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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 29, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable NIKEMA WILLIAMS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, in these days when so much of our experience is of disunity and disparagement, coldheartedness and hatred, we pray Your guidance in our attempts to find unity in spirit and love for one another.

When all around us seems to encourage mean-spirited retorts and arrogant attitudes, may we be of tender heart and humble mind.

Give us courage that we would not yield to the desire to repay evil for evil or to even the score of abuse with even more abuse.

Rather, give us the wealth of faith to repay each insult, affront, indignity, barb, and slur, with blessing.

Cast Your eyes on the righteous, O Lord, and open Your ears to our prayers.

It is in Your merciful name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 28, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: On April 28, 2022, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider eighteen resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DEFAZIO,
Chair.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 353,631 rentable square feet of space, including 11 official parking spaces, for the Department of Defense and several sub-agencies currently located at 2521 S. Clark Street in Arlington, VA, at a proposed total annual cost of $13,791,609 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 129 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in

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an overall utilization rate of 129 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
NORTHERN, VA

Prospectus Number: PVA-01-WA22
Congressional District: 8, 10,11

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 353,631 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Defense (DoD) and several sub-agencies, currently located at 2521 S. Clark Street, Arlington, VA (Polk Building). These components have occupied space in the building since 2010 under a lease that expires on September 14, 2025.

The new lease will provide continued housing for DoD and its sub-agencies and maintain the office and overall space utilization rates of 66 and 129 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	DoD
Current RSF:	353,631 (Current RSF/USF = 1.10)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	353,631 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.10)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	0
Current USF/Person:	129
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	129
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	09/14/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Northern Virginia
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	11
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	$13,526,386 (lease effective 09/15/2010)
Estimated Rental Rate[1]:	$39.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost[2]:	$13,791,609

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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Acquisition Strategy

To maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for DoD and its sub-agencies, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. All offers must provide space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

Background

The DoD's mission is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and protect the security of our country.

Currently, the DoD tenants housed in the Polk Building facility include the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), Department of the Navy, F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office (JPO), Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA), WHS/Boards, Commissions and Task Forces (BC&TF)/Cross Functional Teams (CFT), and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). The Joint Projects Office (JPO) is responsible for overseeing and ensuring the development and delivery of a highly complex weapon system to three U.S. Services, seven international partner nations, and multiple foreign military customers. The JPO has over 1,100 personnel located in Crystal City, Arlington, VA, and coordinates mission-essential functions supporting global operations. All the sub-agencies must remain as close as possible to the Pentagon campus to avoid disruptions that could have a negative impact on the agency's ability to meet the evolving security needs of our Nation.

GSA will consider whether DoD's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. Other potential locations have been identified through market research; however, an extension cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for the DoD agencies to accomplish their missions.

Justification

The DoD and several of its sub-agencies are currently housed at 2521 S. Clark Street, Arlington, VA, in a lease that expires September 14, 2025. DoD and its sub-agencies require continued housing to carry out their missions.

These tenants interface daily with senior personnel who are in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill; proximity to the Pentagon remains a critical factor, along with the ability to remain co-located with other staff sections in the adjacent Zachary Taylor building. The missions

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of these staff sections vary, but all support the warfighter, defend the Constitution, protect the American people, and further the mission of the United States Army, Air Force and Navy to fight and win the Nation's wars.

There are also other national security implications attached to this location. Changes to the current configuration could lead to disjointed efforts and solutions impairing mission readiness for several of the agencies housed at the Polk Building. To meet the current and future requirements for system migration and transformation efforts, it is critical to maintain close proximity to the headquarters offices at the Pentagon and have the capacity to expand for onsite civilian staff and their respective contractor support required to complete various mission requirements.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the

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acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/22/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

November 2020

Housing Plan
Department of Defense

PVA-01-WA22
Arlington, VA

Leased Locations	CURRENT						ESTIMATED/PROPOSED					
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)[1]				Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			
	Office	**Total**	**Office**	**Storage**	**Special**	**Total**	**Office**	**Total**	**Office**	**Storage[5]**	**Special[6]**	**Total**
2521 South Clark Street	2,486	2,486	209,748	19,351	92,153	321,252						
Estimated/Proposed Lease							2,486	2,486	209,748	19,351	92,153	321,252
Total	**2,486**	**2,486**	**209,748**	**19,351**	**92,153**	**321,252**	**2,486**	**2,486**	**209,748**	**19,351**	**92,153**	**321,252**

Office Utilization Rate (UR)[2]		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	66	66

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 46,145 USF of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 46,145 USF of office support space

Special Space [6]	USF
SCIF	92,153
Total	**92,153**

Overall UR[3]		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	129	129

R/U Factor [4]			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	321,252	1.10	353,631
Estimated/Proposed	321,252	1.10	353,631

NOTES:
[1] USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
[2] Calculation excludes judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.
[3] USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel
[4] R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
[5] Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of Special Space.
[6] Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 393,061 rentable square feet of space, including 47 official parking spaces, for the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, currently located at 90 K Street NE and 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, in Washington, DC, at a proposed total annual cost of $18,474,000 for a lease term of up to 10 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 182 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 182 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-09-WA22

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to lease approximately 393,061 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), currently located at 90 K Street NE and 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in Washington, DC. CBP has occupied space in the buildings between 2011 and 2012 under leases that expire on various dates as noted below. These leases will provide continued housing for CBP with an overall space utilization rate of 182 usable square feet (USF) per person, while DHS pursues a long-term strategy of placing more CBP employees on the St. Elizabeth's Campus and in the Ronald Reagan Building with a resultant all-in utilization rate of 150 USF per person.

Description

Occupant	CBP
Current Rentable Square Feet (RSF)	393,061 (Current RSF/USF = 1.15)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	393,061 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.15)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	0
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	182
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	182
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	06/30/22; 09/13/21; 12/31/21; and 08/08/22
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	10 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, CEA
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	47
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$17,605,235 (leases effective 06/01/11; 09/14/11; 01/01/12; and 08/09/12)
Estimated Rental Rate:[1]	$47.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost:[2]	$18,474,000

Acquisition Strategy

In order to maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for CBP, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. Negotiations with lessors to house

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2021 and may be escalated by 1.9 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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CBP must yield delivery of space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

GSA will consider whether CBP's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of the real and personal property needed for CBP to accomplish its mission.

Background

CBP's mission is to safeguard America's borders, thereby protecting the public from dangerous persons and materials while enhancing the Nation's global economic competitiveness by enabling legitimate trade and travel. CBP aspires to be a global leader in promoting strong security and trade partnerships that foster a safe, secure, and prosperous America and global community. CBP will continue to leverage partnerships, technology, and an entrepreneurial spirit to continue maturing into a fully integrated Federal law enforcement agency that consistently and continuously improves mission effectiveness. CBP will serve as the premier law enforcement agency enhancing the Nation's safety, security, and prosperity through collaboration, innovation, and integration.

Justification

A significant presence by CBP's headquarters was originally planned to relocate to the St. Elizabeth's Campus that was master-planned to accommodate those DHS components directly involved in mission execution programmatic functions. Sporadic funding during the past several years created a need to adjust the overall planning for buildout and occupancy of St. Elizabeth's while at the same time to develop a housing strategy that includes consolidation of all CBP headquarters components.

Approval of this prospectus will provide GSA with the authority to continue leasing space while DHS pursues a long-term strategy of placing more CBP employees within the St. Elizabeth's campus and the Ronald Reagan Building. Current leases will expire between 2021 and 2022, but CBP requires continued housing to carry out its critical missions.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

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Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-09-WA22

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/17/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE, CHATTANOOGA, TN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for the site acquisition, design, and construction of a new U.S. Courthouse of approximately 186,000 gross square feet, including 39 inside parking spaces, in Chattanooga, TN, at a site cost of $22,500,000, a design cost of $17,168,000, an estimated construction cost of $162,997,000, and a management and inspection cost of $15,716,000 for a total estimated project cost of $218,381,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that construction of the new courthouse contain no more than 7 courtrooms and 9 chambers and complies, at a minimum, with courtroom sharing requirements adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

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PROSPECTUS - CONSTRUCTION
NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
CHATTANOOGA, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-CTC-CH21
Congressional District: 3

Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes acquisition of a site and the design and construction of a new U.S. courthouse of approximately 186,000 gross square feet (GSF), including 39 inside parking spaces, in Chattanooga, TN. The courts will vacate their current space in the Joel W. Solomon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse (FB-CT) and their leased space in the Old Post Office Custom House Building to consolidate into a new courthouse.

The new courthouse will meet the 10-year space needs of the courts and court-related agencies, and the site will accommodate the expansion of the building to meet the anticipated 30-year needs of the courts. The judiciary's Courthouse Project Priorities List (approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2020) includes a courthouse project in Chattanooga, TN.

FY 2021 Committee Approval Requested

(Site, Design, Construction, Management & Inspection).....$218,381,000

FY 2021 Appropriation (Public Law 116-260, December 27, 2020)
(Site, Design, Construction, Management & Inspection)..... $94,500,000[1]

Overview of Project[2]

The District Court and some related executive agencies currently occupy space in the existing Joel W. Solomon FB-CT, and the Bankruptcy Court and U.S. Trustees currently occupy the Old Post Office Custom House Building. This consolidation project will combine judicial space and operations from federally owned and leased locations. The new courthouse will provide seven courtrooms and nine chambers consistent with application of courtroom sharing policies and provision of no space for projected judgeships.

[1] Public Law 116-260 (FY 2021) funded $94,500,000 for site acquisition and construction for a courthouse in Chattanooga, TN. The estimated total project cost of $218,381,000 includes $22,500,000 for site acquisition, $17,168,000 for design, and $15,716,000 for management and inspection, all of which were funded in FY 2021; a portion of the necessary construction, $39,116,000, was also funded in FY 2021. The balance of the construction funding will be requested in a future fiscal year.

[2] The new courthouse building design will follow the 2007 United States Courts Design Guide (as partially revised in 2016).

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NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
CHATTANOOGA, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-CTC-CH21
Congressional District: 3

Site Information
To Be Acquired ..... Approximately 2-4 acres

Building Area[3]
Gross square feet (excluding inside parking) ..... 169,000 GSF
Gross square feet (including inside parking) ..... 186,000 GSF
Inside parking spaces 39

Project Budget

Estimated Site (FY 2021)	$22,500,000
Design (FY 2021)	17,168,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC) (FY 2021)	39,116,000
Additional ECC (future fiscal year request)	123,881,000
Management and Inspection (M&I) (FY 2021)	15,716,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*	**$218,381,000**

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule	**Start**	**End**
Site Acquisition and Design	FY 2022	FY 2026
Construction	TBD	TBD

Tenant Agencies

U.S. District Court; Circuit Library; U.S. Bankruptcy Court; U.S. Probation Office; U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)–U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Trustees, and trial preparation space for DOJ Office of the U.S. Attorneys; U.S. Congress offices; and GSA.

Justification

The existing Joel W. Solomon FB-CT, constructed in 1931, does not meet the 2007 United States Courts Design Guide standards, has significant operational and building issues, lacks appropriate prisoner transport, and does not meet the square footage requirements for the U.S. Courts to expand in the future.

[3] Square footages are approximate. The project may contain a variance in GSF from that listed in this prospectus.

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CHATTANOOGA, TN

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Congressional District: 3

The new courthouse will meet the long-term needs of the courts and provide separate circulation for the public, judges, and prisoners, thereby improving security and the efficiency of court operations.

Design Guide Exceptions

There are no exceptions to the 2007 U.S. Courts Design Guide (as partially revised in 2016).

Space Requirements of the U.S. Courts

	Current		Proposed	
	Courtrooms	**Judges**	**Courtrooms**	**Judges**
District				
Active	1	2	2	2
Senior	1	1	1	2
Visiting*	0	0	0	1
Magistrate	1	2	2	2
Bankruptcy	2	2	2	2
Total	**5**	**7**	**7**	**9**

* Currently no dedicated visiting judge chambers.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages (a) design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil fuel free measures), (b) adherence to sustainable design principles and (c) minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost effective.

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Future of Existing Federal Building

GSA has tentative plans for the reuse of the Joel W. Solomon FB-CT upon completion of the new Chattanooga courthouse. The plan assumes that suitable tenants can be found to occupy the building, that renovation costs are reasonable compared to other alternatives, and that funding is available to implement the reuse strategy. Funding for reuse of the existing Joel W. Solomon FB-CT will require a future prospectus-level project. If a project for future reuse is not cost effective, GSA will look at disposal options for the existing building.

Prior Appropriations

Prior Appropriations			
Public Law	**Fiscal Year**	**Amount**	**Purpose**
116-260*	2021	$94,500,000	Site, Design, M&I, Construction

* Public Law 116-260 (FY 2021) funded $94,500,000 for site acquisition and construction for a courthouse in Chattanooga, TN. The estimated total project cost of $218,381,000 includes $22,500,000 for site acquisition, $17,168,000 for design, and $15,716,000 for management and inspection, all of which were funded in FY 2021; a portion of the necessary construction, $39,116,000, was also funded in FY 2021. The balance of the construction funding will be requested in a future fiscal year.

Prior Committee Approvals

None

Recommendation

NEW CONSTRUCTION

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NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
CHATTANOOGA, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-CTC-CH21
Congressional District: 3

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 12/14/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—U.S. POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE, CLARKSBURG, WV

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations to the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse located at 500 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV, to convert vacant space into new court spaces, right-size the existing courtroom and associated support spaces, create secure corridors, replace major building systems, repair the building envelope, correct structural deficiencies, improve energy efficiency, and preserve historic building elements at a design cost of $4,230,000, an estimated construction cost of $49,191,000, and a management and inspection cost of $1,979,000 for an estimated total project cost of $55,400,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

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PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. POST OFFICE AND COURTHOUSE
CLARKSBURG, WV

Prospectus Number: PWV-0313-CL22
Congressional District: 01

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project for the full modernization of the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse (POCT) located at 500 West Pike Street in Clarksburg, WV. In September 2020, the United States, acting by and through GSA, purchased the POCT from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). The proposed project enables the U.S. District Court (USDC) to remain in-place, satisfying the court's long-term housing needs by renovating the historic courthouse and repurposing space that USPS vacated by converting vacant space into new court spaces, right-sizing the existing courtroom and associated support spaces, creating secure corridors, replacing major building systems, repairing the building envelope, correcting structural deficiencies, improving energy efficiency, and preserving historic building elements.

