

EXTENSION OF REDACTION AUTHORITY CONCERNING SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1059) to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 0, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 701]

YEAS—384

Ackerman	Clay	Gonzalez
Adams	Cleaver	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Clyburn	Gosar
Akin	Coble	Gowdy
Alexander	Coffman (CO)	Granger
Altmire	Cohen	Graves (GA)
Amash	Cole	Graves (MO)
Andrews	Conaway	Green, Gene
Austria	Cannolly (VA)	Griffin (AR)
Baca	Cooper	Griffith (VA)
Bachus	Costa	Grijalva
Baldwin	Courtney	Grimm
Barrow	Cravaack	Guinta
Bartlett	Crawford	Guthrie
Barton (TX)	Crenshaw	Gutierrez
Bass (CA)	Critz	Hahn
Bass (NH)	Crowley	Hall
Becerra	Cuellar	Hanabusa
Benishkek	Culberson	Hanna
Berg	Cummings	Harper
Berkley	Davis (CA)	Harris
Berman	Davis (IL)	Hartzler
Biggert	DeLauro	Hastings (FL)
Bilbray	Denham	Hastings (WA)
Billirakis	Dent	Hayworth
Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Heck
Bishop (NY)	Deutch	Hensarling
Bishop (UT)	Diaz-Balart	Heger
Black	Dicks	Herrera Beutler
Blackburn	Dingell	Higgins
Blumenauer	Doggett	Himes
Bonner	Dold	Hinojosa
Bono Mack	Donnelly (IN)	Hirono
Boren	Doyle	Hochul
Boswell	Dreier	Holden
Boustany	Duffy	Honda
Brady (PA)	Duncan (SC)	Hoyer
Brady (TX)	Duncan (TN)	Huelskamp
Braley (IA)	Edwards	Huizenga (MI)
Brooks	Ellison	Hultgren
Broun (GA)	Ellmers	Hunter
Brown (FL)	Emerson	Hurt
Bucshon	Eshoo	Inslee
Buerkle	Farenthold	Israel
Burgess	Farr	Issa
Burton (IN)	Fattah	Jackson (IL)
Butterfield	Filner	Jenkins
Calvert	Fincher	Johnson (GA)
Camp	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (IL)
Campbell	Flake	Johnson (OH)
Canseco	Fleischmann	Johnson, E. B.
Cantor	Fleming	Johnson, Sam
Capito	Flores	Jones
Capps	Forbes	Jordan
Carnahan	Fortenberry	Kaptur
Carney	Foxx	Keating
Carson (IN)	Frelinghuysen	Kelly
Carter	Fudge	Kildee
Cassidy	Garamendi	Kind
Castor (FL)	Gardner	King (IA)
Chabot	Garrett	Kingston
Chandler	Gerlach	Kissell
Chu	Gibbs	Kline
Cicilline	Gibson	Kucinich
Clarke (MI)	Gingrey (GA)	Labrador
Clarke (NY)	Gohmert	Lamborn

Lance	Owens	Scott (SC)
Landry	Palazzo	Scott (VA)
Langevin	Pallone	Scott, Austin
Lankford	Pascrell	Scott, David
Larsen (WA)	Pearce	Sensenbrenner
Larson (CT)	Pelosi	Serrano
Latham	Pence	Sessions
LaTourette	Perlmutter	Sewell
Latta	Peters	Sherman
Lee (CA)	Peterson	Shimkus
Levin	Petri	Shuster
Lewis (CA)	Pingree (ME)	Simpson
LoBiondo	Pitts	Sires
Loeb sack	Platts	Slaughter
Lofgren, Zoe	Pompeo	Smith (NE)
Long	Posey	Smith (NJ)
Lowe	Price (GA)	Smith (TX)
Lucas	Price (NC)	Southerland
Luetkemeyer	Quayle	Speier
Lujan	Quigley	Stark
Lummis	Rahall	Stearns
Lungren, Daniel E.	Rangel	Stivers
	Reed	Stutzman
	Rehberg	Sullivan
	Reichert	Sutton
	Renacci	Terry
	Ribble	Thompson (CA)
	Richardson	Thompson (MS)
	Richmond	Thompson (PA)
	Rigell	Thornberry
	Rivera	Tiberi
	Roby	Tierney
	Roe (TN)	Tipton
	McClintock	Tonko
	McCollum	Tsongas
	McCotter	Turner
	McDermott	Upton
	McGovern	Rokita
	McHenry	Rooney
	McIntyre	Ros-Lehtinen
	McKeon	Roskam
	McKinley	Ross (AR)
	McMorris	Ross (FL)
	Rodgers	Rothman (NJ)
	McNerney	Roybal-Allard
	Meehan	Royce
	Meeks	Runyan
	Mica	Ruppersberger
	Michaud	Ryan (OH)
	Miller (FL)	Ryan (WI)
	Miller (MI)	Sánchez, Linda T.
	Miller (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta
	Moore	Sarbanes
	Mulvaney	Scalise
	Murphy (PA)	Schakowsky
	Myrick	Schiff
	Napolitano	Schilling
	Neal	Schmidt
	Nugent	Schock
	Nunes	Schrader
	Nunnelee	Schwartz
	Olson	Schweikert
	Oliver	

