(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through  
20 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1381

[Report No. 118-\_\_\_\_\_]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

(legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coastal Habitat Con-  
5 servation Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to legislatively authorize  
8 the Coastal Program of the Service in effect as of the date  
9 of enactment of this Act to conduct collaborative land-  
10 scape-level planning and on-the-ground coastal habitat as-  
11 sessment, coastal habitat protection, coastal habitat res-  
12 toration, and coastal habitat enhancement projects in pri-  
13 ority coastal landscapes to conserve and recover Federal  
14 trust species.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) **COASTAL ECOSYSTEM.**—The term “coastal  
18 ecosystem” means a biological community of orga-  
19 nisms interacting with each other and their habitats  
20 in a coastal landscape.

21 (2) **COASTAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT.**—The  
22 term “coastal habitat assessment” means the proc-  
23 ess of evaluating the physical, chemical, and biologi-  
24 cal function of a coastal site to determine the value  
25 of the site to fish and wildlife.

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1 (3) COASTAL HABITAT ENHANCEMENT.—The  
2 term “coastal habitat enhancement” means the ma-  
3 nipulation of the physical, chemical, or biological  
4 characteristics of a coastal ecosystem to increase or  
5 decrease specific biological functions that make the  
6 ecosystem valuable to fish and wildlife.

7 (4) COASTAL HABITAT PLANNING.—The term  
8 “coastal habitat planning” means the process of de-  
9 veloping a comprehensive plan that—

10 (A) characterizes a coastal ecosystem;

11 (B) sets protection, restoration, or en-  
12 hancement goals, and identifies the priorities of  
13 those goals;

14 (C) describes conservation strategies and  
15 methodologies;

16 (D) establishes a timetable for implementa-  
17 tion of the plan; and

18 (E) identifies roles of participants and  
19 stakeholders.

20 (5) COASTAL HABITAT PROTECTION.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “coastal  
22 habitat protection” means a long-term action to  
23 safeguard habitats of value to fish and wildlife  
24 in a coastal ecosystem.

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1 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “coastal habi-  
2 tat protection” includes activities to support es-  
3 tablishment of a conservation easement or fee  
4 title acquisition by Federal and non-Federal  
5 partners.

6 (6) COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION.—The  
7 term “coastal habitat restoration” means the manip-  
8 ulation of the physical, chemical, or biological char-  
9 acteristics of a coastal ecosystem with the goal of re-  
10 turning, to the maximum extent practicable, the full  
11 natural biological functions to lost or degraded na-  
12 tive habitat.

13 (7) COASTAL LANDSCAPE.—The term “coastal  
14 landscape” means a portion of a coastal ecosystem  
15 within or adjacent to a coastal State that contains  
16 various habitat types, including—

17 (A) a fresh or saltwater wetland in a coast-  
18 al watershed;

19 (B) a coastal river, stream, or waterway;

20 (C) a coastal bay or estuary;

21 (D) a seagrass bed, reef, or other near-  
22 shore marine habitat;

23 (E) a beach or dune system;

24 (F) a mangrove forest; and

25 (G) an associated coastal upland.

1           (8) COASTAL STATE.—The term “coastal  
2 State” means—

3           (A) a State in, or bordering on, the Atlan-  
4 tic, Pacific, or Arctic Ocean, the Gulf of Mex-  
5 ico, the Long Island Sound, or 1 or more of the  
6 Great Lakes;

7           (B) the District of Columbia;

8           (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

9           (D) Guam;

10          (E) American Samoa;

11          (F) the Commonwealth of the Northern  
12 Mariana Islands;

13          (G) the Federated States of Micronesia;

14          (H) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

15          (I) the Republic of Palau; and

16          (J) the United States Virgin Islands.

17          (9) FEDERAL TRUST SPECIES.—The term  
18 “Federal trust species” means—

19          (A) migratory birds, threatened species or  
20 endangered species listed under the Endangered  
21 Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.),  
22 interjurisdictional fish, and marine mammals  
23 for which the Secretary has management au-  
24 thority; and

1 (B) any other species of concern, as deter-  
 2 mined by the Secretary.