FY 2022 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection) $55,400,000

Major Work Items

Demolition and hazardous materials abatement; exterior construction; electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, conveyance, and fire protection systems upgrades; interior construction; sitework; structural upgrades

Project Budget

Design $4,230,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC) 49,191,000
Management and Inspection (M&I).....1,979,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*.....$55,400,000

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for tenant improvements above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule	**Start**	**End**
Design and Construction	FY 2022	FY 2028

Building

The Clarksburg POCT is located at the western edge of Clarksburg's commercial downtown district at the northwest corner of West Pike and North Sixth Streets. The building was constructed in 1932 and replaced the functions of a smaller 1886 structure

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that was located a few blocks to the east of the present courthouse and that has been demolished. The building is located in the historic district of Clarksburg and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It was built to house a post office and mail sorting facility on the first floor and to serve as a district courthouse on the upper two floors. In 1972, a first-floor Annex addition was constructed, increasing the building to a total of 78,629 square feet. The building came into the GSA inventory in FY 2020, when it was acquired by the United States from USPS.

Tenant Agencies

U.S. District Court (USDC), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS)

Proposed Project

The proposed project is an occupied comprehensive multi-phased renovation of the existing facility. The project includes: converting first-floor space vacated by USPS into additional courtroom, office and support space for USDC; addressing existing security deficiencies with separate restricted and secure circulation throughout the building for the public, judges and prisoners, thereby improving circulation so that the building works as a coherent whole; improving the layout of the existing USMS space on the first floor, and integrating all USMS spaces more effectively with the rest of the building; retaining, restoring and incorporating surviving historic spaces, such as the main lobby, the public corridors and the second-floor courtroom, into the building program. The project will also provide new window components, structural and seismic repairs, elevator expansion and modifications, and a comprehensive replacement of the mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and plumbing systems.

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Congressional District: 01

Major Work Items

Demolition/Hazardous Materials Abatement	$15,564,000
Exterior Construction	10,999,000
Electrical Upgrades	6,626,000
HVAC Upgrades	5,523,000
Interior Construction	5,174,000
Plumbing Upgrades	1,492,000
Sitework	1,198,000
Conveyance Upgrades	945,000
Fire Protection Upgrades	876,000
Structural Upgrades	794,000
Total ECC	**$49,191,000**

Justification

The POCT in Clarksburg came into the GSA inventory in 2020 after having been under the custody and control of USPS. Over the years, USPS's need for the facility diminished, and as a result, significant portions of the building are vacant. USPS was unable to make any meaningful reinvestment in the building, and due to years of deferred maintenance, many of the building systems are failing and beyond the end of their useful lives. These failing systems have created significant issues for USDC, which has a long-term need to be located in Clarksburg. As such, the building comes into GSA's inventory with significant reinvestment needs that cannot be addressed without this project.

In addition to the operational and infrastructure needs at the courthouse, USDC has a near-term need for a new courtroom and chambers to accommodate a senior judge. The current facility is served by a single undersized courtroom, which is shared by two district judges. Due to the lack of space, the magistrate judge has been relocated to another courthouse over an hour's drive away, significantly impacting the court's operations. Execution of this project will allow the return and colocation of the magistrate judge with the provision of a courtroom, chamber and support spaces. Execution of this project will also allow for the correction of circulation and security concerns.

The existing HVAC system is over 47 years old, is increasingly prone to failure and consumes far more energy than a modern system. The control systems do not function properly, and the air handling units and duct systems—along with the chillers, cooling towers and pumps—are beyond their useful lives and need to be replaced.

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Like the HVAC system, the majority of the electrical and lighting systems were installed in 1972, are energy inefficient and have surpassed their life expectancy. The plumbing system is also in need of replacement, as many of the fixtures, piping, valves, and appurtenances are failing. Major leaks have occurred at the facility over the past several years, resulting in the closure of restrooms, flooding of the basement and damage to occupant agency space. Since GSA assumed jurisdiction, custody and control of the property in September 2020, minor repairs have been completed; however, replacement is needed beyond the short term to prevent system failure and to enable the occupant agencies in the building to continue their operations without interruption. Currently, USMS holding cells on the second floor are not operational due to plumbing leaks. Similarly, there are partial closures of restrooms and janitorial closets throughout the facility. The basement drain lines have collapsed, and pumps are being used to prevent the flooding of the boiler room. Many valves throughout the system are not operational, and significant corrosion has been observed in both the plumbing and mechanical lines. If piping corrosion continues, the possibility of a pipe failure and shutdown of the property will become more likely.

Similarly, the building envelope has active leaks, and over the years, the envelope has allowed a significant amount of water infiltration, causing moisture, mold and other indoor air quality issues.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages (a) design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil fuel free measures), (b) adherence to sustainable design principles and (c) minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

Prior Appropriations

None

Prior Committee Approvals

None

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Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years):

None

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

Alteration: $38,380,000
New Construction: $43,733,000
Lease: $126,897,000

The 30-year, present value cost of alteration is $5,353,000 less than the cost of new construction, with an equivalent annual cost advantage of $229,000.

Recommendation

ALTERATION

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CLARKSBURG, WV

Prospectus Number: PWV-0313-CL22
Congressional District: 01

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/9/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—MULTIPLE AGENCIES, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 375,260 rentable square feet of space, including 15 official parking spaces, for multiple agencies, currently located at 400 7th Street, SW, in Washington, DC, at a proposed total annual cost of $18,763,000 for a lease term of up to 3 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 276 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 276 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
MULTIPLE AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-10-WA22

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease extension of up to 3 years for approximately 375,260 rentable square feet (RSF) for the multiple agencies, currently located at 400 7th Street, SW in Washington, DC. Three agencies – the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) have occupied space in the building since 2014 under a lease that expires on February 29, 2024.

Extension of the current lease will enable the agencies to provide continued housing for current personnel and meet their current mission requirements. The extension will maintain the office and overall utilization at 201 and 276 usable square feet (USF) per person respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FTC, NEH, NEA
Current RSF:	375,260 (Current RSF/USF = 1.22)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	375,260 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.22)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	276
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	276
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	02/29/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	3 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	15
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$ 18,439,068 (lease effective 03/01/2014)
Estimated Rental Rate[1]:	$ 50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost[2]:	$ 18,763,000

Background

The FTC is a bipartisan federal agency with a dual mission to protect consumers and promote competition. The NEH and NEA are independent federal agencies whose funding

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2024 and may be escalated by 2 percent per year to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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and support promotes excellence in the humanities and the arts, respectively, conveying the lessons of history to all Americans and giving Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts and develop their creative capacities.

The location at 400 7th Street, SW houses the support functions for all three agencies and is critical to their abilities to meet their missions.

Justification

The FTC, NEH and NEA are currently housed at Constitution Center located at 400 7th Street, SW, in a lease that expires February 29, 2024. The agencies require continued housing to carry out their missions until they are in a position to implement the Administration's M-21-25 policy as well as develop and implement long-term space strategies that comport with the Future of Work efforts and incorporate any necessary labor relation negotiations. A 3-year lease extension will provide the agencies with sufficient time to formulate their long-term plans and budget for move costs accordingly. GSA will attempt to negotiate a flexible lease term of three years with termination rights after the first year to provide flexibility for future plans.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the extension It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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MULTIPLE AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-10-WA22

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 2/8/2022

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 133,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Veterans Affairs, currently located at 1100 First Street NE, in Washington, DC, at a proposed total annual cost of $6,650,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 109 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 109 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA22

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 133,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently located in three leases at 1100 First Street NE in Washington, DC. VA has occupied space in the building since June 2011 under three leases that expire on June 25, 2026.

The lease will provide continued housing for VA and will improve VA's office and overall space utilization rates from 93 to 77 and 129 to 109 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current RSF:	156,485 (Current RSF/USF = 1.17)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF[1]:	133,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	23,485 Reduction
Current USF/Person:	129
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	109
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	06/25/2026
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	0
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	$7,381,397 (lease effective 6/26/2011)
Estimated Rental Rate[2]:	$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost[3]:	$6,650,000

Background

VA's mission is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans. It is a Cabinet-level agency that provides healthcare

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.19; however, to maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.20 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.
[2] This estimate is for fiscal year 2026 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.
[3] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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services to eligible military veterans at VA medical centers and outpatient clinics located throughout the country; several non-healthcare benefits including disability compensations, vocational rehabilitation, education assistance, home loans, and life insurance; and burial and memorial benefits to eligible veterans and family members at 135 national cemeteries.

GSA will consider whether VA's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for VA to accomplish its mission.

Justification

The VA tenants that occupy 1100 First Street NE include the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), Office of Information Technology (OIT), Electronic Health Records Management (EHRM), Veterans Health Administration, and the Office of General Counsel (OGC).

The current leases at 1100 First Street NE expire on June 25, 2026. VA requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA22

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA22

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/17/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 162,094 rentable square feet of space, including 734 official parking spaces, for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, currently housed at 430 Market Street in Winchester, VA, at a proposed total annual cost of $4,862,280 for a lease term of up to 10 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 106 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 106 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

Prospectus Number: PVA-01-WI22
Congressional District: 10

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 162,094 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), currently located at 430 Market Street in Winchester, VA. FEMA has occupied space in the building since 2008 under a lease that expires on April 1, 2023.

The lease will provide continued housing for FEMA and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 61 to 54 and 121 to 106 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FEMA
Current RSF:	162,094 (Current RSF/USF = 1.15)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	162,094 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.15)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	121
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	106
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	04/01/2023
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	10 years
Delineated Area:	Winchester, VA & Frederick County, VA
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	734
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$3,967,230 (lease effective 04/02/2008)
Estimated Rental Rate[1]:	$30.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost[2]:	$4,862,280

Background

FEMA's mission is to help people before, during, and after disasters. FEMA seeks to reduce the loss of life and property and protect communities nationwide from all hazards, including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and man-made disasters.

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2023 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

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FEMA houses its Disaster Operations Center (DOC) at 430 Market Street in Winchester, VA. This unique facility is the only DOC facility in the U.S. that procures, prepares, stores, and deploys technology, equipment, and supplies to all joint Field Offices established to support a disaster zone throughout the U.S. and U.S. territories.

The DOC is comprised of both mission-critical and mission-support divisions, housing 15 divisions in total. The mission-critical divisions are directly tied to the warehouse function, while the mission-support divisions are specifically building-support services.

Justification

FEMA's DOC is currently housed at 430 Market Street in a lease that expires April 1, 2023. This requirement supports the FEMA disaster response mission and maintains separation from eastern FEMA metro area assets, while remaining close enough to support those assets. Further, it provides proximity to local FEMA resources, such as the Mount Weather Emergency Operations Center and regional transportation resources.

FEMA recently consolidated personnel from a nearby FEMA controlled lease into the DOC, thereby increasing the building's efficiency and utilization rate (U/R), which is below its agency goals. Further efficiency and U/R improvements are expected to be realized over the term of this lease through program growth. This project will allow FEMA to evaluate its long-term housing requirements while meeting its requirement for continued housing to carry out its mission.

GSA will consider whether FEMA's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for FEMA to accomplish its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

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constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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FREDERICK COUNTY, VA

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Congressional District: 10

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/22/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

March 2021

Housing Plan
Federal Emergency Management Agency

PVA-01-WI22
Winchester, VA

Leased Locations	CURRENT						ESTIMATED/PROPOSED					
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)[1]				Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			
	Office	**Total**	**Office**	**Storage**	**Special**	**Total**	**Office**	**Total**	**Office**	**Storage[5]**	**Special[6]**	**Total**
430 Market Street, Winchester, VA	1,169	1,169	91,373	3,359	46,219	140,951						
Estimated/Proposed Lease							1,325	1,325	91,373	3,359	46,219	140,951
Total	**1,169**	**1,169**	**91,373**	**3,359**	**46,219**	**140,951**	**1,325**	**1,325**	**91,373**	**3,359**	**46,219**	**140,951**

Office Utilization Rate (UR)[2]		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	61	54

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 20,102 usf of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 20,102 usf of office support space

Overall UR[3]		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	121	106

R/U Factor [4]			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	140,951	1.15	162,094
Estimated/Proposed	140,951	1.15	162,094

Special Space [6]	USF
ADP Space	4,226
Conference/Training	8,973
Copy Center	251
Food Service	2,838
High Density File Rooms	2,431
Loading Docks	1,318
Locker Rooms	377
Mail Rooms	645
Restrooms	124
Warehouse	25,036
Total	**46,219**

NOTES:
[1] USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
[2] Calculation excludes Judiciary, Congress and agencies with less than 10 people
[3] USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel.
[4] R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
[5] Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of Special Space.
[6] Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposal (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE, HARTFORD, CT

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for site acquisition, design and construction of a new U.S. Courthouse of approximately 281,000 gross square feet, including 66 inside parking spaces, in Hartford, CT, at a site cost of $34,711,000, a design cost of $23,925,000, an estimated construction cost of $259,711,000, and a management and inspection cost of $16,623,000 for a total estimated project cost of $334,970,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that construction of the new courthouse contain no more than 11 courtrooms and 18 chambers and complies, at a minimum, with courtroom sharing requirements adopted by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

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PROSPECTUS - CONSTRUCTION
NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
HARTFORD, CT

Prospectus Number: PCT-CTC-HA21
Congressional District: 1

FY 2021 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes acquisition of a site and the design and construction of a new U.S. Courthouse of approximately 281,000 gross square feet (GSF), including 66 inside parking spaces in Hartford, CT. The courts will vacate their current space in the A.A. Ribicoff Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse (FB-CT), and over time, consolidate the leased space into the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse in New Haven, CT. The new courthouse will meet the 10-year space needs of the courts and court-related agencies, and the site will accommodate the expansion of the building to meet the anticipated 30-year needs of the courts. The Judiciary's Courthouse Project Priorities List (approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 2020) includes a courthouse project in Hartford, CT.

FY 2021 Committee Approval Requested

(Site, Design, Construction, Management & Inspection)..... $334,970,000

FY 2021 Funding (Public Law 116-260, December 27, 2020)
(Site, Design, Construction, Management & Inspection)..... $135,500,000[1]

Overview of Project[2]

The U.S. District court and some related executive agencies currently occupy space in the existing Ribicoff FB-CT in Hartford, CT. The new courthouse will provide 11 courtrooms and 18 chambers consistent with the application of courtroom sharing policies and the provision of no space for projected judgeships. Some replacements for current active judges who elect senior status in New Haven and Bridgeport will be housed in the new Hartford courthouse. The Court of Appeals, located in leased space in Hartford, will also relocate to the new courthouse. Federal agencies that are in leased space will remain in leased space.