NOT VOTING—47

Bachmann	Heinrich	Noem
Barletta	Hinchey	Pastor (AZ)
Buchanan	Holt	Paul
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Paulsen
Cardoza	(TX)	Payne
Chaffetz	King (NY)	Poe (TX)
Conyers	Kinzie (IL)	Polis
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Reyes
Davis (KY)	Lipinski	Rush
DeFazio	Lynch	Shuler
DeGette	Marino	Smith (WA)
Engel	Miller, Gary	Towns
Frank (MA)	Miller, George	Wasserman
Franks (AZ)	Moran	Schultz
Gallely	Murphy (CT)	Yarmuth
Giffords	Nadler	
Green, Al	Neugebauer	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes are remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes:

H.R. 2076—Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this bill.

H.R. 2633—Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this bill.

H.R. 1059—To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on this bill.

MAKING IN ORDER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2887, SURFACE AND AIR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS EXTENSION ACT OF 2011

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2887) to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes; the bill shall be considered as read; the bill shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIPTON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

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, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, September 12, 2011.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER, Speaker of the House, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On September 8, 2011, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider resolutions to authorize five lease prospectuses included in the General Services Administration's (GSA) FY2011 Capital Investment and Leasing Program (CILP) and one lease prospectus included in GSA's FY2012 CILP.

Our Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The six resolutions approved by the Committee will save the taxpayer more than \$21 million annually or more than \$210 million over ten years. These resolutions ensure savings through lower rents, avoidance of holdover penalties, and efficiencies created

through consolidation. In addition, the Committee has included space utilization requirements in each of the resolutions to ensure agencies find ways to shrink our real property footprint.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 8, 2011.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. MICA, M.C.,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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 replacement lease of up to 147,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement

ment Office, currently located at One Penn Plaza, New York, NY, at a proposed total annual cost of \$8,820,000 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 Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 138 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 138 square feet or higher per person.

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

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

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
NEW YORK, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-01-NY12
Congressional District: 08

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a replacement lease of up to 147,000 rentable square feet (rsf) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE), located at One Penn Plaza in New York City, NY.

The U.S. Customs Service was formerly housed at 6 World Trade Center, which was destroyed during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The current lease at One Penn Plaza was the result of an emergency relocation executed under a blanket authorization issued immediately after September 11, 2001. The current lease is due to expire September 30, 2011 and since there are no renewal options available, the proposed project will ensure continued housing for DHS-CBP and ICE.

Description

Occupants:	DHS-CBP, ICE
Delineated Area:	Midtown, Midtown South and Downtown Manhattan, NYC
Lease Type:	Replacement
Justification:	Expiring lease (09/30/2011)
Expansion Space:	None
Number of Parking Spaces:	None
Scoring:	Operating lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	10 years w/cancellation rights after the 5 th year
Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	147,000 rsf
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$10,097,356
Proposed Total Annual Cost: ¹	\$8,820,000
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate: ²	\$60.00 per rsf

¹ Any new lease may contain an annual escalation clause to provide for increases or decreases in real estate taxes and operating costs.

² This is estimate is for fiscal year 2012 and may be escalated by 1.7 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
NEW YORK, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-01-NY12
Congressional District: 08

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Solicitation for Offers and other documents related to the procurement of space for which this prospectus seeks authorization. GSA encourages offerors to work with energy service providers to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement.

