

Reductions clause used in multiple award schedule contracts ensures that the Government maintains its relationship with the contractor's customer or category of customers, upon which the contract is predicated.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 6,862; annual responses: 13,724; average hours per response: 7.5; burden hours: 102,930.

Copy of Proposal: A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: November 17, 1998.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Public Buildings Service, Region 10; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Statement

ACTION: The US General Services Administration (GSA) hereby gives notice that it intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), for the construction of a new Federal Courthouse in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

Procedures: The EA will be prepared at the completion of, and based upon, a scoping report. The EA will evaluate the proposed project, including all reasonable alternatives identified through the scoping process and a no-action alternative. Scoping will be accomplished through direct mailing correspondence to interested persons, agencies, and organizations and through two Public Scoping Meetings. The public scoping meetings will be held on December 14th and 15th, 1998 at the Hilton Hotel, 66 East 6th Ave., Eugene, OR, in the Joplin/Seeger Conference Room at 6:00 pm following an open house beginning at 5:30 pm. GSA will publish a public notice of these meetings in Eugene newspapers approximately two weeks prior to the events.

After the EA is prepared, it will be made available for public review. If significant impacts are not identified in the EA, GSA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

If, upon completion of the EA, significant impacts to the environment are identified, GSA will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. Public meetings will be held after the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and GSA will respond to all relevant comments received during the 45-day public comment period in the Final Environmental Impact Statement. After a minimum 30-day period following publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement GSA will issue a Record of Decision that will identify the site selected.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GSA, assisted by Herrera Environmental Consultants, is anticipating the preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement to acquire a site, design, and construct a new US Courthouse in Eugene, Oregon. GSA will serve as the lead agency and scoping will be conducted consistent with NEPA regulations and guidelines. GSA invites interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in defining and identifying any significant impacts and issues to be studied in the EA, including social, economic, or environmental concerns. Scoping should be limited to identifying significant issues to be analyzed in the environmental document and commenting on alternatives and the merit of the proposal.

Project Purpose, Historical Background, and Description

The District Judges, Magistrates, and US Marshals are currently located in the existing US Courthouse. Bankruptcy and other Court related Agencies are located in leased space in downtown Eugene. The existing Courthouse does not currently meet the requirements of the US Court's Design guide. The existing Courthouse/Federal Building complex cannot be adapted to accommodate the required space needs of both the Court and Agency tenants.

Congress has authorized GSA to acquire a site for construction of a new US Courthouse in Eugene. The approximate gross overall square feet planned for the project is 265-290 for all US District Court and Bankruptcy Court activities in Eugene, Oregon.

Alternatives: The EA/EIS will examine the short- and long-term impacts on the natural and physical environment. The impact assessment will include but not be limited to

impacts such as social environment, changes in land use, aesthetics, changes in traffic and parking patterns, economic impacts, and consideration of City planning and zoning requirements.

The EA/EIS will examine measures to mitigate significant adverse impacts resulting from the proposed action. Concurrent with NEPA implementation, GSA will also implement its consultation responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act to identify potential impacts to existing historic or cultural resources.

The EA/EIS will consider a no-action alternative and action alternatives. The no-action alternative would continue the occupancy in the existing Courthouse and continue to lease Court space in Eugene. The action alternatives will consist of different sites and configurations for construction of a new building in the delineated area in downtown Eugene. The delineated area includes a portion of the centralized business area. The delineated area includes property that is adjacent to the boundaries of the delineated area. The delineated area is as follows:

Bounded on the north by 5th Avenue, on the east by High Street, on the south by Broadway, and by Olive Street on the west.

ADDRESSES: In addition to the public scoping process, please send your written comments on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts to the following address: Michael D. Levine, Regional Environmental Program Manager, 10PCB, General Services Administration, 400 15th Street SW, Auburn, WA, 98001, or fax: Michael D. Levine at 253-931-7308, or e-mail at Michael.Levine@GSA.GOV. Written comments should be received no later than January 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nona Diediker at Herrera Environmental Consultants, 2200 Sixth Ave, Suite 601, Seattle, Washington, 98121 or call 206-441-9080; or Michael D. Levine, GSA (253) 931-7263.

Mailing List: If you wished to be placed on the project mailing list to receive further information as the EA process develops, contact Nona Diediker at the address noted above.

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Regional Administrator (10A).

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