[1] Public Law 116-260 (FY 2021) funded $135,500,000 for site acquisition and construction for a courthouse in Hartford, CT. The estimated total project cost of $334,970,000 includes $34,711,000 for site acquisition, $23,925,000 for design, and $16,623,000 for management and inspection, funded in FY 2021; and a portion of the necessary construction = $60,241,000 funded in FY 2021. The balance of the construction funding will be requested in a future fiscal year.

[2] New courthouse building design to follow 2007 United States Courts Design Guide (as partially revised in 2016).

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NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
HARTFORD, CT

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Congressional District: 1

Site Information
To Be Acquired ..... Approximately 3.5 acres

Building Area[3]
Gross square feet (excluding inside parking) ..... 251,000 GSF
Gross square feet (including inside parking) ..... 281,000 GSF
Inside parking spaces 66

Project Budget

Estimated Site (FY 2021)	$34,711,000
Design (FY 2021)	23,925,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC) (FY 2021)	60,241,000
Additional ECC (future fiscal year request)	199,470,000
Management and Inspection (M&I) (FY 2021)	16,623,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*	**$334,970,000**

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by the GSA.

Schedule	**Start**	**End**
Site Acquisition and Design	FY 2021	FY 2023
Construction	TBD	TBD

Tenant Agencies

U.S. District Court; U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. Bankruptcy Court; U.S. Probation Office; U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)–U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Trustees, and trial preparation space for the Federal Public Defender, and DOJ Office of the U.S. Attorneys; U.S. Congress office; and GSA.

Justification

The existing Ribicoff FB-CT, constructed in 1963, does not meet the 2007 United States Courts Design Guide standards, has significant operational and building issues, lacks appropriate prisoner transport, and does not meet the square footage requirements for the U.S. Courts to expand in the future. The Judiciary requirements reflect the planned designation of Hartford as the new District of Connecticut headquarters upon project completion.

[3] Square footages are approximate. The project may contain a variance in gross square footage from that listed in this prospectus.

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The new courthouse will meet the long-term needs of the courts and provide separate circulation for the public, judges, and prisoners, thereby improving security and the efficiency of court operations.

Design Guide Exception

There are no exceptions to the 2007 U.S. Courts Design Guide.

Space Requirements of the U.S. Courts

	Current		Proposed	
	Courtrooms	**Judges**	**Courtrooms**	**Judges**
District*				
Active	5	5	6	6
Senior	2	5	2	4
Visiting**	-	-	-	1
Magistrate	1	3	2	3
Bankruptcy	1	1	1	1
Court of Appeals	-	3	-	3***
Total	**9**	**17**	**11**	**18**

*All proposed active judges are replacement judges from Ribicoff FB-CT (3), New Haven (1), and Bridgeport (2) when current active judges take Senior status.
** Currently no dedicated visiting judge chambers.
*** Three proposed Court of Appeals judgeships including two replacement judgeships.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages (a) design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil fuel free measures), (b) adherence to sustainable design principles and (c) minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

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Future of Existing Federal Building

GSA has tentative plans for the re-use of the Ribicoff FB-CT upon completion of the new Hartford courthouse. The plan assumes that suitable tenants can be found to occupy the building, that renovation costs are reasonable compared to other alternatives, and that funding is available to implement the re-use strategy. Funding for reuse of the existing Ribicoff FB-CT will require a future prospectus-level project. As the scope and budget are further refined, GSA will update the committee. If a re-use project is not cost-effective, GSA will look at disposal options for the existing building.

Both the Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse in New Haven and the Brien McMahon U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Bridgeport will continue to be used to house court and related operations for the long term. It is likely that at some point in the future, local leased locations will be consolidated into one or both of these facilities.

Prior Appropriations

Appropriations			
Public Law	**Fiscal Year**	**Amount**	**Proposed Project**
116-260*	2021	$135,500,000	Site, Design, M&I, Construction

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Prior Committee Approvals

None

Recommendation

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NEW U.S. COURTHOUSE
HARTFORD, CT

Prospectus Number: PCT-CTC-HA21
Congressional District: 1

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/9/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, JACKSONVILLE, FL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 130,000 rentable square feet of space, including 436 official parking spaces, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, currently located at 6061 Gate Parkway, in Jacksonville, FL, at a proposed total annual cost of $4,507,100 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 408 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 408 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

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Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JACKSONVILLE, FL

Prospectus Number: PFL-01-JA22
Congressional District: 4

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 130,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), currently located at 6061 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, Florida. The FBI has occupied space in the building since 2009 under a lease that expires on February 19, 2024.

GSA is proposing to lease space for the FBI in a method most beneficial to the government, as demonstrated in the results of a cost benefit analysis that may include: a reduction in the requirement size; relocation and duplication of real and personal property needed for the FBI to accomplish its mission; and physical relocation.

The lease will provide continued housing for the FBI and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 112 to at least 109 and 449 to at least 408 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FBI
Current RSF:	129,895
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:[1]	130,000
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	449
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	408
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	2/19/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	North: Kings Road to W. State Street to N. Pearl Street to W. Union Street to Arlington Expressway/State Road 115 to Atlantic Blvd.; East: East Beltway 295; South: East Beltway 295; West I-95
Number of Official Parking Spaces:[2]	436
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$5,127,359 (lease effective 2/20/2009)

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.12.

[2] Security requirements may necessitate control of parking at the leased location in addition to the official parking spaces identified in the prospectus. This may be accomplished as a lessor furnished service, under an operating agreement with the lessor or as part of the Government's leasehold interest in the building(s). If the additional parking resulting from security requirements is included in the leasehold interest in the building, the proposed total annual cost and maximum proposed rental rate may exceed the amounts indicated above.

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Estimated Total Annual Cost:[3] $4,507,100

Background

The mission of the FBI is to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats; to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States; to provide leadership and criminal justice services to Federal, State, municipal, and international agencies and partners; and to perform these responsibilities in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the public and is faithful to the Constitution of the United States.

The FBI has 56 field offices located in metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The field office locations carry out investigations, assess regional crime threats, and work with partners on cases and operations. The FBI Field Office in Jacksonville, Florida, covers 7 resident agencies and 40 counties in northern Florida including: Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Hamilton, Nassau, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union Counties.

Justification

The FBI is currently housed at 6061 Gate Parkway, Jacksonville, FL, in a lease that expires on February 19, 2024. The FBI requires continued housing to ensure mission continuity. The FBI anticipates a continued need beyond the proposed term of this lease (20 years).

As part of the procurement process, GSA will conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the costs of real and personal property needed, including a possible reduction in requirement size. Based on the minimum requirements provided by the FBI, if a new location is identified for the proposed lease, the Government could realize significant reduction in the overall space needed for the FBI as well as a sizeable improvement in the FBI's space utilization.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

[3]This estimate is for fiscal year 2024 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JACKSONVILLE, FL

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Congressional District: 4

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JACKSONVILLE, FL

Prospectus Number: PFL-01-JA22
Congressional District: 4

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 2/8/2022

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations for the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Federal Building, located at 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA. The proposed project will replace the high-rise roof and the conveyance, lighting, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, as well as interior alterations at an additional design cost of $9,302,000, additional estimated construction cost of $100,569,000, and additional management and inspection cost of $3,921,000, for a total additional cost of $113,792,000 and a total estimated project cost of $154,065,000, to account for scope modifications, including the addition of interior alterations, and cost escalations due to time and market conditions, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends the Committee approved Prospectus No. PMA–0131–BN17 adopted on May 25, 2016.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

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AMENDED PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
BOSTON, MA

Prospectus Number: PMA-0131-BN22
Congressional District: 8

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project for the John F. Kennedy Federal Building (JFK), located at 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, MA. The proposed project will replace the high-rise roof and the conveyance, lighting, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, as well as interior alterations. The project will provide an annual lease cost avoidance of approximately $5,800,000 and an annual agency rent savings of approximately $2,700,000.

FY 2022 House Committee Approval Requested

(Additional Design, Construction, and Management & Inspection)..... $113,792,000[1]

This prospectus amends Prospectus Nos. PMA-0131-BN17 and PMA-0131-BN20 and requests approval of additional design cost of $9,302,000, additional estimated construction cost of $100,569,000, and additional management and inspection cost of $3,921,000, for a total additional cost of $113,792,000, to account for scope modifications, including the addition of interior alterations, and cost escalations due to time and market conditions.

FY 2022 Senate Committee Approval Requested

(Additional Design and Construction) ..... $37,863,000[2]

This prospectus amends Prospectus Nos. PMA-0131-BN17 and PMA-0131-BN20 and requests approval of additional design cost of $2,752,000, additional estimated construction cost of $36,278,000, and a reduction in management and inspection cost of $1,167,000 for a total additional cost of $37,863,000, to account for scope modifications, including the addition of interior alterations, and cost escalations due to time and market conditions.

[1] The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives approved Prospectus No. PMA-0131-BN17 for $3,207,000 for design costs, $34,202,000 for construction costs, and $2,864,000 for management and inspection costs, for an estimated total project cost of $40,273,000, on May 25, 2016.

[2] The Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate approved Prospectus No. PMA-0131-BN17 for $3,207,000 for design costs, $34,202,000 for construction costs, and $2,864,000 for management and inspection costs, for an estimated total project cost of $40,273,000, on May 18, 2016, and Prospectus No. PMA-0131-BN20 for $6,550,000 for design costs, $64,291,000 for construction costs, and $5,088,000 for management and inspection costs, for an estimated total project cost of $75,929,000, on December 17, 2019.

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FY 2022 Appropriation Requested

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection) ..... $154,065,000[3]

Major Work Items

HVAC system upgrades/replacement; interior construction; conveying system replacement; electrical system upgrades; roof replacement.

Project Budget

Design	$12,509,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	134,771,000
Management and Inspection (M&I)	6,785,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)	**$154,065,000**

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule	**Start**	**End**
Design and Construction	FY 2022	FY 2026

Building

The JFK consists of a 27-story high-rise tower with an adjacent 5-story low-rise structure connected by a glass-enclosed walkway, 226 structured parking spaces, and 31 surface parking spaces. The building was constructed in 1966 of steel-reinforced concrete and contains approximately 1,046,000 gross square feet. It is located in the Government Center area of the city, which includes Boston's City Hall.

[3] This project was submitted as part of GSA's FY 2017 and FY 2020 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs; however, no committee approvals or appropriations were received.

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Tenant Agencies

Existing Agencies: Department of Labor, Department of the Treasury, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Social Security Administration, U.S. Congress–Senate, Government Publishing Office, GSA, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense (DoD), and DoD–U.S. Air Force (USAF)

Proposed Project

The proposed project replaces the deficient roofing system, including the flashing, and sealants with a new membrane roofing system coupled with high-efficiency insulation on the high-rise portion of the building. Upgrades to the building's permanent roof anchor / fall arrest system will provide additional safeguards and eliminate life-safety deficiencies.

Electrical upgrades will include replacement of the existing interior lighting and controls, incorporating occupancy and daylighting strategies throughout a newly replaced ceiling grid on all tenant floors.

The conveying system, which includes elevator and escalator equipment, will be modernized to current technology, performance, and code standards. Replacement systems will incorporate non-proprietary, regenerative drives. Passenger cab interior panels will be replaced and include Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards-compliant features. Escalators will incorporate power standby technologies to reduce energy consumption during periods of low or no passenger activity.

The modernization of the HVAC system will include the replacement of existing air handling units and chillers with new high efficiency units using non-chlorofluorocarbon refrigerants. The existing variable air diffuser (VAD) system will be replaced and reconfigured with a highly efficient variable air volume system with reheat and a direct digital control system. The existing ductwork will be replaced or cleaned. Any new equipment will be fully compatible with and tied into the existing building automation system (BAS), in conjunction with a minor BAS expansion, as needed, to accommodate new equipment. Included is the replacement of all original perimeter heating piping and controls and the replacement of supply and return condensing water riser pipes from the mechanical room to the mechanical penthouse of the high-rise tower. The project will also retrofit waste condensate to provide additional hot water heat recovery for snowmelt or domestic hot water use.

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Lastly, interior construction is required to consolidate the footprint of existing anchor tenant agencies to provide for the critical backfill of USAF space from a costly lease currently in the downtown Boston market.

Major Work Items

HVAC System Replacement/Upgrades	$59,203,000
Interior Construction	37,166,000
Conveying System Replacement	27,195,000
Electrical System Upgrades	8,569,000
Roof Replacement	2,638,000
Total ECC	**$134,771,000**

Justification

The project will allow for roof replacement prior to full failure of the existing roofing system in a manner that is minimally disruptive to the tenant agencies. If unfunded, recurring localized failures or full roof material failure risk damage to interior finishes, tenant property and mission, and historic building elements. Increased energy consumption due to deterioration of insulation is also a risk. Additionally, the project will incorporate permanent roof-mounted fall protection features for personnel to comply with life-safety standards.

The current VAD system lacks control and responsiveness. Increased energy consumption, poor tenant comfort, and substandard indoor air quality are recurring problems throughout the building. Existing chillers have reached the end of their useful lives and require replacement. Upgrading the existing lighting and controls will result in decreased energy consumption, thereby reducing monthly utility costs.

The existing elevators and escalator systems are over 30 years old and have exceeded their useful lives. Due to the high-traffic building conditions, existing elevator cabs and equipment are worn both visually and mechanically. The escalator systems are similarly beyond their intended lifespans. Performance levels continue to decrease annually, and emergency incidents regularly impact customers, including 49 elevator entrapments over a 2-year period. Monthly preventive maintenance has become challenging due to the poor availability of propriety replacement parts. Interim repairs are underway to mitigate this life-safety and accessibility issue.

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Project timing is critical to support the USAF backfill into the JFK. This tenant agency would improve the building's overall utilization and would be paired with other agency consolidations, reducing the Federal footprint and providing significant taxpayer savings.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil free measures), adherence to sustainable design principles, and minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

Prior Appropriations

None

Prior Committee Approvals

Prior Committee Approvals			
Committee	**Date**	**Amount**	**Purpose**
Senate EPW	5/18/2016	$40,273,000	Design=$3,207,000; ECC=$34,202,000; M&I=$2,864,000
House T&I	5/25/2016	$40,273,000	Design=$3,207,000; ECC=$34,202,000; M&I=$2,864,000
Senate EPW	12/17/2019	$75,929,000	Design=$6,550,000; ECC=$64,291,000; M&I=$5,088,000

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years)

None

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

There are no feasible alternatives to this project. This is a major renovation and the cost of the proposed project is far less than the cost of leasing or constructing a new building.