Authorization

- Approval of this prospectus by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will constitute authority to lease space in a facility that will yield the required area.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide for an extension of the current lease or interim leases at alternate locations, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
NEW YORK, NY

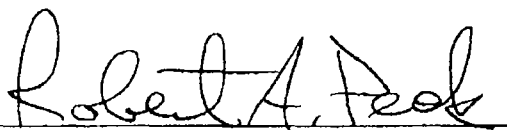
Prospectus Number: PNY-01-NY12
Congressional District: 08

Certification of Need

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on March 9, 2011

Recommended: _____


Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____


Administrator, General Services Administration

New York, NY
PN NY12

House - Plan
Department of Homeland Security

December 2010

Locations	Current						Proposed					
	Personnel			Usable Square Feet (USF)			Personnel			Usable Square Feet (USF)		
	Office	Total		Office	Storage	Special	Office	Total		Office	Storage	Special
ONE PENN PLAZA												
DHS - Customs and Border protection	400	400		79,786	3,285	4,040	400	400		79,786	3,285	4,040
DHS - Immigration and Customs	110	110		11,110	750	355	110	110		11,110	750	355
Total:	510	510		90,896	4,035	4,395	510	510		90,896	4,035	4,395

Current		Proposed	
Utilization			
Rate	138		138

Current UR excludes 19,997 USF of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 19,997 USF of office support space

Special Space	
Break Rooms	800
Mail Rooms	470
Conference Rooms	2,025
Training Rooms	650
Restrooms	450
Total:	4,395

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.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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 to exercise renewal options of up to 531,976 rentable square feet for the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, currently located at 5045 East Butler Avenue in

Fresno, CA at a proposed total annual cost of \$15,959,280 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 Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 52 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 52 square feet or higher per person.

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

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
FRESNO, CA**

Prospectus Number: PCA-09-FR11
Congressional District: 20

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) is seeking authority to exercise renewal options of up to ten years for the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), currently located in 531,976 rentable square feet of space at 5045 East Butler Avenue in Fresno, CA.

The existing building was originally constructed specifically for IRS, which has occupied the premises continuously since 1971. Currently, IRS is developing a national long-term strategy regarding the functions and space requirements of its national super-centers. One of these super-centers is planned to be located in Fresno, CA, with an approximate proposed occupancy of 2021 or earlier.

GSA is in discussions with the current lessor regarding IRS's continued tenancy at the existing Fresno location. GSA intends to negotiate more favorable terms for the Government's benefit.

Justification

It is in the Government's best interest to exercise the first five-year renewal option and potentially the second five year renewal option or modify and exercise the renewal option(s) to extend IRS/TIGA's occupancy at the existing location, until long-term plans and requirements can be finalized and a future housing strategy proposed. In addition, timely authority is required, since notice to exercise the first five-year option and funding confirmation is due 365 days prior to lease expiration or November 30, 2010.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
FRESNO, CA**

Prospectus Number: PCA-09-FR11
Congressional District: 20

Description

Occupants:	IRS, TIGTA
Current Location:	5045 East Butler Avenue
Justification:	Expiring lease (November 30, 2011) Notice to exercise first option on or before November 30, 2010.
Number of Parking Spaces:	2,641
Expansion Space:	None
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	10 years
Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	531,976
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$14,862,928
Proposed Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$15,959,280
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate ² :	\$30.00 per rentable square feet

Authorizations

- Approval of this prospectus by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will constitute authority to lease space in a facility that will yield the required area.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide an interim lease, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to negotiate lease modification for the renewal option(s).

¹Any new lease may contain an annual escalation clause to provide for increases or decreases in real estate taxes and operating costs.

²This estimate is for fiscal year 2012 and may be escalated by 1.7 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
FRESNO, CA**

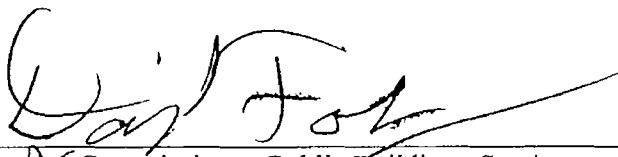
Prospectus Number: PCA-09-FR11
Congressional District: 20

Certification of Need

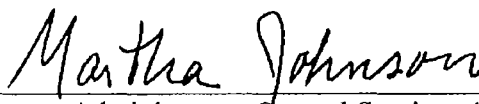
The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on September 10, 2010

Recommended: _____


Don Fob
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____


Martha Johnson
Administrator, General Services Administration

January 2010

Housing Plan
Department of the TreasuryFremont, CA
PCA- FR11

Locations	Current						Proposed					
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)				Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total
5045 E. BUTLER												
Internal Revenue Service	5,161	5,161	340,883	26,624	84,983	452,490	5,161	5,161	340,883	26,624	84,983	452,490
TIGTA	7	7	3,597	0	0	3,597	7	7	3,597	0	0	3,597
Total	5,168	5,168	344,480	26,624	84,983	456,087	5,168	5,168	344,480	26,624	84,983	456,087