3 (10) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “fi-  
 4 nancial assistance” means Federal funding provided  
 5 to Federal, State, local, and Tribal governments,  
 6 nongovernmental institutions, nonprofit organiza-  
 7 tions, and private individuals and entities through a  
 8 grant or cooperative agreement.

9 (11) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
 10 means the Secretary of the Interior.

11 (12) SERVICE.—The term “Service” means the  
 12 United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

13 (13) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The term  
 14 “technical assistance” means a collaboration, facili-  
 15 tation, or consulting action relating to a coastal  
 16 habitat planning, coastal habitat assessment, coastal  
 17 habitat protection, coastal habitat restoration, or  
 18 coastal habitat enhancement project or initiative in  
 19 which the Service contributes scientific knowledge,  
 20 skills, and expertise to the project or initiative.

21 **SEC. 4. COASTAL PROGRAM.**

22 The Secretary shall carry out the Coastal Program  
 23 within the Service to—

24 (1) identify the leading threats to priority  
 25 coastal landscapes and conservation actions to ad-

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1 dress those threats in partnership with Federal,  
2 State, local, and Tribal governments, nongovern-  
3 mental institutions, nonprofit organizations, and pri-  
4 vate individuals and entities;

5 (2) provide technical assistance and financial  
6 assistance through partnerships with Federal, State,  
7 local, and Tribal governments, nongovernmental in-  
8 stitutions, nonprofit organizations, and private indi-  
9 viduals and entities to conduct voluntary coastal  
10 habitat planning, coastal habitat assessment, coastal  
11 habitat protection, coastal habitat restoration, and  
12 coastal habitat enhancement projects on public land  
13 or private land;

14 (3) ensure the health and resilience of coastal  
15 ecosystems through adaptive management proce-  
16 dures based on the best available science;

17 (4) build the capacity of Federal, State, local,  
18 and Tribal governments, nongovernmental institu-  
19 tions, nonprofit organizations, and private individ-  
20 uals and entities to carry out environmental con-  
21 servation and stewardship measures;

22 (5) assist in the development and implementa-  
23 tion of monitoring protocols to ensure the success of  
24 coastal ecosystem restoration and coastal ecosystem  
25 enhancement measures; and

1           (6) collaborate and share information with part-  
2           ners and the public relating to best management  
3           practices for the conservation, restoration, and en-  
4           hancement of coastal ecosystems.

5 **SEC. 5. REPORTS.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
7           date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
8           the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Service,  
9           shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations and En-  
10          vironment and Public Works of the Senate and the Com-  
11          mittees on Appropriations and Natural Resources of the  
12          House of Representatives, and make available to the pub-  
13          lic on the website of the Service, a report on the Coastal  
14          Program carried out under this Act.

15          (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each report submitted under  
16          subsection (a) shall assess on regional and nationwide  
17          bases—

18               (1) Coastal Program work on coastal eco-  
19               systems;

20               (2) progress made by the Coastal Program to-  
21               ward identifying the leading threats to priority  
22               coastal landscapes and conservation actions to ad-  
23               dress those threats; and

24               (3) prospects for, and success of, protecting, re-  
25               storing, and enhancing coastal ecosystems.

1 (c) INCLUSIONS.—Each report submitted under sub-  
2 section (a) shall include—

3 (1) quantitative information on coastal land-  
4 scapes protected, restored, or enhanced;

5 (2) funds appropriated to the Coastal Program  
6 that have been expended or leveraged;

7 (3) a description of adaptive management prac-  
8 tices implemented; and

9 (4) a description of emerging challenges or data  
10 gaps that hinder the ability of the Coastal Program  
11 to achieve the purpose of this Act.

12 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
14 this Act—

15 (1) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

16 (2) \$21,250,000 for fiscal year 2025;

17 (3) \$22,500,000 for fiscal year 2026;

18 (4) \$23,750,000 for fiscal year 2027; and

19 (5) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.

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118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1278

[Report No. 118-\_\_\_\_\_]

To designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building", and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2023

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

(legislative day, \_\_\_\_\_), \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by Mr. CARPER, without amendment

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## A BILL

To designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building", and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ROSA PARKS FEDERAL BUILDING.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal building located at  
3 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, shall be known  
4 and designated as the “Rosa Parks Federal Building”.