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Prospectus Number: PMA-0131-BN22
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Recommendation

ALTERATION

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 6/15/2021

Recommended: _____
Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Acting Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, SUBURBAN KANSAS CITY, MO

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 342,245 rentable square feet of space, including 5 official parking spaces, for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, currently housed at 150 NW Space Center Loop in Lees' Summit, MO, at a proposed total annual cost of $6,465,008 for a lease term of up to 10 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 505 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 505 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES
SUBURBAN KANSAS CITY, MO

Prospectus Number: PMO-01-KC22
Congressional District: 05

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 342,245 rentable square feet (RSF) for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center (USCIS-NRC), currently located at 150 NW Space Center Loop in Lee's Summit, MO. USCIS-NRC has occupied the subterranean space since 1999 under a lease that expires on October 14, 2024.

The lease will provide continued housing for USCIS-NRC and will maintain the office and overall space utilization rates at 151 and 505 usable square feet (USF) per person respectively.

Description

Occupant:	USCIS-NRC
Current RSF:	342,245 (Current RSF/USF = 1.00)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	342,245 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.00)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	505
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	505
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	10/14/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	10 years
Delineated Area:	North: I-70 East: Highway 7 South: Highway 150 West: Highway 49/ Highway 435
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	5
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$4,336,267 (lease effective 10/15/1999)
Estimated Rental Rate[1]:	$18.89 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost[2]:	$6,465,008

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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SUBURBAN KANSAS CITY, MO

Prospectus Number: PMO-01-KC22
Congressional District: 05

Background

The USCIS mission is to administer the Nation's lawful immigration system, safeguarding its integrity and promise by efficiently and fairly adjudicating requests for immigration benefits while protecting Americans, securing the homeland, and honoring our values. USCIS oversees lawful immigration to the United States, providing services that include citizenship, immigration of family members, visas, verification of legal rights to work in the United States, humanitarian programs, adoptions, civic integration, and genealogy.

The NRC oversees the storage, management, and integrity of 72.5 million immigration files and an additional 17.5 million files in circulation across its Service Centers and Field Offices, while supporting the largest Freedom of Information Act program in the Federal Government.

GSA will consider whether USCIS-NRC's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for USCIS-NRC to accomplish its mission.

Justification

The USCIS-NRC is currently housed at 150 NW Space Center Loop in Lee's Summit, MO, in a lease that expires October 14, 2024. The existing location handles a daily average of over 100,000 files. These files are received, shipped out, pulled for audits or other action, and shelved.

USCIS is finalizing a long-term master plan to modernize NRC's current storage and retrieval system. USCIS-NRC requires continued housing to carry out its mission during the development of the master plan, and the 10-year term will provide adequate time for planning and execution of the long-term strategy.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

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Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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Congressional District: 05

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/17/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, LOUISVILLE, KY

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 121,000 rentable square feet of space, including 115 official parking spaces, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, currently located at 12401 Sycamore Station Road, in Louisville, KY, at a proposed total annual cost of $3,648,150 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 462 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 462 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LOUISVILLE, KY

Prospectus Number: PKY-01-LO21
Congressional District: 03

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of a maximum of 121,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), currently located at 12401 Sycamore Station Road in Louisville, Kentucky. The FBI has occupied space in the building since 2009 under a lease that expires on March 16, 2024.
GSA is proposing to lease space for the FBI in a method most beneficial to the government, as demonstrated in the results of a cost-benefit analysis, that may include a possible reduction in requirement size, duplication of real and personal property needed for the FBI to accomplish its mission and physical relocation.

A lease will provide continued housing for the FBI and will result in an improvement in the maximum office and overall space utilization rates to 117 and 462 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FBI
Current RSF:	120,197
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF[1]:	121,000
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	499
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	462
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	3/16/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	North: I-64 to I-71; East: I-265; South: I-265; West: I-65 to Hill St. to 9th St.
Number of Official Parking Spaces[2]:	115
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$4,460,098 (lease effective 3/17/2009)
Estimated Total Annual Cost[3]:	$3,648,150

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.12.
[2] Security requirements may necessitate control of additional parking at the leased location in addition to the official parking spaces identified in the prospectus. This may be accomplished as a lessor-furnished service, under an operating agreement with the lessor or as part of the Government's leasehold interest in the building(s).
[3] This estimate is for fiscal year FY2024 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed annual rental cost is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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LOUISVILLE, KY

Prospectus Number: PKY-01-LO21
Congressional District: 03

Background

The FBI's mission is to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats; to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States; to provide leadership and criminal justice services to Federal, State, municipal, and international agencies and partners; and to perform these responsibilities in a manner that is responsive to the needs of the public and is faithful to the Constitution of the United States.

The FBI has 56 field offices located in metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The field office locations carry out investigations, assess regional crime threats, and work with partners on cases and operations. The FBI field office in Louisville, Kentucky, covers seven resident agent offices as well as the counties of Bullitt, Hardin, Jefferson, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Washington in Kentucky. The current location at 12401 Sycamore Station Road was a build-to-suit lease completed in 2009 for the FBI as the sole tenant.

Justification

The FBI is currently housed at 12401 Sycamore Station Road in a lease that expires March 16, 2024. The FBI requires continued housing to carry out its mission. This project will improve the agency's utilization rate while housing additional personnel and maintaining mission readiness.

The FBI requires a facility that meets the increased security requirements of the Interagency Security Committee Criteria as well as those of support functions that conduct investigations to combat terrorism. Space is needed to accommodate increased personnel and program requirements for the Joint Terrorism Task Forces, CYBER Crimes investigations, Computer Analysis and Response Team evaluations, Evidence Response Team retrieval and analysis, Crisis Management Center for Command Post operations, Firearms Training System, Language Services, and the Evidence Control Center.

As part of the procurement process, GSA will conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the costs of real and personal property needed, including a possible reduction in requirement size. Based on the minimum requirements provided by the FBI, if a new location is identified for the proposed lease, the Government could realize significant reduction in the overall space needed for FBI as well as a sizeable improvement in the FBI's space utilization.

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Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LOUISVILLE, KY

Prospectus Number: PKY-01-LO21
Congressional District: 03

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 2/8/2022

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 115,000 rentable square feet of space, including 288 official parking spaces, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, currently located at 3301 West Memorial Drive, in Oklahoma City, OK, at a proposed total annual cost of $3,642,050 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 371 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 371 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Prospectus Number: POK-02-OK22
Congressional District: 05

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 115,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), currently located at 3301 West Memorial Drive in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The FBI has occupied space in the building since 1999 under a lease that expires on March 16, 2024.

The lease will provide continued housing for the FBI and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 161 to 155 and 401 to 371 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FBI
Current RSF:	114,556 (Current RSF/USF = 1.17)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	115,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.17)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	401
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	371
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	03/16/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	North: Covell Road; East: I-35; South: I-40; West: North Council Road
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	288
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$3,183,568 (lease effective 03/17/1999)
Estimated Rental Rate:[1]	$31.67 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost:[2]	$3,642,050

Background

The FBI's mission is to protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats, to uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and to provide leadership and criminal justice services to Federal, State, municipal, and international agencies and partners; and to perform these responsibilities in a manner that

[1] This estimate is for fiscal year 2024 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

[2] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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is responsive to the needs of the public and is faithful to the Constitution of the United States.

The FBI has 56 field offices located in metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The field office locations carry out investigations, assess regional crime threats, and work with partners on cases and operations.

The FBI field office in Oklahoma City, OK, covers the entire state of Oklahoma. The current location at 3301 West Memorial Drive, Oklahoma City, OK, was a build-to-suit lease completed in 1999 for the FBI as the sole tenant.

Justification

The FBI is currently housed at 3301 West Memorial Drive, Oklahoma City, OK, in a lease that expires March 16, 2024. The FBI requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

GSA will consider whether the FBI's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for the FBI to accomplish its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Prospectus Number: POK-02-OK22
Congressional District: 05

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 1/20/2022

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, OMAHA, NE

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 115,000 rentable square feet of space, including 166 official parking spaces, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, currently located at 4411 S 121st Court, in Omaha, NE, at a proposed total annual cost of $4,600,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 444 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 444 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OMAHA, NE

Prospectus Number: PNE-02-OM22
Congressional District: 02

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 115,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), currently located at 4411 S 121st Court in Omaha, Nebraska. The FBI has occupied space in the building since 2009 under a lease that expires on July 15, 2024.

The lease will provide continued housing for FBI and will improve the office and overall space utilization from 126 to 122 and 488 to 444 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	FBI
Current RSF:	112,196 (Current RSF/USF = 1.13)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF[1]:	115,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.15)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	488
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	444
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	07/15/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Beginning at the intersection of North 132nd Street and U.S. Route 6, east to U.S. Route 75, north to Cumming Street, east to Abbott Drive, northeast to the state line, south to U.S. Route 275, west to South 132nd Street, north to the point of beginning.
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	166
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$4,151,978 (lease effective 07/16/2009)
Estimated Rental Rate[2]:	$40.00 / RSF

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.13; however, to maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.15 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

[2] This estimate is for fiscal year 2024 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OMAHA, NE

Prospectus Number: PNE-02-OM22
Congressional District: 02

Estimated Total Annual Cost[3]: $4,600,000

Background

The FBI's mission is to protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States; protect and defend the United States against terrorist and foreign intelligence threats; to combat, uphold and enforce the criminal laws of the United States; to protect civil rights; and provide leadership and criminal justice services to Federal, State municipal and international agency partners.

FBI has 56 field offices located in metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The field office locations carry out investigations, assess regional crime threats, and work with partners on cases and operations. The FBI field office in Omaha, Nebraska, covers eight resident agent offices as well as the counties of Burt, Cass, Colfax, Dodge, Douglas, Madison, Platte, Sarpy, Stanton, and Washington in Nebraska and counties of Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby in Iowa.

Justification

The FBI is currently housed at 4411 S 121st Court in a lease that expires July 15, 2024. FBI requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

FBI has a long-term need for space in the Omaha area to meet the agency's mission. FBI's case load continues to increase, and the proposed project will provide space for additional personnel thereby improving the office utilization.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the

[3] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OMAHA, NE

Prospectus Number: PNE-02-OM22
Congressional District: 02

required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
OMAHA, NE

Prospectus Number: PNE-02-OM22
Congressional District: 02

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 2/8/2022

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—ROBERT F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations for the Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Federal Building located at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. The proposed project will upgrade the 36 passenger elevators and 4 freight elevators in the National Register of Historic Places-listed RFK Federal Building, also known as the Main Justice Building, at a design cost of $2,793,000, estimated construction cost of $28,479,000, and management and inspection cost of $2,267,000, for a total cost of $33,539,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
ROBERT F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-0023-WA22
Congressional District: 01

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project to modernize elevators at the Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Federal Building, located at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. The proposed project will upgrade the 36 passenger elevators and 4 freight elevators in the National Register of Historic Places-listed RFK Federal Building, also known as the Main Justice Building.

FY 2022 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection) ..... $33,539,000[1]

Major Work Items

Elevator upgrades

Project Budget

Design	$ 2,793,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	28,479,000
Management and Inspection (M&I)	2,267,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*	**$33,539,000**

*The tenant agency may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule	Start	End
Design and Construction	FY 2022	FY 2025

Building

The RFK Federal Building, also known as Main Justice, is an eight-story, steel-framed office building, plus a basement, sub-basement, and attic. It is located at 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. The building was constructed in 1935 and contains approximately 1,257,300 gross square feet. The building is fully occupied by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

[1]This project was submitted as part of GSA's FY 2018 and FY 2020 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs; however, no committee approvals or appropriations were received.

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PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
ROBERT F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-0023-WA22
Congressional District: 01

Tenant Agencies

DOJ

Proposed Project

The proposed project will modernize the building's 36 passenger and 4 freight elevators, including replacement of the elevator communication systems, cab finishes and interior lights, and Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standards (ABAAS)-related upgrades. The modernization includes all new components from the hoist motor, controllers, all wiring, all safety devices, switches, door equipment, cabs and panels, and hydraulic machinery. Ancillary systems and functions will be updated, where needed, to meet current codes and safety standards and to provide for the serviceability, operability and reliability of each elevator. Fire recall systems, emergency power, fire separation, fire sprinklers, accessibility, electrical, electrical panels, and elevator machinery room air conditioning, ventilation and lighting will also be addressed.

Major Work Items

Elevator Upgrades	$28,479,000
Total ECC	**$28,479,000**

Justification

The RFK Federal Building is historic, with Art Deco-style elevators that have not been fully modernized since the 1970s. The elevator system has exceeded its useful life and is difficult to maintain. Currently, DOJ has shut down eight elevators to use their parts to keep the others running. Of the remaining active elevators, the finishes, controls, and equipment are old, unreliable, historically incorrect, and do not meet current codes.

Because of the age of the current control system and car mechanical parts, it is becoming increasingly difficult to repair and find replacement parts. The operating equipment is outdated and well past its useful life expectancy. Problems are occurring with the door adjustments on the elevator car and hatch doors causing frequent entrapment of building occupants. The door clutches and adjustment arms are worn to the point where a total replacement is needed. Elevator lights need to be upgraded to meet ABAAS requirements. The lumens are too low in some cabs, thereby making it difficult or impossible for visually impaired riders to see call buttons, emergency phones or instructions in the cabs.

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PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
ROBERT F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-0023-WA22
Congressional District: 01

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil free measures), adherence to sustainable design principles, and minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

Prior Appropriations

None

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years)

None

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

There are no feasible alternatives to this project.

Recommendation

ALTERATION

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 6/15/2021

Recommended: _____
Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Acting Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, SUBURBAN MARYLAND

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 269,000 rentable square feet of space, including 3 official parking spaces, for two bureaus of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, currently housed at 5825 and 5830 University Research Court in Riverdale, MD, at a proposed total annual cost of $9,415,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 251 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 251 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
SUBURBAN, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-03-WA22
Congressional District: 5

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 269,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for two bureaus of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), currently located at 5825 and 5830 University Research Court in Riverdale, MD. NOAA has occupied space in these buildings since 2010 and 2012 under leases that expire on April 5, 2025.

The lease will provide continued housing for NOAA. While the office utilization rate will remain the same at 113, the overall space utilization rate will improve from 256 to 251 usable square feet (USF) per person.