Current		Proposed	
Utilization			
Rate	52	52	

Current UR excludes 75,785 USF of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 75,785 USF of office support space

Special Space	
Conference/Training	8,491
ADP	13,907
Cafeteria	20,394
Locker/Shower Room	254
Credit Union	925
Library	1,151
Health Unit	1,589
Security	6,937
Mechanical	13,638
Auditorium	3,207
Loading Dock	2,713
Printer/Copier	4,451
Telecommunications Rm	897
Mail Room	2,274
Break Room	4,155
Total:	84,983

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.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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 consolidation lease of up to 469,000 rentable square feet for the Department of State currently located at several locations in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region at a proposed total annual cost of \$23,000,000 for a lease term of up to 15 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, except that the Administrator may not enter into any leases other than interim leases that are below pro-

spectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus.

Provided that, the Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 156 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 156 square feet or higher per person.

Provided, that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exer-

cised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

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

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-15-WA11

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a consolidation lease of up to 500,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of State (DoS). The additional space will allow DoS to consolidate the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) and Administration (A/EX) Bureaus. The proposal would bring to one location 1,159 CA staff and 202 A/EX staff, who are currently located in the Harry S. Truman Building and in State Annexes at the following addresses: 2401 E St., NW, Washington, DC; 1111 19th St., NW, Washington, DC; 2100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC; 7500 Boston Blvd., Springfield, VA; 1800 Kent St., Arlington, VA; and 1000 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

DoS and GSA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 1987 that committed to consolidating space and personnel in the Foggy Bottom area of the District of Columbia and in Rosslyn, VA. To the extent that it is practicable, DoS requires that the consolidated space be located proximate to HST in order to facilitate telecommunications and data links as well as security and improved daily operations.

The consolidation will allow CA to effectively house its personnel to meet its obligations to the American public and will achieve the following results:

- Increased oversight of passport operations;
- Greater efficiencies of management and operations;
- Increased customer service and passport adjudication efficiency;
- Reduced operation costs;
- Improved CA staff workplace conditions; and
- Reduced overcrowding at current locations.

In addition to the efficiencies of consolidation, CA requires additional space. As a result of several policy and procedure changes over the past seven years, CA has increased staffing and production facilities to meet growing needs.

One major policy change has been the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which dramatically increased the demand for passports in Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008 and changed the way that Passport Services does business. Congress mandated WHTI in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and many of its requirements took effect on January 23, 2007. WHTI requires that all U.S. citizens traveling to other countries present a valid passport or other designated travel document to depart and reenter the United States.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-15-WA11

CA has gone from issuing 10.1 million passports in Fiscal Year 2005 to a record-setting 18.5 million in Fiscal Year 2007. In Fiscal Year 2008, CA issued 16.2 million passports (including 500,000 passport cards); the most recent Gallup projections anticipate 12.7 million issuances (including 1.6 million cards for travel to Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean) for Fiscal Year 2009. Recognizing DoS's needs, in July 2007, Congress passed the Passport Backlog Reduction Act to enable DoS to respond to critical shortages of passport processing personnel. By collocating the Washington Passport Agency and the Special Issuance Agency with headquarters staff, DoS will be able to provide better oversight of these key offices.

Another substantial policy change has been CA's significantly increased responsibilities as the U.S. Central Authority for both the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-Operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption. From 2005 to present, the staff of CA's Office of Children's Issues has grown from 45 to 75 and additional positions will be needed to continue to meet its obligations.

In addition to the efficiencies created by consolidating nearly all of CA's Washington, DC, staff, relocating the Washington Passport Agency and the Special Issuance Agency, currently located at 1111 19th St, NW, is an extremely high priority due to overcrowding in the current leased building.

Description

Occupants:	Department of State
Delineated Area:	Foggy Bottom
Lease Type:	Consolidation/Expansion
Justification:	Improve operational efficiency and reduce overcrowding
Expansion Space:	211,000 rsf
Number of Parking Spaces ¹ :	25 inside
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	15 years
Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	500,000
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$9,681,475

¹ DoS security requirements may necessitate control of parking at the location leased. 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). Any parking included in the Government's leasehold interest may result in a total proposed annual cost in excess of the amounts indicated above.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-15-WA11

Proposed Total Annual Cost ² :	\$24,500,000
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate ³ :	\$49.00

Energy Performance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Solicitation for Offers and other documents related to the procurement of space for which this prospectus seeks authorization. GSA encourages offerors to work with energy service providers to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement.

Authorization

- Approval of this prospectus by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works will constitute authority to lease space in one or more facilities that will yield the required rentable area.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide interim leases, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease(s).

