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

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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 CONSIDER-ATION OF H.R. 2887, SURFACE AND AIR TRANSPORTATION PRO-GRAMS 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 TRANSPOR-TATION 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, COM-MITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Washington, DC, September 12, 2011.

Hon. John Boehner,

Speaker of the House, The Capitol, Washington,

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,

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 Protec-

tion and Immigration and Customs Enforce-

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.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY NEW YORK, NY

Prospectus Number:

PNY-01-NY12

Congressional District:

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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 5th

year

Maximum Rentable Square Feet: 147,000 rsf Current Total Annual Cost: \$10,097,356

Proposed Total Annual Cost: \$10,097,356

Proposed Total Annual Cost: \$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: Congressional District: PNY-01-NY12

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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

		OF HOMELAND SECURITY W YORK, NY	
		Prospectus Number: Congressional District:	PNY-01-NY12 08
Certification of Need The proposed project i		meet a validated Government	need.
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ONE PENN PLAZA												
DHS -Customs and Border protection	400	400	79,786	3,285	l	4,040 87,111	400	400	79,786	3,285	4,040	87,111
DHS-Immigration and Customs	110	110	11,110		ĺ	12,215	110	110	11,110	750	355	12,215
Total:	510	210	968'06	4,035	4,395	99,326	510	510	968'06	4,035	4,395	99,326
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Special Space	
Break Rooms	800
Mail Rooms	470
Conference Rooms	2,025
Training Rooms	929
Restrooms	450
Total:	4,395

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

Current | Proposed

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Rate

ans 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

 $\begin{array}{c} {\tt LEASE--DEPARTMENT~OF~THE~TREASURY,} \\ {\tt INTERNAL~REVENUE~SERVICE} \end{array}$

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.

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

Prospectus Number: Congressional District PCA-09-FR11

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Congressional District:

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 supercenters 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:

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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 531,976

Maximum Rentable Square Feet: Current Total Annual Cost:

\$14,862,928

Proposed Total Annual Cost¹: Maximum Proposed Rental Rate²:

\$15,959,280 \$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

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: Congressional District: PCA-09-FR11

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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 September 10, 2010

Recommended:

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Administrator, General Services Administration

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January 2010

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Total	5,168	5,168	5,168 5,168 344,480	26,624	84,983 456,087 5,168 5,168	456,087	5,168	5,168	344,480	26,624	26,624 84,983	456,087

Proposed	αo	52
Current	Utilizatio	25
		Rate

Current UR excludes 75,785 USF of office support space	Proposed UR excludes 75,785 USF of office support space
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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	268
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.

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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

Department of State Occupants: Delineated Area: Foggy Bottom

Lease Type: Consolidation/Expansion

Justification: Improve operational efficiency and reduce

overcrowding

211,000 rsf Expansion Space: Number of Parking Spaces¹: 25 inside

Scoring: Operating Lease Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority: 15 years

Maximum Rentable Square Feet: 500,000

Current Total Annual Cost: \$9,681,475

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 Cost²: Maximum Proposed Rental Rate³:

\$24,500,000

\$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.

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

Prospectus Number: PDC-15-WA11

Certification of Need	
The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.	
Submitted at Washington, DC, on May 13, 2010	
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Commissioner, Public Buildings Service	
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Administrator/General Services Administration	

Washington DC PDC-15-WA11

HOUSING PLAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE

December 2009

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SA-01 - 2401 E St. NW Wash DC	08+	084	53.127	3.500	2.500	59.127						
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SA-15 - 1800 Lent St. Arington VA	15	15	8.891	•	'	8.891						
SA-17 - 1111 19th St. NW Wash DC	225	225	39.452	1 500	16,600	57.552						
S A-21 - 7500 Boston Blvd. Springfield VA	7	7	120	2,636		2,756						
5A-29 - 2100 Penn Ave NW Wash DC	75.	Ħ	45.728	1.500	3,000	50,228						
Existing VEN Locations												
SA-27 - 1000 Wilson Blvd, Arlungton VA	202	202	46.248	1.272	3,393	50,913						
Subtotal	1,361	1,361	203,829	15.165	25,493	244,487						
Proposed Lease(s)												
Consolidated Facility - CA							7	1	288 800	12 000	36.812	367.612
Consolidated Facility - A/EX							252	252	\$0,400		3.393	55,753
Total							969'I	969'1	339,200		10,205	423,365
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				Current	Proposed						Special Space	(iSF
			Utilization								Conference/Classroom	11.596
			Rate	117	156						ADA	6.609
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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.

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PROSPECTUS - LEASE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CLEVELAND, OH

Prospectus Number:

POH-05-CL11

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Congressional District:

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 Cost¹: \$3,172,000 Proposed Total Annual Parking Cost²: \$587,615 Proposed Total Annual Cost: \$3,759,615

Maximum Proposed Rental Rate³: \$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.

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

² FBI'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

- 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, it 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	

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	Special Space	
	Restroom	920
	Physical Fitness	2.500
	Conference	4,619
	ADP	7,963
_	Clinic/Health Unit	190
	Mechanical rooms	500
	Secured Storage	500
	Break rooms	1.300
	Processing Area	250
	Mail Rooms	850
	Vaults	400
	Secured Room	200
	Total:	21,092

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

Utilization

February 2010

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.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION NEW YORK, NY

Prospectus Number:

PNY-02-NY11

Congressional District:

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Project Summary

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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

fumber 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: Congressional District: PNY-02-NY11

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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 pro	oject is the best solution	on to meet a validated Government need.
Submitted at Wa	shington, DC, on	December 21, 2010
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Laboratory**	50,190
Laboratory vault	3,000
Conference/meeting	5,950
Interview rooms	475
Physical fitness/restrooms	009
Physical fitness	2,700
Training room	10,890
Holding cells	1,100
Evidence vault	9.320
Tech Ops Command	5.430
Fleet Vehicle Maintenance	3.330
Tactical Training	2.270
Total:	75,255

*Current and Proposed reflect a recent re-measurement of DEA's space which will ultimately become the square footage used upon execution of the proposed succeeding lease. Prior to the re-measurement, office space totaled 269,961 rsf.

**Current Lab space totals 27.190 sq ft. Lab is to be expanded by 3,000 sq ft. Note: these totals do not include 3,000 sq ft lab vault.

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.

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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: 19th Street, NW North: K Street, NW East: 14th Street, NW

Southeast: Pennsylvania Avenue

Lease Type: Replacement

Justification: Expiring Leases (2011)

Expansion Space:

Number of Parking Spaces¹:

Scoring:

None

75 Inside
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: \$14,406,000

Maximum Proposed Rental Rate³: \$49.00

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.

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.

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

Certification of Need

Submitted at Washington, DC, or	n <u>May 13, 2010</u>
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Prospectus Number PDC-11-WAII

Housing Plan 1800 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

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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.

RISING 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 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.