Description

Occupant:	NOAA
Current RSF:	274,360 (Current RSF/USF = 1.19)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:[1]	269,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.19)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	5,360 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	256
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	251
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	04/05/2025 for both
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Suburban MD
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	3
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$9,705,469 (leases effective 04/06/2012 and 11/01/2020)
Estimated Rental Rate:[2]	$35.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost:[3]	$9,415,000

Acquisition Strategy

To maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for the NOAA, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.19 and the same RSF/USF ratio of 1.19 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.
[2] This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.
[3] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
SUBURBAN, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-03-WA22
Congressional District: 5

space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. All offers must provide space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

Background

NOAA's mission is science, service, and stewardship. NOAA has three goals: 1) to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans, and coasts; 2) to share that knowledge and information with others; and 3) to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

The leases in Riverdale, MD house NOAA's National Center for Weather and Climate Prediction (NCWCP) and a portion of NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS). The Weather Prediction Center is one of the nine National Centers for Environmental Prediction, which is part of the National Weather Service (NWS). The NCWCP exists to meet the real-time weather information needs of a growing group of users including NWS field offices, other governmental agencies, the media, the private sector, academic institutions, the international community, and the general public. It supports the NWS mission of protecting lives and property and enhancing the national economy. NCWCP's mission is to be a leader in the collaborative weather forecast process delivering responsive, accurate, and reliable national forecasts and analyses.

The NESDIS's mission is to provide secure and timely access to global environmental data and information from satellites and other sources to promote and protect the Nation's security, environment, economy, and quality of life. The service operates a fleet of environmental satellites that provide critical observations of the Earth and space, and its data products support NOAA's mission and drive science throughout the environmental community.

This facility operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the location leverages NOAA's partnerships with nearby research institutes, centers of expertise, and the University of Maryland by fostering collaborative projects and research opportunities.

Justification

NOAA is currently housed at 5825 and 5830 University Research Court, Riverdale, MD, in two leases that expire on April 25, 2025. NOAA requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
SUBURBAN, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-03-WA22
Congressional District: 5

Consolidating the two leases will help optimize NOAA's footprint, improve their utilization rate, and maintain the 24 hour a day, 7 day a week mission readiness requirement.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

GSA **PBS**

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
SUBURBAN, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-03-WA22
Congressional District: 5

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/17/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, ROCKVILLE, MD

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 610,000 rentable square feet of space, including 5 official parking spaces, for the Department of Health and Human Services, National Cancer Institute, currently housed at 9609 Medical Center Drive in Rockville, MD, at a proposed total annual cost of $21,350,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

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

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 187 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 187 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services 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 this 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 the lease, the lease shall be void, except that 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 of General Services 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 of General Services 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 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall require that the lease procurement consider the availability of public transportation consistent with agency mission requirements and that the space to be leased be renovated for all cost-effective improvements, including renewable energy upgrades, water efficiency improvements, and indoor air quality optimization, that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
ROCKVILLE, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-01-WA22
Congressional District: 6

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 610,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Health and Human Services–National Institutes of Health (NIH)–National Cancer Institute (NCI), currently located at 9609 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD. NCI has occupied space in the building since 2013 under a lease that expires on February 6, 2023.

The lease will provide continued housing for NCI and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 147 to 135 and 202 to 187 per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	NCI
Current Rentable Square Feet (RSF)	620,097 (Current RSF/USF 1.13)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:[1]	610,000 (Proposed RSF/USF 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	10,097 Reduction
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	202
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	187
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	02/06/2023
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Portions of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	5
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	$20,012,896.34 (lease effective 02/07/2013)
Estimated Rental Rate:[2]	$35.00/RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost:[3]	$21,350,000

[1] The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.13; however, to maximize competition, an RSF/USF ratio of 1.20 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.
[2] This estimate is for fiscal year 2023 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.
[3] New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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Acquisition Strategy

To maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for the NCI, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. All offers must provide space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

Background

The National Cancer Institute leads, conducts, and supports cancer research across the Nation to advance scientific knowledge and help all people live longer, healthier lives. As the leader of the cancer research enterprise, collectively known as the National Cancer Program, and the largest funder of cancer research in the world, NCI manages a broad range of research, training, and information dissemination activities that reach across the entire country, meeting the needs of all demographics—rich and poor, urban and rural, and all racial and ethnic populations. Specifically, NCI focuses on two broad roles: cancer research, and the training and support of cancer researchers.

Justification

The purpose of this lease prospectus is to consolidate NCI's headquarters operations with two other leases (one delegated lease and one agency lease). The number of employees housed together will expand to 2,711. The current lease expires on February 6, 2023, and NCI requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

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Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

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Interim Leasing

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OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

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Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 11/17/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—SUITLAND FEDERAL CENTER, SUITLAND, MD

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, additional appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations of 4600 Silver Hill North and 4600 Silver Hill South at the Suitland Federal Center in Suitland, MD, at an additional estimated construction cost of $18,000,000 and an additional management and inspection cost of $2,000,000 for a total additional cost of $20,000,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends the authorization the Committee adopted on July 28, 2021, of Prospectus No. PMD–0778/1822–MD20.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chair or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided, that the Administrator of General Services shall aim to achieve net zero carbon buildings, if determined by the Administrator to be practical and cost-effective.

AMENDED PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
SUITLAND FEDERAL COMPLEX
4600 SILVER HILL NORTH AND 4600 SILVER HILL SOUTH
SUITLAND, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-0778/1822-MD22

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project for 4600 Silver Hill North and 4600 Silver Hill South at the Suitland Federal Center in Suitland, Maryland. The proposed project will upgrade building systems and renovate space to support the co-location of three agencies. This project will provide a more efficient layout that both reduces agency utilization and allows for the recapture and backfill of underutilized federally owned space. The space will be occupied by the Department of Labor–Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), currently located in approximately 710,000 rentable square feet (RSF), or 508,000 usable square feet (USF), of leased space at the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., in Washington, DC. BLS's almost 50-percent decrease in RSF and relocation to the Suitland Federal Center provide an annual lease cost avoidance of approximately $16,200,000 and an agency rent savings of potentially $18,000,000 compared to its current rent.

FY 2022 Committee Approval Requested[1,2]

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection) $20,000,000

This prospectus amends Prospectus No. PMD-0778/1822-MD20. GSA is requesting approval of additional estimated construction of $18,000,000, and additional management and inspection cost of $2,000,000, for a total additional cost of $20,000,000 to account for refined scope and cost escalation due to time and market conditions.

FY 2022 Appropriations Requested

(Construction, Management & Inspection) $20,000,000

[1] Resolutions adopted by the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House and Environment and Public Works of the Senate approving this prospectus will also constitute approval to extend the lease at Postal Square as described herein.

[2] Prospectus No. PMD-0778/1822-MD20 was approved by the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate on December 17, 2019, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House on July 28, 2021, for a design cost of $4,316,000, an estimated construction cost of $41,498,000, and a management and inspection cost of $3,544,000, for a total estimated project cost of $49,358,000.

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SUITLAND, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-0778/1822-MD22

Major Work Items

Electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), fire protection, and plumbing systems upgrades/replacements; interior construction; exterior construction; and demolition.

Estimated Project Budget

Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	$18,000,000
Management and Inspection (M&I)	2,000,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*	**$20,000,000**

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for tenant improvements above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule	**Start**	**End**
Construction	FY 2022	FY 2024

Building

The Suitland Federal Center comprises approximately 226 acres of land and several buildings totaling 2.6 million RSF of space. 4600 Silver Hill North and 4600 Silver Hill South are two office buildings that intersect in the middle of the site, creating a triangular atrium. Built in 2006, the North building contains 1,368,566 gross square feet (GSF), of which there is approximately 804,435 RSF and 643,322 USF of office space. The South building contains 1,183,139 GSF, of which there is approximately 663,840 RSF and 524,310 USF. The Government completed construction of the South building in 2007. Both buildings have eight above-ground floors and one basement level, and are located near the Suitland Metro Station.

Tenant Agencies

Department of Labor–BLS; Department of Commerce–Bureau of Economic Analysis and Census Bureau; GSA.

Proposed Project

The proposed project will support the ongoing co-location effort that will allow for a higher density, open office environment and the relocation and co-location of BLS from leased space.

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To accommodate this consolidation, GSA will perform building demolition, interior alterations and electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and life-safety upgrades.

GSA currently leases space in the Postal Square Building for BLS. This lease expires on May 14, 2022. To allow for the proposed alterations and relocation to the Suitland Federal Center, GSA may need to extend the lease agreement for a limited amount of time. GSA will execute such interim actions, as necessary, to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency, and the term of the extension will coincide with the schedule of occupancy. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Major Work Items

HVAC Upgrades/Replacement	$9,000,000
Electrical Upgrades/Replacement	5,400,000
Plumbing Upgrades/Replacement	1,800,000
Interior Construction	900,000
Fire Protection Upgrades/Replacement	900,000
Total ECC	**$18,000,000**

Justification

BLS's current location in the Postal Square Building houses personnel who are responsible for carrying out the Bureau's mission of collecting, analyzing and disseminating essential economic information to support public and private decision-making. The current lease expires on May 14, 2022, and BLS requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

Funding provided in FY 2020 and FY 2021 has allowed GSA, BLS and Census to initiate the space optimization of the North and South buildings at the Suitland Federal Center. Through system and core item upgrades, the additional funding will further facilitate the achievement of more efficient utilization rates and reduce rental payments made by BLS. Census will release an estimated 400,000 RSF to make room for the co-location of BLS, reducing Census's annual rent by an estimated $10,000,000. BLS will improve its utilization by downsizing its real estate footprint by almost half, from the current 710,000 RSF to an estimated 355,000 RSF, a decrease of over 350,000 RSF. This co-location will allow GSA to eliminate an estimated $16.2 million in annual lease costs otherwise attributed to housing BLS.

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SUITLAND, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-0778/1822-MD22

Summary of Energy Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA encourages (a) design opportunities to increase energy and water efficiency (including renewable energy and fossil fuel free measures), (b) adherence to sustainable design principles, and (c) minimizing climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life cycle cost-effective.

Prior Appropriations

Prior Appropriations			
Public Law	**Fiscal Year**	**Amount**	**Purpose**
116-93 Major R&A Spending Plan	2019	$49,358,000	Design and Construction
Appropriations to Date		**$49,358,000**	

Prior Committee Approvals

Prior Committee Approvals			
Committee	**Date**	**Amount**	**Purpose**
Senate EPW	12/17/2019	$49,358,000	Design = $4,316,000 ECC = $41,498,000 M&I = $3,544,000
House T&I	7/28/2021	$49,358,000	Design = $4,316,000 ECC = $41,498,000 M&I = $3,544,000
Approvals to Date		**$49,358,000**	

Recommendation

ALTERATION

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim actions as necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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SUITLAND, MD

Prospectus Number: PMD-0778/1822-MD22

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/9/2021

Recommended: _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3059.—An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 33 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC–3848. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of the Class D and Class E Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Hammond, LA [Docket No. FAA-2021-0978; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASW-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3849. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Class E Airspace; Carrizo Springs, TX [Docket No. FAA-2021-0976; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASW-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3850. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Gold Beach Municipal Airport, OR [Docket No. FAA-2021-0956; Airspace Docket No. 21-ANM-41] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3851. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-170, V-175 and V-250; Establishment of Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-400; in the Vicinity of Worthington, MN [Docket No. FAA-2021-0479; Airspace Docket No. 21-AGL-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3852. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting Modification of Class E Airspace; Kit Carson County Airport, Burlington, CO [Docket No. FAA-2021-0917; Airspace Docket No. 21-ANM-45] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3853. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Skaneateles, NY [Docket No. FAA-2021-0747; Airspace Docket No. 21-AEA-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3854. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of the Class E Airspace; Corsicana, TX [Docket No. FAA-2021-1102; Airspace Docket No. 21-ASW-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received March 30, 20222, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3855. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 31411; Amdt. No. 3993] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3856. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 31412; Amdt. No. 3994] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC–3857. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 31414; Amdt. No. 3996] received March 30, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 4374. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than May 6, 2022.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GAETZ, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. DUNN, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida):

H.R. 7638. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the ''U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. MORELLE:

H.J. Res. 85. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies, and other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. MASSIE):

H. Res. 1077. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the introduction or consideration of certain legislation that authorizes or makes appropriations of funds for a Federal program not previously authorized or funded, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Ethics, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas (for himself, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. EVANS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DEAN, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. BASS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. CÁRDENAS):

H. Res. 1078. A resolution promoting and supporting the goals and ideals of the Fair Housing Act and recognizing April 2022 as Fair Housing Month, which includes bringing attention to the discrimination faced by everyday Americans in the United States in housing and housing-related transactions on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status, disability, and religion, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI:

H. Res. 1079. A resolution supporting the designation of December 5 of each year as ''National Soil Health Day''; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. RASKIN (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. POCAN):

H. Res. 1080. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 4, 2022, as a ''National Day of Reason'' and recognizing the central importance of reason in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. CHU, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, Ms. BASS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CORREA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LIEU, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H. Res. 1081. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of May 1 through May 7, 2022, as Wildfire Preparedness Week, the national event educating the public on fire safety and preparedness, and supporting the goals of a Wildfire Preparedness Week; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida:

H.R. 7638.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress is granted the authority to introduce and enact this legislation pursuant to Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. MORELLE:

H.J. Res. 85.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted Congress by Article V of the Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 58: Mr. BUDD.

H.R. 426: Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 959: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 968: Mr. GOOD of Virginia.

H.R. 3962: Mr. O'HALLERAN.

H.R. 6519: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 6703: Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.

H.R. 6823: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 7249: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 7456: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 7635: Mr. JACKSON.