² Any new lease may contain an annual escalation clause to provide for increases or decreases in real estate taxes and operating costs.

³ This estimate is for fiscal year 2012 and may be escalated by 1.7 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, DC

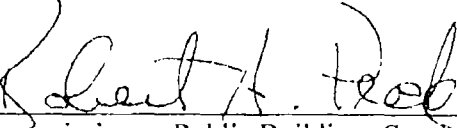
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Certification of Need

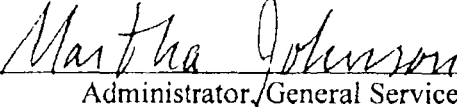
The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on May 13, 2010

Recommended


Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved


Administrator, General Services Administration

December 2009

HOUSING PLAN
DEPARTMENT OF STATEWashington DC
PDC-15-WA11

Locations	Current					Proposed				
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)		
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Office	Total	Storage	Special	Total
Existing CA Locations										
HST - 2201 C St. NW Wash DC	55	55	10,262							
SA-01 - 2401 E St. NW Wash DC	480	480	53,127	3,500	2,500					
SA-13 - 7002 Newington Rd., Lorton VA	-	-	-	4,757	-					
SA-15 - 1800 Kent St., Arlington VA	51	51	8,891	-	-					
SA-17 - 1111 19th St. NW Wash DC	225	225	39,452	1,500	16,600					
SA-21 - 7500 Boston Blvd., Springfield VA	4	4	120	2,636	-					
SA-29 - 2100 Penn. Ave NW Wash DC	344	344	45,728	1,500	3,000					
Existing V/EX Locations										
SA-27 - 1060 Wilson Blvd. Arlington VA	202	202	46,248	1,272	3,393					
Subtotal	1,361	1,361	203,829	15,165	25,493					
Proposed Lease(s)										
Consolidated Facility - CA						1,444	1,444	288,800	42,000	367,612
Consolidated Facility - A/EX						252	252	50,400	1,960	55,753
Total						1,696	1,696	339,200	43,960	423,365

Utilization	Current	Proposed
Rate	117	156

Current UR excludes 44,842 USF of Office for support space
Proposed UR excludes 74,624 USF of office for support space

Special Space	USF
Conference/Classroom	11,596
ADP	6,609
SCIF	800
Library	1,200
PPT Public Counter	20,000
Total	40,205

Usable square footage means the portion of the building available for use by tenants' personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building (e.g. auditorium, health units and snack bars). Usable square footage does not include space devoted to building operations and maintenance (e.g. craft shops, repair rooms, building supply rooms, rest rooms and lobbies).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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 replacement lease of up to 122,000 rentable square feet of space with 175 secured inside parking spaces for the Federal Bureau of Investigation at a proposed total annual cost of \$3,759,615 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 Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 157 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 157 square feet or higher per person.

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

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

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**PROSPECTUS - LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CLEVELAND, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-05-CL11
Congressional District: 11

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a replacement lease of up to 122,000 rentable square feet (rsf) with 175 secured inside parking spaces for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). FBI currently occupies space at 1501 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH, under a lease that expires January 31, 2012.

Description

Occupants:	FBI
Delineated Area:	Cleveland, OH, Central Business District
Lease Type:	Replacement
Justification:	Expiring lease, 1/31/2012
Number of Parking Spaces:	175 secured inside
Expansion Space:	None
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	122,000
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$5,149,283
Proposed Total Annual Rental Cost ¹ :	\$3,172,000
Proposed Total Annual Parking Cost ² :	\$587,615
Proposed Total Annual Cost:	\$3,759,615
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate ³ :	\$26.00 per rentable square foot

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Solicitation for Offers and other documents related to the procurement of space for which this prospectus seeks authorization. GSA encourages offerors to work with energy service providers to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement.

¹Any new lease may contain an annual escalation clause to provide for increases or decreases in real estate taxes and operating costs.

²FBI's security requirements may necessitate control of the parking at the leased location. This may be accomplished as a lessor-furnished service, as a separate operating agreement with the lessor, or as part of the Government's leasehold interest in the building.

³This estimate is for fiscal year 2012 and may be escalated by 1.7 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation.