5 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
6 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
7 States to the Federal building referred to in subsection  
8 (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Rosa Parks  
9 Federal Building”.

10 (c) REPEALS.—

11 (1) Public Law 109–98 (119 Stat. 2168) is re-  
12 pealed.

13 (2) Sections 1 and 2 of Public Law 109–101  
14 (119 Stat. 2171) are repealed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
SARASOTA, FL  
PFL-28-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 109,770 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Sarasota, Florida, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,463,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus; *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD  
PMD-19-VA23RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 85,116 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Washington, District of Columbia, and Prince George's County, Maryland, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$3,740,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided,* that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further,* that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that,* if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further,* that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further,* the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
KANSAS CITY, MO  
PMO-27-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 102,736 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,332,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.


*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
JACKSONVILLE, NC  
PNC-16-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 188,917 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of the Jacksonville, North Carolina, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$6,316,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

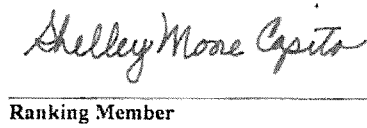
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*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

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Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
NASHVILLE, TN  
PTN-17-VA23RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 157,260 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,633,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.


*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
CLARKSVILLE, TN  
PTJN-24-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 215,175 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Clarksville, Tennessee, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$7,517,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA  
PMA-26-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 76,685 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Hampden County, Massachusetts, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$3,977,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.


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*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease; the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
PLANO, TX  
PTX-18-VA23RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 94,769 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of the Plano, Texas at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,200,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or if it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
KILLEEN, TX  
PTX-25-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up 196,382 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Killeen, Texas, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,207,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.


*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT  
PUT-20-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 85,046 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Salt Lake City, Utah, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$3,837,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution:

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further.* prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
HAMPTON ROADS, VA  
PVA-15-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 182,230 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, Virginia, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$7,891,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.


*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus; *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
SEATTLE, WA  
PWA-01-SE23RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of approximately 139,000 rentable square feet (RSF), for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, currently located at 2725 Montlake Boulevard East in Seattle, Washington, at a proposed estimated total annual cost of \$7,718,670 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.


*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

## COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
AND PREVENTION  
SEATTLE, WA  
PWA-02-SE23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 156,535 rentable square feet (RSF), for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), currently located at 1200 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Seattle, Washington, at a proposed estimated total annual cost of \$8,225,915 for a lease term of up to five years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing

limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
TRI-CITIES, WA  
PWA-29-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 98,635 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Tri-Cities, Washington, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,504,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

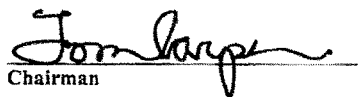
*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.


*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
TAMPA, FL  
PFL-21-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 153,528 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of Tampa, Florida, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$5,884,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, except for the foregoing limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

Adopted: July 26, 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
LEASE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
THE VILLAGES, FL  
PFL-22-VA23

RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS OF  
THE UNITED STATES SENATE

that pursuant to title 40 U.S.C. § 3307, a prospectus providing for a lease of up to 140,144 net usable square feet, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the vicinity of the Villages, Florida, at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$5,482,000, for a lease term of up to 20 years, a description of which is attached hereto and by reference made part of this resolution, is approved.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to execution of the new lease.

*Provided*, that to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall require that the procurement include energy efficiency requirements as would be required for the construction of a federal building.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, *except that*, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

*Provided further*, that the Administrator shall provide to the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, in a timely manner, requested documents and information regarding this prospectus and resulting contractual materials, without redaction other than redactions to exclude business confidential, proprietary, and/or procurement sensitive information.

*Provided further*, the Administrator may not enter into this lease if it does not contain a provision barring any individual holding a Federally-elected office, regardless of whether such individual took office before or after execution of this lease, to directly participate in, or benefit from or under this lease or any part thereof and that such provision provide that if the lease is found to have been made in violation of the foregoing prohibition or it is found that this prohibition has been violated during the term of this lease, the lease shall be void, *except for the foregoing* limitation shall not apply if the lease is entered into with a publicly-held corporation or publicly-held entity for the general benefit of such corporation or entity.

*Provided further*, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance the Administrator shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

  
Chairman

  
Ranking Member

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