H. Res. 582: Mr. CLYDE.

H. Res. 1070: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. MACE, and Mr. GIMENEZ.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS—ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petition:

Petition 12 by Mr. GOSAR on House Joint Resolution 46: Mr. Gaetz, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Comer, Mr. Van Drew.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petitions were filed:

Petition 13, April 26, 2022, by Mr. Banks on the bill (H.R. 426), was signed by the following Members: Mr. Banks, Mr. Steube, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Pfluger, Mrs. Hartzler, Mrs. Miller of Illinois, Mrs. Boebert, Mrs. Lesko, Mrs. Cammack, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mr. McKinley, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Rogers of Alabama, Mrs. Harshbarger, Mr. Cawthorn, Mr. Gaetz, Mr. Burchett, Mr. Mullin, Mr. Nehls, Mr. Williams of Texas, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Buck, Mr. Van Drew, Mr. Norman, Mr. Gosar, Ms. Herrell, Mr. Stauber, Mr. Green of Tennessee, Mr. Mast, Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, Mr. Posey, Mr. C. Scott Franklin of Florida, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Massie, Mr. Keller, Mr. Owens, Mr. Johnson of South Dakota, Mr. Arrington, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Miller of West Virginia, Mr. Babin, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Ms. Mace, Ms. Herrera Beutler, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Clyde, Mr. Long, Mr. Bishop of North Carolina, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Hern, Mr. Moore of Alabama, Mr. Balderson, Mr. Amodei, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Greene of Georgia, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Roy, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Waltz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Wittman, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Cline, Mr. Good of Virginia, Mr. Grothman, Mr. Feenstra, Mr. Budd, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Palazzo, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Murphy of North Carolina, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Rosendale, Mr. Gimenez, Mrs. McClain, Mr. Wenstrup, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Mann, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Tenney, Mr. Meuser, Mr. Estes, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Carl, Mr. Rouzer, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Ms. Foxx, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Gooden of Texas, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, Mr. Guest, Ms. Letlow, Mrs. Spartz, Mr. Rose, Mr. Fulcher, Mr. Bergman, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Smith of Missouri.

Petition 14, April 27, 2022, by MR. MAST on House Resolution 1039, was signed by the following Members: Mr. Mast, Mr. Johnson of Louisiana, Mr. Posey, Mr. C. Scott Franklin of Florida, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Massie, Mr. Arrington, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Ms. Mace, Mr. Long, Mr. Clyde, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Hern, Mr. Bishop of North Carolina, Mr. Moore of Alabama, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Mullin, Mrs. Greene of Georgia, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Roy, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Feenstra, Mr. Budd, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Murphy of North Carolina, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Gooden of Texas, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, and Mr. Baird.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, in these tumultuous days of crisis and challenge, Members of Congress know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our Nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, law, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Madam Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They brave the dangers of the pandemic that has wrought so much suffering and heartbreak across our nation. They cheerfully do their duty in the U.S. Capitol complex that just over one year ago was the site of an insurrection attack not seen since the War of 1812. These dedicated and public-spirited men and women may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to five extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Alexander Nordahl, University of Houston;

Shania Jackson, Texas Tech University;

Laura Rincon-Bianchi, University of Houston;

Jordan Webster, Howard University; and

Ayana Ahuja, The Madeira School.

Madam Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright, and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

HOMETOWN HERO—RAYFIELD WRIGHT

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of North Texas legend, Rayfield Wright, who passed away last week.

Rayfield was a long-time player for the Dallas Cowboys, marking his legacy as a hall of famer both on and off the field.

During his time with the Cowboys, Rayfield earned the iconic nickname "Big Cat" for his ability on his feet, despite his looming size. He helped lead the Cowboys in the 70's, winning an impressive five NFC championships and two Super Bowls along the way.

After thirteen seasons and an incredible 200+ games, Rayfield was rightfully inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His fellow Cowboys legend, Roger Staubach put it simply, "he was absolutely the best."

But his story did not end there, in fact far from it. Rayfield went on to put the same love and energy that he put into football, into his community.

Just last year, Rayfield put on a charity golf tournament outside Fort Worth to provide much needed relief to the community during the pandemic. Proceeds from the tournament went to a local food bank and first responders.

I thank Rayfield for always putting North Texas first, and inspiring us on the field and in the community. DFW will always remember his legacy; may he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RITA BROCK-PERINI

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and celebrate the life of Rita Brock-Perini, who passed away in April. Rita was the first woman in her family to join the military, and she dedicated her life to service and inspired many—including myself—to do more in support of our Nation's veterans.

Rita was born in Phoenix in 1938 as one of ten children. After graduating from St. Mary's High School, she earned her nursing degree and spent ten years working as a nurse before becoming a captain in the Air Force Nursing Corps, serving during one of the most violent periods of the Vietnam war. As one of the more experienced nurses, she cared for not only the soldiers wounded in war, but for her fellow nurses as well. Rita left the Air Force in 1971 to take a job with the American Red Cross, continuing her service to those in need.

Even after retiring in 2003, Rita never lost her passion for service. She became Vice President of the Veterans Medical Leadership Council (VMLC), an organization dedicated to ensuring quality care for veterans in Maricopa County. At VMLC, Rita managed the Returning Warriors program, which worked with the local VA to provide emergency services to veterans.

I am lucky to have been able to consider Rita a friend. She was one of the first people to welcome me to the American Legion when I moved to Phoenix as a young veteran, and I will never forget her kindness and support. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and our community. She will be greatly missed.

ASSET SEIZURE FOR UKRAINE RECONSTRUCTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6930 the Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act, which authorizes the President to, subject to certain conditions, seize assets belonging to a foreign person whose wealth is derived in part through political support for or corruption linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In the two years that follow this bill's enactment, the President may seize assets if Russia remains engaged in a conflict of territorial conquest in Ukraine; the President has imposed sanctions on the owner of the assets for reasons related to corruption, human rights violations, malign influence, or conflicts in Ukraine; and the assets are valued at over $5 million.

The seized assets may be liquidated, and the resulting funds may only be used for specified purposes, including the post-conflict reconstruction of Ukraine, humanitarian assistance and refugee support for the Ukrainian people, weapons for Ukraine's uniformed military forces, and humanitarian and development assistance for the Russian people.

There is no question of whether the Russian Federation, under the direction of Vladimir Putin, has been defying the laws of war throughout their unprovoked, unjust, and unlawful invasion of Ukraine.

In the three decades since gaining independence, Ukraine has sought closer economic, social, and political ties with the free market and democratic nations of the West.

Since 2013, the Russian Federation has imposed a campaign of political, economic, and military aggression in Ukraine.

Today the world is witnessing a manufactured war, arbitrarily ordered by Vladimir Putin.

President Putin and his associates must be held personally liable for the war crimes committed against the people of Ukraine.

Russia claims it is not attacking civilians, yet thousands of people have been killed, mostly from explosive weapons with a wide impact area, including shelling from heavy artillery and multi-launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes.

Families are being separated by war, adults and children are being ruthlessly killed, and a rogue Russia is violently crushing political speech opposing the war from its own citizens.

As Russian ground forces advance in Ukraine, Ukrainians are sheltering from artillery and cruise missiles in subways and bomb shelters.

The western world must continue to march in unison against this senseless Russian invasion of a sovereign nation.

It is our duty to do all we can to stop these brutal attacks on democracy. Squeezing the bank accounts and assets of Russian oligarchs will eventually force them to take matter into their own hands and stop Putin.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6930 the Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act to help put an end to Putin's evil invasion.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRINCETON BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Baptist Health System.

Though the history of Princeton Baptist Medical Center begins in 1922, the framework of the hospital, dates back to 1906 with the establishment of Birmingham Infirmary by Dr. William Christopher Gewin. Specializing in compassionate care in a Christian environment, Birmingham Infirmary was a pioneering medical center in the city of Birmingham, serving as the city's first training school for nurses.

By 1922, the Birmingham Baptist Association assumed ownership of Birmingham Infirmary, making it the first time any local Baptist association owned a hospital. As a faith-based hospital, Birmingham Baptist Hospital, now Princeton Baptist Medical Center, built its organization on the premise that it would provide service to patients regardless of their ability to pay. During their first day of operation, Princeton served 39 patients, with 11 more admitted by the day's end without any operating capital.

Ten years later, in 1930, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center leased a second location previously owned by one of the original medical staff, Dr. Seale Harris, who originally built and began operating the residential hospital. After acquiring another facility, the Baptist Health System began rapidly expanding, undergoing multiple major hospital expansions and renovations. As the hospital infrastructure started to grow, its network was not far behind, expanding to meet the needs of its patients by adding new departments to expand critical services and conducting clinical research to stay abreast with the latest medical advancements.

During World War II, Princeton Baptist Medical Center became the first hospital in the region to have a United States Cadet Nurse Corps unit hosting over 100 students. By the 1960s, they continued building upon their esteemed reputation by performing pioneering brain surgery at Princeton Baptist Medical Center, becoming one of the first hospitals in the city to desegregate its wards, and introducing the use of automation in their laboratories.

With growth as a cornerstone, during the 1990s, additional hospitals joined Princeton Baptist to build one of the state's largest and most comprehensive networks of acute care hospitals and a true community of care; a network that was strengthened in 2015 through a partnership with Brookwood Medical Center to create the five-hospital system of Brookwood Baptist Health.

Upholding its ''high tech and high touch'' reputation, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has stayed at the forefront of technology, staffing the hospital with present-day pioneers bringing cutting-edge health care to the people of the north and central Alabama.

From its humble beginnings in 1922, Princeton Baptist Medical center has upheld its rich legacy of medical ministry by staying active in the community through education. Noted as a teaching hospital, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has several educational programs, becoming the first health care system in the United States to implement a pastoral education program and student internship. Now Princeton continues to provide these transformational opportunities by hosting multiple residency programs, creating the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing at Samford University and the Princeton Baptist Achievers Program, a mentoring/scholarship program for high school students interested in healthcare.

Working to provide the most efficient, cost-effective, and patient-friendly care, Princeton Baptist Medical Center now has a medical staff of more than 230 physicians, an additional 1,700 employees, and 505-licensed hospital beds. As the first hospital under Brookwood Baptist Health, Princeton Medical Center is a centerpiece to the state's largest health care system providing innovative and compassionate care to all patients.

On a personal note, my family and I have experienced Princeton Baptist Medical Center's compassionate care firsthand. Their doctors, nurses, administrators, and other health care professionals provided excellent care while giving us the support and resources we needed to get well. They were God-sent, and the Sewell family is eternally grateful.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and its vital contributions to the medical profession and the health and well-being of the Birmingham community.

ACKNOWLEDGING FAITH AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (FACE) AND THE SAIGU CAMPAIGN

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE)'s efforts to unite Los Angeles on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Los Angeles Riots.

As many of us remember, the Los Angeles Riots that occurred during the spring of 1992 left 63 people killed, over 3,000 business destroyed, and more than a billion dollars in property damage. The city's Korean community alone saw more than five hundred million dollars of property damage—leaving many to face the uncertainty of no longer being able to provide for themselves and their families.

As the 30th anniversary approached, FACE worked alongside community organizations to launch the Serve Advocate Inspire Give Unite (SAIGU) campaign to promote peace, tolerance, and unity across Los Angeles. Beginning tomorrow, events such as documentary screenings, art exhibitions, and interfaith prayer sessions will take place across the city. Together, these events are designed to highlight the community's desire to remember and heal from those traumatic events. This year's events are meant to build bridges of understanding and combat the myths that drive wedges between the city's diverse and vibrant ethnic communities.

30 years later, this anniversary comes at a time of rising xenophobic rhetoric, particularly against the AAPI community. As the one of only four Korean Americans currently serving in Congress, I am incredibly thankful of the work that FACE and others have done to reject hatred and promote diversity and understanding. I look forward to seeing the success of the SAIGU campaign and following FACE's continuing good work.

PATENTS FOR HUMANITY ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5796, the Patents for Humanity Act of 2021, which will codify into law an expedited process to obtain patents for inventors who use groundbreaking technology to meet humanitarian challenges.

H.R. 5796 establishes a competitive process that awards certificates to be redeemed to accelerate applications, appeals, and reexaminations at the Patent and Trademark Office.

The Obama administration established Patents for Humanity in 2012 as an awards program initiative to encourage businesses to apply their patented technology to address global development challenges.

Since 2012, the program has proven to achieve that by rewarding innovators for using technology to better the global community.

2020 Winners included: Usee Vision providing prescription eyeglasses to people who

lack access to vision care, the PfSPZ Malaria vaccine with the highest effectiveness rate for a Malaria vaccine, NEW generator recovering nutrients from wastewater, and NonSpec providing affordable and adjustable prosthetic limb systems.

These inventions are just some of the many innovative solutions that Patents for Humanity fast-tracked in aiding world humanitarian issues.

Innovation is a vital tool in bettering society, but often it comes slowly, with high costs and inefficient implementation. The pandemic has only highlighted how important it is to develop solutions quickly and effectively.

Codifying Patents for Humanity will ensure that innovators can provide solutions to the less fortunate in a sustainable and efficient way through the Patent Office.

Patents are essential to the United States' economy as they encourage creative disruption and growth within the country. Patents need to remain accessible and innovation needs to be protected; especially when it comes to groundbreaking technology that can assist others on a humanitarian level.

Companies should prioritize Corporate Social Responsibility to align commercial interests with the global good. Patents for Humanity encourages corporate citizenship through rewarding humanitarian engagement and proves that reaching underserved markets is compatible with business.

Congress needs to reward innovation and incentivize creativity to progress intellectually and scientifically in solving global development problems, which is why I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 5796.

HOMETOWN HERO—MIKE E. SIMONDS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike E. Simonds, Senior Chief at Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. We congratulate Senior Chief Simonds on his retirement after dedicating forty-two years of service to the citizens of Tarrant County, including twenty-one years with the Arlington Police Department.

Senior Chief Simonds has served an instrumental role in our community and state through years patrolling our streets, keeping drugs out of our cities and ensuring murderers were put behind bars. His unwavering commitment is unmatched, from assisting in the implementation of the nationwide Amber Alert Program, to helping develop the number one Human Trafficking Unit in North Texas, to building a robust Narcotics Unit, to growing the largest Auto Theft Task Force in the state.

Senior Chief Simonds served the last five years as the first Senior Chief for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office with honor and integrity, bringing exceptional leadership to the agency.

I thank Senior Chief Simonds for his leadership and the lasting impact he has made with our law enforcement partners. He serves as a role model and mentor to future leaders maintaining the highest of standards. Congratulations to Senior Chief Simonds on his retirement and lasting memory of a career of service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, on April 27, 2022, I regrettably missed a vote in the House of Representatives due to a meeting I had with a constituent.

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 127, H.R. 7314, the Assessing Xi's Interference and Subversion Act.

ASSESSING XI'S INTERFERENCE AND SUBVERSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 7314, the Assessing Xi's Interference and Subversion Act or AXIS Act.

The AXIS Act requires the Department of State to report to Congress on how China's government is directly or indirectly supporting Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The report will include evidence of the Chinese government helping Russian entities circumvent U.S. sanctions, inhibiting the U.S. government's investigations, or assisting Russia with any technology, propaganda efforts, and financial arrangements.

The bill notes that Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping met with Russian leader Putin on February 4, 2022, less than three weeks prior to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the two released a joint statement outlining a strategic partnership with ''no limits'' and no ''forbidden'' areas for cooperation.

Additionally, it notes that China abstained from UN votes condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 25th and March 2nd; and that China has not publicly condemned Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion.