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PROSPECTUS - LEASE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CLEVELAND, OH

Prospectus Number: POH-05-CL11
Congressional District: 11

Authorizations

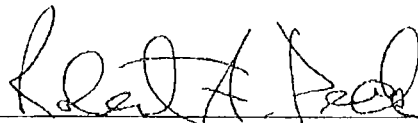
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- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide an interim lease, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Certification of Need

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

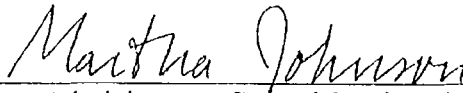
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Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

February 2010

House Plan
FBI

POH-05-CL11
Cleveland, OH

Locations	Current					Proposed				
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)		
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special
LAKESIDE AVENUE BLDG										
1513 - Federal Bureau Of Investigation	300	300	60,858	26,900	21,092	108,850	0	0	0	0
Replacement Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0	302	60,858	26,900	21,092
Total:	300	300	60,858	26,900	21,092	108,850	302	60,858	26,900	21,092

Current		Proposed	
Utilization			
Rate	158	157	

Current UR excludes 13,389 USF of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 13,389 USF of office support space

Special Space	
Restroom	920
Physical Fitness	2,500
Conference	4,619
ADP	7,963
Clinic/Health Unit	790
Mechanical rooms	500
Secured Storage	500
Break rooms	1,300
Processing Area	250
Mail Rooms	850
Vaults	400
Secured Room	500
Total:	21,092

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

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 replacement lease of 224,000 rentable square feet of space and 428 inside parking spaces to accommodate government-owned and a small number of seized vehicles for the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York Field Division and Northeastern Regional Laboratory at a proposed total annual cost of \$19,090,000 for a lease term of up to 15 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 Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 77 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 77 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator of General Services shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option than can be exer-

cised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

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

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
NEW YORK, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-02-NY11
Congressional District: 08

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a replacement lease of 224,000 rentable square feet (rsf) of space and 428 inside parking spaces to accommodate government-owned and a small number of seized vehicles for the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) New York Field Division (NYFD) and Northeastern Regional Laboratory (NERL).

The NYFD and NERL are separate divisions but work closely together. Direct interaction and consultation between NYFD special agents and the NERL chemist occur almost daily. In addition, DEA stores its highest value drug evidence at the laboratories. Collocating NERL with NYFD provides an increased level of security for the storage of the drug evidence and for the laboratory personnel.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the DEA mission has evolved and NERL now supports and works closely with other law enforcement agencies in the fight against terrorist organizations, which are funded in large part by illegal drug activities. These law enforcement agencies include FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, New York/New Jersey High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force, and Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The interaction of DEA with its fellow law enforcement agencies, with which it shares agents and intelligence, is critical to the successful performance of its mission and for this reason; the delineated area for the proposed replacement lease is Midtown South to Downtown, New York City, New York.

Description

Occupants:	DEA
Delineated Area:	Midtown South to Downtown, NYC
Lease Type:	Replacement
Justification:	Expiring lease (6/2/2011)
Number of Parking Spaces:	428 inside parking spaces for government and seized vehicles
Expansion Space:	None
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	15 years
Maximum Office Rentable Square Feet:	224,000 rsf
Proposed Annual Rental Cost:	\$13,440,000
Proposed Annual Parking Cost:	\$5,650,000 (\$1,100/space/month)
Proposed Total Annual Cost:	\$19,090,000
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate:	\$60.00 per rsf

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
NEW YORK, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-02-NY11
Congressional District: 08

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Solicitation for Offers and other documents related to the procurement of space for which this prospectus seeks authorization. GSA encourages offerors to work with energy service providers to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement.

Authorizations

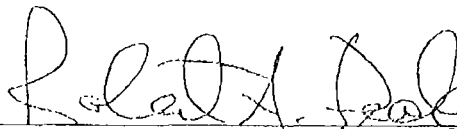
- Approval of this prospectus by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will constitute authority to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide for an extension at the existing location or an interim lease, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Certification of Need

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

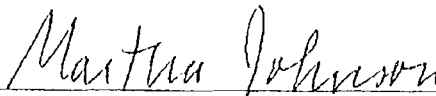
Submitted at Washington, DC, on December 21, 2010

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
LEASE—1800 G STREET, NW

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 replacement lease of up to 294,000 rentable square feet for the Department of State, Executive of the President, Department of Justice, and Department of Veteran Affairs, currently located at 1800 G Street NW, Washington, DC, at a proposed total annual cost of \$14,406,000 for a lease term of up to 15 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 Administration and tenant agencies agree to apply a utilization rate of 155 square feet or less per person as detailed in the Housing Plan contained in the prospectus.

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 a utilization rate of 155 square feet or higher per person.

