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By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS; MA

The General Services Administration (GSA) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the following project:

New Federal Courthouse, Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts

The GSA will serve as lead agency and project sponsor in the preparation and filing of an EIS. The proposed action would involve the construction and operation of a new courthouse in Springfield, Massachusetts. Space and security constraints in the existing Federal Court facilities located in the Federal Building at 1550 Main Street, Springfield have caused the Court to seek relocation to a new building that would supply the required space, security, and facilities to accommodate the Court's current and projected caseload. This action is intended to provide approximately 140,000 occupiable square feet (13,000 square meters) of space for the various operations of the Federal Court and related agencies.

The EIS will evaluate a No-Action alternative and a Build alternative involving a preferred site on State Street between Elliot Street and Spring Street in Springfield, Massachusetts. It will also evaluate impacts on the affected environment, including, but not limited to, socioeconomics, hazardous materials, traffic/transportation, land use, urban design/neighborhood character, historic/cultural resources, noise, air quality, environmental justice, and cumulative impacts.

Public Scoping Meeting

To ensure that all issues relating to the proposed project are identified and all potentially significant issues are addressed and satisfied in the EIS, public comments and suggestions are being solicited. To facilitate the receipt of comments, two public Scoping Meetings will be held in Springfield on Monday, November 15, 1999. The first will be held from 3 PM to 5 PM on the fifth floor of the Federal Building, 1550 Main Street, and the second will be from 6 PM to 8 PM on the second floor of the City Hall, 36 Court Street. Public comment concerning the scope of the EIS will be taken at these meetings.

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Written comments may be mailed to the informational contact person no later than December 3, 1999.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[GSA Bulletin FPMR H-78]

Utilization and Disposal

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of bulletin.

SUMMARY: The attached bulletin provides revised information for Federal agencies on the disposal of excess biomedical equipment and IT equipment with potential Y2K defects.

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GSA Bulletin FPMR H-78 Utilization and Proposal

TO: Heads of Federal agencies
SUBJECT: Disposal of Year 2000 (Y2K) Noncompliant Biomedical Equipment and Information Technology (IT) Equipment

1. *What is the purpose of this bulletin?* To provide revised information for Federal agencies on the disposal of excess biomedical and IT equipment with potential Y2K defects.

2. *When does this bulletin expire?* This bulletin contains information of a continuing nature and will remain in effect until canceled or revised.

3. *What is the background?* The Y2K technology problem concerns computers, computer chips, and software that may not properly recognize or process dates after December 31, 1999. In addition, there are other specific dates that may be troublesome, such as February 29, 2000. This problem may affect the normal operation of biomedical equipment and information technology (IT) equipment. In biomedical equipment used in direct patient treatment, the monitoring of vital patient parameters, or used to support or sustain life, the Y2K problem may present a potential risk to public health and safety if not corrected. In those situations, biomedical device failure could injure the patient or compromise effective patient treatment. In response to this potential risk, GSA is providing guidance to Federal agencies on the disposal of such equipment when it becomes excess to their needs.

4. *What does this bulletin cover?* This bulletin applies to (1) all excess biomedical equipment, and (2) all excess IT equipment.

5. *Biomedical equipment. a. Where can I find information about the Y2K status and potential risks posed by biomedical equipment?* Federal agencies should consult the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) website at <http://www.fda.gov> for general Y2K information on biomedical equipment. Federal agencies can find more specific information provided by manufacturers of biomedical equipment in the Federal Y2K Biomedical Equipment Clearinghouse (Y2K Clearinghouse) located at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/yr2000/year2000/html>. Federal agencies can also access the Y2K Clearinghouse through the FDA website's Year 2000 link.

b. *How can I determine the Y2K status of the biomedical equipment?* Information provided by the original manufacturer is the best source for determining the Y2K status of the biomedical equipment under consideration.

c. *Where can I find manufacturer information?* Please consult the FDA Y2K Clearinghouse website or contact the manufacturer directly.

d. *How do I use Y2K information when disposing of excess biomedical*