The Chinese government has demonstrated its support of Russia and Putin through compliancy.

China opposed U.S. military support for Ukraine, and abstained when the UN General Assembly voted in favor of a resolution blaming Russia for the humanitarian consequences of illegal aggression against Ukraine.

Russian propaganda is spreading through China, subjecting the Chinese people to the delusion that the invasion of Ukraine is only a ''special military operation''.

Russia has claimed that their invasion is partly backed by Ukrainians attempting to free Ukraine from its Soviet Legacy.

The Chinese Communist Party has traditionally supported and encouraged Russia, as they are both rooted in communist ideology.

When Xi and President Joe Biden spoke on March 18th, President Biden communicated that there would be ''implications and consequences if China provides material support to Russia as it conducts brutal attacks against Ukrainian cities and civilians.''

As a result of China's disinformation efforts related to Russia's war against Ukraine, China must be held accountable for suppressing Russia's war crimes, as well.

Russian war crimes include the indiscriminate killing of countless civilians. In light of this, if China is found to be materially supporting Russia in its war against Ukraine, there should be swift and rigorous consequences for China.

Specifically, this bill would include a discussion of China's support for Russia in terms of:

Helping Russia or Russian entities evade U.S. sanctions or multilateral sanctions and export controls;

Inhibiting U.S. export control end-use checks, including interviews and investigations in China;

Providing Russia with any technology that supports Russian intelligence or military capabilities, including certain classifications of semiconductors (EAR99);

Establishing economic or financial agreements that will have the effect of alleviating the impact of U.S. sanctions or multilateral sanctions;

Furthering Russia's disinformation and propaganda efforts;

Coordinating to hinder the efforts of multilateral organizations, including the UN, to provide aid to the people or government of Ukraine, to condemn Russia's war, to hold Russia accountable for the invasion and its prosecution of the war, or to hold those complicit accountable; and

Providing any material, technical, or logistical support, including to the Russian military or intelligence agencies and state-owned or state-linked enterprises.

We must ensure that, if China is aiding Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war against Ukraine, then such actions do not go unpunished.

This bill allows Congress to monitor the Chinese government's activity and assistance, and act accordingly. The report required by the bill would specific efforts relating to U.S. action and sanctions, recommending ways for our steps against Russia to be as effective as possible.

This alliance between the Chinese Communist Party and the Kremlin is a serious threat to the U.S. and our allies.

The world should know how China is aiding and abetting Russia in evading the effects of international sanctions.

I urge all members to join me in voting for H.R. 7314, the AXIS Act because as my colleague Congressman GREGORY MEEKS said, ''if China is complicit in the bloodshed of the Ukrainian people, the world should know that too''.

HONORING FARHAD MANSOURIAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of Farhad Mansourian as he retires from Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART). Mr. Mansourian has dedicated

his 43-year career to public service, spending the last 11 years serving as SMART's intrepid general manager.

Mr. Mansourian was a terrorist officer in the Iranian Imperial Army before he escaped to the United States after the fall of the Shah. After obtaining degrees in civil engineering and political science from Sacramento State University, he settled in Marin County where he began his civil engineering and public service work in 1979. After serving for 32 years, including 9 years as Marin County's Public Works Director, Mr. Mansourian retired leaving behind an impressive legacy of accomplishments for the county. His retirement, however, proved brief, as he was quicky recruited to become SMART's General Manager, a position he accepted in 2011.

As SMART General Manager, Mr. Mansourian was tasked with turning 45 miles of repurposed rail track into a thriving rail line in the aftermath of the 2007 to 2008 financial crisis and the significant budget challenges it created. Applying his vast experience, skills and talents, he worked creatively to solve many engineering, construction, and funding challenges, coordinating with partner transportation agencies, elected officials, government agencies, community groups, and the public to meet project expectations.

Mr. Mansourian's ability to manage difficult circumstances and collaborate with independent and often times competing jurisdictions on a shoestring budget is masterful and a key reason regional passenger rail is a reality for SMART riders today. Under his leadership, SMART successfully operates this regional rail line with 12 stops spanning Northern Sonoma County to San Francisco Bay and serving a peak of 700,000 riders. This success of SMART has also contributed to cleaner air for local residents as its riders have prevented 8.1 million pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from being released into the environment.

Madam Speaker, Farhad Mansourian exemplifies what it means to be a public servant. His dedication to regional transportation solutions and improving accessibility and sustainability for Marin and Sonoma Counties will benefit generations to come. Therefore, please join us in congratulating him on his decades of inspiring work and in wishing him a fulfilling and relaxing retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF UW-PARKSIDE FOR HOSTING THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DISPARITY AND FAIRNESS IN GROWTH ON CAMPUS FOR A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to thank and honor the University of Wisconsin–Parkside. On April 11, UW–Parkside hosted the Select Committee on the Economy for a hearing on education pathways to opportunity. I am grateful to UW–Parkside Chancellor Debbie Ford and the students and faculty who made this hearing possible.

It was truly an honor to host my Congressional colleagues in Southeast Wisconsin to discuss policies that help workers enter, reenter and remain in the workforce. As we in Wisconsin all know, UW–Parkside, along with our other state and private trade schools, offer unlimited opportunities. UW–Parkside has worked with community stakeholders, including local businesses, to create innovative professional programs. These programs enable folks in our community to develop new skills and enter the careers of the future.

I am grateful to my colleagues, Chairman HIMES and Congresswoman MOORE, for joining me to learn and visit UW–Parkside to learn about the opportunities this university has to offer our community. Again, I thank UW–Parkside for their role in our very informative hearing.

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3522 the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act which temporarily waives certain requirements related to the President's authority to lend or lease defense articles if the defense articles are intended for Ukraine's government or the governments of other Eastern European countries affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

For FY2022 and FY2023, an agreement to lend or lease defense articles under this bill will not be subject to certain requirements and provisions that typically apply to such lend-lease agreements, including a requirement that generally prohibits a loan or lease period from exceeding five years.

S. 3522 will allow the President to establish expedited procedures to ensure the timely delivery of defense articles loaned or leased to Ukraine under this bill.

There is no question that the Russian Federation, under the direction of Vladimir Putin has been defying the laws of war throughout their unprovoked, unjust, and unlawful full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In the three decades since gaining its independence, Ukraine has sought closer economic, social, and political ties with the free market and democratic nations of the West.

Since 2013, Putin has directed a campaign of political, economic, and military aggression against Ukraine.

In February 2014, the Russian military began the invasion of eastern regions in Ukraine, including the Crimean Peninsula. Their military equipped and supported separatist insurgents in the Donbass region, where fighting has killed over 14,000 people.

Today the world is witnessing the unprovoked aggression and invasion ordered by Vladimir Putin.

Putin and his accomplices must be held personally liable for the war crimes committed against the people of Ukraine.

Russia claims it is not attacking civilians. But that is a lie, as Russia has killed tens of thousands of Ukrainians, mostly from explosive weapons over a wide impact area, shelling from heavy artillery and multi-launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes.

Families are being separated by war, adults and children are being ruthlessly killed, and a rogue Russia is violently crushing political speech from its own citizens who oppose the war.

Of all the victims of this irrational, immoral invasion, the most severe long-term effects are inflicted on Ukraine's children. Hundreds were killed, and many more children have been severely injured.

Many have been orphaned by Russian bombing of residences and gathering places, in addition to battlefield losses. Thousands have been traumatized by the fear and terror that missiles and bombs bring, with emotional and psychological wounds that are likely to last decades, if not for their entire lives.

Ukrainian children who escaped the carnage are also suffering. According to the United Nations and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, over 5.1 million Ukrainians have left Ukraine, about 40 percent are children, and over 2.9 million refugees from Ukraine have entered Poland since February 24, of whom [over] 90 percent are women and children.

They emphasized that the number of unaccompanied children is ''distressingly high,'' and are largely going uncounted. Children who are orphaned or separated from their families are especially at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation and abuse.

It is deplorable that children and their families' lives have been thrown into jeopardy by Putin's war crimes. All children, no matter their country's NATO status, deserve a stable, parented household in a safe community. They should never be victims of war, witnesses to atrocities, nor orphaned by war's toll, being left to navigate the remnants without their families.

Yet, all this is the reality for Ukraine's in-country and refugee children. They are scared and scarred, and a great number of them have no one to help them cope with the heartbreaking detritus of war.

Another tragedy stemming-from this war is the vulnerability of women and girls to the deplorable system of human trafficking. Secretary General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres said, ''For predators and human traffickers, the war in Ukraine is not a tragedy,'' ''It's an opportunity—and women and children are the targets.''

This is yet another reason this legislation must pass: to prevent women and girls from being subject to some of humanity's worst individuals.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support S. 3522 the Ukraine Democracy Lend-Lease Act to adequately support the Ukrainian forces against Russia unprovoked vicious attack on democracy.

The western world must continue to support Ukraine during their time of war.

I look forward to the briefing by Mr. Reznikov on his latest defense needs and requests.

HOMETOWN HERO—ROSE BRAZIEL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Texas-24 Hometown

Hero of the week, Rose Braziel, CEO and founder of Hope 4 Kids.

Rose started Hope 4 Kids with the same values she has carried with her, her entire life: love, respect, and kindness. In doing so, she's provided underprivileged children in North Texas with food, clothes, and an important sense of community.

Rose's goal is to not only ensure kids in her community are properly taken care of today, but to inspire them to be leaders tomorrow. By providing an environment for boys and girls to learn leadership skills, teamwork building, and the importance of volunteering, the next generation of Texas-24 is well-equipped to lead us for years to come.

Rose's journey to develop and inspire future leaders was far from easy. After two strokes and various doctors telling her she wouldn't walk or talk again, Rose has displayed unmatched resiliency and defied all odds to continue her incredible efforts.

Her strength and dedication have helped countless students in need of a mentor and a friend. I thank Rose for always putting the next generation before herself and ensuring they are set up for success.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, JOHN DANIEL HARMON, SR.

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Daniel Harmon, Sr., a 102-year-old World War II veteran from Saluda, South Carolina.

Mr. Harmon was born in 1919 in Saluda County on a small farm. Growing up during the Great Depression, Mr. Harmon learned the value of community, hard work, and being resourceful throughout his life. Mr. Harmon attended Hickory Grove School and was in the first class to graduate from the Hollywood School in 1937.

After finishing school, Mr. Harmon joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked several jobs before joining the U.S. Army during WWII. He served a tour of duty with Company B, 363rd Medical Battalion, 63rd Infantry Division as an ambulance driver. His division was among the first to cross the Siegfried Line. Mr. Harmon still remembers many of the battles he endured during his tour, and he is always willing to share his experiences of the Army.

For his service, he received several recognitions including the American Theater Ribbon, the European and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Two Battle Stars for Rhineland and Central Europe, the Combat Medical Badge, a Bronze Star, and the French Legion of Honor Medal.

After the war, Mr. Harmon returned to his hometown of Saluda where he eventually retired as a Superintendent with Eagle Construction Company. Mr. Harmon and his wife, Grace Gentry spent seventy years married and saw the growth of their family with five children, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren with who Mr. Harmon has celebrated many birthdays and holidays. He continues to be an active member of his church, Bethany United Methodist Church. Mr. Harmon still leads a highly active life, and he has not lost his wit, knowledge, or cheerful outlook. Mr. Harmon recently celebrated his 102nd birthday, making him among the oldest surviving World War II veterans in South Carolina.

The United States is blessed to have the finest troops and veterans in the history of the world, where so many heroes like Mr. Harmon are willing to put on our country's uniform in defense of our freedoms. I am confident that Mr. Harmon's lifetime of service to his country and community will continue to inspire many.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their lives to protecting America's freedoms.

UKRAINE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 496, the Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act, which will oppose religious freedom violations in Ukraine by Russia.

H.R. 496 the Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act directs the President, when determining whether Russia is a country of particular concern for religious freedom under certain federal laws, to consider incidents occurring in the parts of Ukraine controlled by Russia or Russia-affiliated non-state groups.

Ukraine is a religiously rich country with 74 percent of people identifying as Orthodox, 10 percent Greek Catholic and the remainder identifying as Roman Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

Ukraine has accused Russia of targeting historic monuments and cultural heritage sites. Damaging and destroying at least 59 religious sites across the country since its invasion began.

H.R. 496 will direct the president to consider incidents in the Russian controlled parts of Ukraine found by Congress.

Ukrainian groups targeted by Russia include Muslim Crimean Tatars, the Orthodox Church, the Greek Catholic Church, Protestant Christians, and Jehovah's Witnesses.

Religious freedom violations against these groups consist of abductions, torture, imprisonment, property confiscation, vandalism, and banning of peaceful religious gatherings.

Russia is utilizing religious extremism to silence and arrest Ukrainians, including closing religious institutions that don't conform. Religious freedom violations have been key in Russia dismantling Ukrainian civil society.

Congress' findings state that international humanitarian law requires Russia to protect religious freedom in occupied territories. This includes illegal entities, such as Russia's illegal occupation of the Crimea Region.

In opposing violations of religious freedom, it is imperative that we consider the extreme religious injustices and restrictions Russia placed on the territories they have invaded in Ukraine.

Freedom to practice religion should be a protected right for every person, worldwide. This bill will ensure the President considers these severe violations in Ukraine by Russia when determinizing Russia's threat to religious freedom.

I urge all members to join me in voting for H.R. 496, the Ukraine Religious Support Act.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK AND INNOVATIVE THINKING OF TEACHERS AND STAFF AT MARY E. ROBERTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and innovative thinking of teachers and staff at Mary E. Roberts Elementary School of Moorestown, New Jersey for taking steps to reduce their food waste.

Every year is the United States wastes more than 100 billion pounds of food, the equivalent of 130 billion meals. In New Jersey alone, one person on average throws away 325 pounds of food each year. Across the country, over $408 billion dollars' worth of food is being thrown away each year, the need for new and innovative ways to reduce food waste has never been higher.

Knowing that their school had an important role to play in reducing and recycling food waste, teachers and paraprofessionals at Mary E. Roberts Elementary School took action. In 2019, the school received funding through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools grant to purchase equipment and hire instructors to explain to students how to sort their unopened and untouched food. These resources were instrumental in the launch of the ''No Food Left Behind'' program where left-over food and produce from the school's garden is collected and donated to local food pantries and animal hospitals.

The action taken by Mary E. Roberts Elementary School has inspired the community to proclaim yesterday, April 28, 2022, as Stop Food Waste Day and encourage others to learn about simple ways to minimize the impact of food waste.