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

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

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**PROSPECTUS — LEASE
1800 G STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-11-WA11

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a replacement lease for up to 294,000 rentable square feet (rst) of space for the Department of State (DOS), Executive Office of the President (EOP), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), currently located at 1800 G Street NW, Washington DC. The four leases covered by this prospectus expire at various times in fiscal year 2011.

EOP occupies 50 percent of the government's space and DOS, DOJ and VA occupy the balance of the space under these leases. EOP's occupancy provides swing space for the renovation of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB). EOP's mission requires its staff be located close to the EEOB and the White House Complex.

Description

Occupants:	EOP, DOS, DOJ, VA
Delineated Area:	Proximate to the White House
	Southwest: F Street
	West: 19 th Street, NW
	North: K Street, NW
	East: 14 th Street, NW
	Southeast: Pennsylvania Avenue
Lease Type:	Replacement
Justification:	Expiring Leases (2011)
Expansion Space:	None
Number of Parking Spaces ¹ :	75 Inside
Scoring:	Operating lease
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	15 years
Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	294,000
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$9,768,468
Proposed Total Annual Cost: ²	\$14,406,000
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate ³ :	\$49.00

¹ The security requirements of the tenant agencies may necessitate control of the parking at the leased location. This may be accomplished as a lessor furnished service, as a separate operating agreement with the lessor or as part of the Government's leasehold interest in the building.

² Any new lease may contain an annual escalation clause to provide for increases or decreases in real estate taxes and operating costs.

³ This estimate is for fiscal year 2011 and may be escalated by 1.7 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
1800 G STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-11-WA11

Energy Performance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Solicitation for Offers and other documents related to the procurement of space for which this prospectus seeks authorization. GSA encourages offerors to work with energy service providers to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement.

Authorization


- Approval of this prospectus by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will constitute authority to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.
- Approval of this prospectus will constitute authority to provide interim leases, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Certification of Need

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on May 13, 2010

Recommended: _____


Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____


Administrator, General Services Administration

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**Housing Plan
1800 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006**

Prospectus Number
PDC-11-WALL

Tenant Agencies	Current				Proposed			
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)		Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)	
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Office	Total	Office	Storage
Executive Office of the President	515	515	94,178	1,266	30,961	126,405	515	1,266
Department of Justice	221	221	54,591	654	10,179	65,424	221	654
Department of Veterans Administration	120	120	16,916	-	-	16,916	120	-
Department of State	203	203	45,102	-	757	45,859	203	-
Total		1,059	210,787	1,920	41,897	254,604	1,059	1,920

Utilization	Current	Proposed
Rate	155	155

Current UR excludes 46,373 USF of Office for support space
Proposed UR excludes 46,373 USF of office for support space

Special Space	USF
Conference	11,117
ADP	15,613
File Rooms	2,421
Fitness Rooms	393
Toilet Showers	7,461
ADP Mainframe	582
Security	105
Copy Rooms	1,603
Mechanical	2,156
Utility Closets	416
Total	41,897

Usable square footage means the portion of the building available for use by tenants' personnel and furnishings, and space available jointly to the occupants of the building (e.g., auditorium, health units and snack bars). Usable square footage does not include space devoted to building operations and maintenance (e.g., craft shops, gear rooms, building supply rooms, rest rooms and lobbies).

Usable square footage means the portion of the building available for use by tenants' personnel and furnishings, and space available jointly to the occupants of the building (e.g., auditorium, health units and snack bars). Usable square footage does not include space devoted to building operations and maintenance (e.g., craft shops, gear rooms, building supply rooms, rest rooms and lobbies).

VA has one (1) parking space with its lease request and (Office of Administration has seventy-four (74) parking spaces with its lease request

1. I am a member of the Office of Administrative Law and have been assigned to the position of Administrative Law Officer.

There was no objection.

NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

(Mr. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, today marks the start of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, and we must renew our efforts to help ensure every American is literate.

Today, 93 million American adults function below a high school level of literacy, lacking the most basic skills needed to compete in the 21st century economy. The unemployment crisis falls most heavily here—14.3 percent of Americans without a high school diploma are unemployed; among high school graduates with no additional education, the rate drops to 9.6 percent.

By supporting efforts to expand literacy, we can extend a hand to individuals and families across America. Making sure adults can read to their child or understand printed material at work isn't just good for them, it's essential for competing in the global economy.

Learning is a lifelong process. It doesn't stop the day you leave school. So let's renew our efforts to promote adult and family literacy both for the good of families and for the good of the country.

RIISING FOOD PRICES

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the Fed Chairman, Ben Bernanke, said last week when he was giving his speech that we didn't really have to worry about inflation, that the long-term inflation problem would not get beyond 2 percent. So in case Mr. Bernanke or the administration is paying attention, I'd like to read a few facts to them.

The price of milk has gone up 38 percent since last year. The price of sugar is up 20 percent since last year. The price of corn is up 62 percent since last year. As of August, beef prices grew 13 percent, or 52 cents a pound, since last year—the largest increase in the last 7 years. Gasoline is up 35 percent from a year ago, 98 cents a gallon, and the projected inflation rate is much, much higher than the administration or the Fed says is going to occur.

So I hope that we will stop these Keynesian policies, these socialistic policies, these big-spending policies that are killing the American people.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1161

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1161.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

CBC HOUR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. This evening, I am again pleased to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to talk about jobs for this first hour, and we are really pleased that we're going to be led off this night by our Democratic whip, The Honorable STENY HOYER, the person who has led us in the Make It In America agenda.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentlelady for yielding, and I thank her for her leadership.

I want to thank the Congressional Black Caucus, which has raised this issue to a new height of not only visibility but of hope.

EMANUEL CLEAVER, the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, told a wonderful story in our caucus the other day. He said there was a little boy and his dad, and his dad was reading the paper. The little boy scratched his hand, and as he did so, it obviously hurt. He went in front of his dad, shaking his hand. He walked to and from his father, and his father kept reading the paper. Finally, his father put down the paper and said, "Son, I know you scratched your hand, but there's nothing I can do about it."

And the little boy looked at his dad and said, "You can say, 'Ouch.'"

You can understand the pain that I am experiencing. You can understand the pain that losing a job is causing me. You can understand the pain of a home that is lost because the mortgage cannot be paid. You can understand the pain of a family, living in a home, who has seen the value of that most important asset of theirs dwindle and be reduced so that the mortgage payment they're paying is more than the value of the home in which they live.

The Congressional Black Caucus did two things: It said, "We hear and we say, 'Ouch.' We understand the pain you're experiencing. We feel your pain." But if all we do is empathize and feel pain, that's not enough.

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Our President addressed us last week, and he said we can shrug our shoulders and say there are 14 months until the next election, but the people in pain can't wait 14 months.

And that's what the Congressional Black Caucus did. Tens of thousands of people showed up throughout this Nation because somebody offered hope, and not just hope but real deliverables. Jobs were gotten; interviews were set up; training sessions for how you apply, how you dress, how you talk to

prospective employers. Those kinds of seminars were given. A difference was made by the Congressional Black Caucus traveling throughout this country.

So I rise to thank the leadership and all the members of the Congressional Black Caucus. I see Mr. DAVIS and Ms. WATERS on the floor with DONNA CHRISTENSEN, and I thank them for their leadership in particular. MAXINE WATERS was an extraordinarily strong voice for saying just that: we feel your pain, and it's not just empathy we're going to give you; we're going to give you the help that we can give.

This President came before us last week and said, ladies and gentlemen, it is time to act. It is time to add to the opportunity for success for putting America back to work, for addressing the mortgage crisis in our country, for putting some more money in the pockets of working men and women in this country, for helping small business grow and expand, making sure as well that we pay for what we buy.

Every commission that has met, the Bowles-Simpson Commission and the Domenici-Rivlin Commission, said, yes, we have to get a handle on this debt and deficit, of which I'm a strong proponent; but in the short term we need to grow the economy because if you do not grow the economy, you will not get the deficit down because you need people working so that they can support themselves and their families and, yes, pay taxes, so that their grandchildren will not be deeply in debt. So I stand indebted to the Congressional Black Caucus for continuing to focus like a laser on creating jobs.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, another member of the Congressional Black Caucus and leader in our House, the chief deputy whip, is here as well and will be speaking so that in North Carolina and in America we can create jobs, invest in growing our economy, and, yes, give confidence, give confidence to every single individual, every family, and, yes, every business—small, medium, and large; that this Congress will act responsibly to address a challenge, to address the pain that our people are feeling, and to make sure in the long term, as we did in the 1990s, that our country is on a sound fiscal path leading to growth in the economy, jobs for our people, and a stronger and healthier America.

So I am pleased to join the Congressional Black Caucus, thanking them, congratulating them, and saying that I look forward to working with them, not just today, but today, tomorrow, the next day, and the next week until such time as our people are no longer in the pain they now experience.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Thank you, Democratic whip, for joining us, and please come back and join us anytime that we're on the floor. And thank you for reminding everyone that the people of this country just cannot wait 14 months to go back to work to take care of their families.

At this time I would like to yield to Congressman DAVIS from Illinois.