Each of us believes that no one in the United States should go to bed hungry. The unfortunate reality is that, in New Jersey's Third District alone, more than 55,000 people, including 12,000 children, experience hunger. Programs such as ''No Food Left Behind'' are not only raising awareness playing a key role to raise awareness on food waste. I applaud all the staff, students, and volunteers at Mary E. Roberts Elementary School for showing us how we can all improve our communities, and I look forward to seeing more schools across the country follow their lead.

HOMETOWN HERO—KHEN HOIH

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Khen Hoih of Irving, Texas,

whose inspiring story displays the type of community North Texas has to offer.

Despite being born without the lower half of his left arm, Khen has always dreamed of following in his brother's footsteps by playing in his school's orchestra. As his teachers put it, ''he's never let anything hold him back.''

This dream was recently made possible by the ingenuity of several Nimitz High School engineering students, who took their lessons from class to tirelessly fashion a musical prosthetic for Khen.

After months of work and his new prosthetic dawned, Khen miraculously played the violin for his peers, parents, and teachers at a recent school board meeting.

Khen's dedication and passion for music proved that against all odds, anything is possible.

I thank Khen for inspiring us to reach for our goals—no matter the obstacles we may face. I also thank the brilliant students who made his dream become a reality. His creativity and compassion for others is a wonderful reflection of the spirit of Texas-24.

TRANSATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3344 the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act to direct the Department of State and other federal agencies to help Central and Eastern European countries improve the security of their telecommunications networks.

To support eligible projects, the State Department shall provide diplomatic and political support and encourage international financial institutions to provide investment support.

This bill will strengthen national security cooperation by securing 5G development with our key allies and partners in Central and Eastern Europe.

In recent years, the United States and our allies have defeated increased threats from China and Russia that seek to expand their spheres of influence and undermine democratic institutions.

Recently, European countries have felt significant pressure to use Huawei 5G equipment, a state-linked Chinese information and communications technology company, giving China the ability to compromise allied critical telecommunications infrastructure.

5G networks are crucial to artificial intelligence platforms, which in the future will introduce immense national security and domestic economic implications.

Secure telecommunications are also critical for military interoperability with our European allies at a time when NATO coordination is needed now more than ever.

Given these critical national security needs, the United States must provide our allies an alternative to Chinese financing and provide increased diplomatic support to ensure secure telecommunications lines.

For this reason, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 3344 the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act.

HONORING MR. GORDON HARGROVE

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gordon Hargrove, a community advocate who has spent his career fighting to deliver basic services to the most vulnerable people in Worcester, Massachusetts.

In 1957, while attending Worcester State College, Mr. Hargrove began working as part-time staff at the multi-service neighborhood center, the Friendly House. Over the course of 65 years, Mr. Hargrove worked from his position as a volunteer at the Friendly House to the role of Executive Director, in which he has served for 52 years. During this time, Mr. Hargrove has used his passion and knowledge to fortify the Friendly House as an important service provider to Worcester's immigrant and low-income communities.

Mr. Hargrove played an integral role in securing funding for the construction of the main Friendly House building, which allowed for collaborative projects with family shelters across Central Massachusetts. In the 70s, he helped coordinate providing services to children with behavioral issues and advocated for health insurance providers to fund mental health services. Mr. Hargrove also spearheaded a program to provide meals to elders—making the Friendly House the first shelter in Worcester to do so. Today, most community service sites offer elder meal programs, undoubtedly due to the work of the Friendly House and Mr. Hargrove's leadership.

Madam Speaker, the impact of Mr. Hargrove's advocacy cannot be understated. Countless people have had food on their tables, roofs over their heads, and a job to go to everyday because of the services provided by the Friendly House and the community-based solutions Mr. Hargrove has championed. There has never been a problem too big to take on or a family he didn't try to help. For over half a century, Mr. Hargrove has led the Friendly House with nothing but compassion and goodness in his heart. He has devoted his professional life to being of service to others and the community.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people whose lives were changed for the better because of Mr. Hargrove's work, it is my great privilege to congratulate Mr. Gordon Hargrove on his retirement, and to thank him for his tireless efforts to create a more equitable world.

RECOGNIZING GUAM'S AUTISM COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN CELEBRATION OF APRIL 2022 AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Autism Awareness Month. During this month of April 2022, we take the time to recognize our autism community while reflecting on the ways we can improve our efforts to foster awareness, cultivate acceptance, and facilitate change for individuals and families affected by autism. I would like to further commend Guam's Autism Community Together (ACT) for their continued leadership in advancing these very priorities both over the past month and year-round.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that can cause significant social, emotional, communication, and behavioral challenges. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States, with a prevalence that has risen from 1 in 125 children in 2010 to 1 in 54 in 2020. This disorder affects more than 70 million people worldwide, and in Guam, 273 students within the Guam Department of Education have autism. However, this number does not include hundreds of others on our island who are adults, students outside of the public school system, and those that may be undiagnosed.

The entire world has shared in over two years of innumerable challenges imposed by COVID–19, but it is of the utmost importance that we do not let this hinder us from extending compassion and care to others. Groups like the autism community face a unique set of obstacles that have been exacerbated by the global pandemic, and it is critical that we remain steadfast in actively working to improve the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families. Over the years, we have made strides in increasing autism awareness, but much more lies ahead for us to accomplish. Part of this work includes a commitment to bridging the gap between mindful awareness and meaningful action. With a collective effort to drive the movement forward by connecting the two, we can simultaneously break down stigmas and build a society which accepts and appreciates all people. Moreover, by supplementing awareness with more opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care, and comprehensive long-term services, we can ensure that people with autism have the tools to live fully in all areas of life.

ACT has tirelessly advocated for these objectives since 2004, and this year, they have admirably brought the 2022 theme, ''Every Piece Matters—Accept & Support Autism,'' to life with various events and projects for the entire island community to participate in. Namely, they hosted an Autism Awareness Wave and Parade, their annual Autism Awareness Fair, a Funtastic Park Day, a Family Duck Ride Adventure, Movie Day, Bowling Day, 2K/5K Sunset GLOW Run, and a Mass of Thanksgiving. They are also scheduled to host a Golf Tournament today and have maintained a vital platform for our local legislature and administration to recognize the autism community.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to reflect upon the importance of coming together as a community and supporting those who have been affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder. Moreover, I am humbled to serve in pursuit of a more inclusive society which fosters understanding and celebrates our differences. On behalf of the people of Guam, I thank Autism Community Together as well as other nonprofit organizations, government agencies, service providers, support vendors, and community partners across the island who are committed to providing the information, resources, programs, and services necessary for

meeting the unique needs of our autism community. I look forward to their future contributions and the change we can affect for individuals and families in Guam and throughout the Nation.

PROTECTING SEMICONDUCTOR SUPPLY CHAIN MATERIALS FROM AUTHORITARIANS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 7372, the Protecting Semiconductor Supply Chain Materials from Authoritarians.

H.R. 7372 will require the President to establish a semiconductor supply chain working group and submit to Congress reports on potential disruptions to the supply chain.

We must always ensure that geopolitical dynamics do not impede or disrupt the United States' semiconductor supply.

Semiconductors were first developed in the United States for transmitter use. Since then, the industry has boomed with the creation of various types of Semiconductors that are used in everything from computers to cars, and from watches to washing machines.

Large semiconductor companies such as Intel and Texas Instruments rely on certain minerals to maintain manufacturing demands.

These threatened materials include palladium, neon gas, helium, and C4F6, which are necessary for the operation of electronic devices.

Semiconductors are essential to the American economy and day to day American life. A semiconductor shortage is a threat to National Security.

We need to plan ahead and anticipate the potential impact that Russia and other autocratic, authoritarian regimes may have on these supplies.

This bill will require the Secretary of State to submit a report analyzing Russia's impact on supply chains and the global economy while also recommending potential steps to bolster semiconductor production and secure necessary materials.

Taiwan is the world's largest supplier of semiconductors, so it is important to account for any geopolitical factors that might impact them. The bill requires these considerations in future reports as well as issues with health and natural disasters.

Through this report, Congress can stay updated for threats to the global supply chain for semiconductors and prepare for future geopolitical developments.

I urge all members to join me in voting for H.R. 7372, the Protecting Semiconductor Supply Chain Materials from Authoritarians.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAODINARY CAREER OF ART FRANKLIN, CBS 42 NEWS ANCHOR IN BIRMINGHAM, AL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 29, 2022

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and extraordinary accomplishments of Art Franklin, who is stepping down from his position as co-lead anchor of the CBS 42 Evening News on April 29, 2022.

A native of Detroit, Art is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Upon completing his education, he began his broadcasting career at the WDZZ–FM 93 radio station in Flint, Michigan, before leaving to join the WILX–TV 10, the NBC station in Lansing, Michigan. While at WILX, Art worked as a Capital Reporter and Business Reporter becoming the first African American male in Lansing to regularly anchor a broadcast newscast.

Continuing to work within the NBC network, Art transitioned to WAVY–TV 10 in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as the station's military affairs correspondent and anchor of the Bottom Line, the station's public service program. In addition to regularly reporting from the Pentagon, Art also began covering international assignments traveling to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, and the Caribbean. As a trailblazer in broadcast journalism, Art continued to make history upon moving to Birmingham in 1991, becoming Birmingham's first primetime African American male anchor during his 12 years at WBRC–TV. Throughout his career, Art reported on major world events such as the conflict in the Persian Gulf, the 9–11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, and the terrorist attack at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. He also transitioned to political reporting, covering several United States presidents, including Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama.

Leaving Birmingham in 2003, Art moved to Atlanta joining another NBC affiliate, WXIA 11 Alive News, before becoming an anchor at WAGA–TV FOX5. Though he left television to start a Public Relations firm, Art's passion and dedication to his craft brought him back to Birmingham to launch the CBS 42 Morning News with Art Franklin. While at CBS 42, Art has served as a managing editor and as anchor of the 4:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., and 10:00 P.M. newscast.

For over three decades, Art has immersed himself in the world of journalism, serving in exclusive positions such as the producer of the National Association of Black Journalists Awards show, which aired on Black Entertainment Television (BET) and guest journalism instructor at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Diversifying his career outside of journalism, Art has served as the C.E.O. of 285 Records, an Atlanta based independent record company; background actor for multiple award-winning television shows including How to Get Away with Murder and Greys Anatomy. He is also the author of the book Give It All You Got and the founder of the Art Franklin Collection, a clothing line of male clothing, accessories, and custom suits. As a vibrant member of his community, his civic affiliations include board member of the Jefferson County Family Resource Center and member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Art has received over 100 community and journalism awards for his exemplary career and contributions to the journalism profession, including most notably, an Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement for spotnews coverage in Atlanta in 2005, and most recently an Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Innovation as anchor of CBS 42's Coronavirus House Calls in 2021. Art is also the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Television Programming Excellence Award in 1995, Scrips Howard Excellence in journalism Award in 1994, RTNDA Best Documentary in 1994, and Alabama Associated Press Award for the Best Documentary in 1994, and Best Reporter in 1995. Securing his place in history as one of the best news anchors of a generation, in 2017, Art was named Alabama's Best News Anchor by the Alabama Broadcasting Association. In 2019, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle recognized him for over 25 years in the industry.

On a personal note, Art has always been the consummate professional. His mere presence on air has been a source of great inspiration for little black boys and girls in Alabama. Art delivers the news with clarity and purpose which has made him my "go-to" anchor for the nightly news. We will miss him on CBS 42, but I know that Art will continue to make significant contributions to our community. I congratulate Art, and extend best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Art Franklin and his exemplary contributions to broadcast journalism.

COUNTERING MALIGN RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 7311, the Countering Malign Russian Activities in Africa Act, which requires the Department of State to report to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining U.S. efforts to counter Russia's malign influence and activities in Africa.

This bill directs the Secretary of State to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and implementation plan outlining United States efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of the Russian Federation and its proxies in Africa.

Russia has been aggressively pursuing its strategic objectives in Africa in recent years by:

securing a foothold in the eastern Mediterranean,

gaining naval port access in the Red Sea,

expanding natural resource extraction opportunities,

displacing Western influence,

and promoting alternatives to democracy as a regional norm.

A report from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change shows how Russia is reviving

Soviet-era ties with African states to extract resources from the region, and in exchange, become a security provider.

Russia has a vested interest in the deployment of private military contractors (PMCs) in the region.

Instead of bringing peace, Russia is thriving on instability in African states and among Africa's leadership.

Africa is home to some of the fast-growing economies in the world and is abundant in natural resources.

With the U.S. and French military drawdown in Africa, Russia is looking to prove itself as an alternative.

Its deployment to Mali in December 2021 demonstrated the rapid support Moscow can offer struggling regimes, however Russia is also influencing from within.

Since Putin's embrace of the region in the last decade, political strategists have been sent to African governments, including those of the Central African Republic (CAR) and Madagascar, to counsel their leaders.

The funding of pro-Russian television channels in Africa and electoral interference are other methods to sway sentiment among Africans.

The growing tendency to request PMC support for mounting security challenges, as Russian influence increases among African societies, is a clear indicator of a deepening authoritarian footprint on the continent.

It seems that African countries are viewed by Russia cynically as vehicles for accrual of geostrategic advantage and exploitation rather than as partners for legitimate economic investment for trade or security assistance.

The ''partnerships'' that Russia seeks in Africa are not state based, but elite based.

By helping these often illegitimate and unpopular leaders to retain power, Russia is cementing Africa's indebtedness to Moscow.

Russia's engagements are inherently destabilizing for the citizens of African countries, resulting in stunted economic development, human rights abuses, disenfranchisement of African citizens, the perpetuation of illegitimate governments, and social polarization.

African stability is not a priority for Russia, as it is largely pursued on a patron-client basis with compromised African leaders.

Russia's unofficial strategy runs counter to the interests of many African citizens.

We must work more closely with African members of the UN Security Council so that shared interests of security and development are advanced at these international assemblies.

I ask my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 7311 because the United States can help Africa become less of a permissive environment for Russian imperialism.

It is imperative that we try to help save African stability, sovereignty, and democracy.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, May 2, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 7638; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 85; and H. Res. 1077–1081, were introduced. **Page H4707**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4708**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Williams (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4611**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman DeFazio wherein he transmitted copies of eighteen resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on April 28, 2022. **Pages H4611–H4706**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Faisal Amin, Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency; and Michael Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

ENSURING SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY AT OUR NATION'S PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled ''Ensuring Scientific Integrity at Our Nation's Public Health Agencies''. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Candice Wright, Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, May 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Joshua Frost, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 3

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

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