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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Notice of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Department of Transportation Headquarters

AGENCY: National Capital Region; General Services Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Proposed lease acquisition of a new or renovated headquarters for the Department of Transportation in the Central Employment Area of Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration (GSA) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed lease acquisition of a new or renovated headquarters for the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the Central Employment Area (CEA) of Washington, DC. GSA also announces that a public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on July 12, 2000.

Background Information

DOT seeks to update its facilities, maximize efficiency, and reorganize and consolidate its operations. To this end, GSA is currently conducting a competitive procurement of 1.35 million rentable square feet of new or renovated space under an operating lease for a term of fifteen years. Consolidation in a new or renovated headquarters will produce significant operating efficiencies in support of DOT's mission.

The Government is conducting this procurement as a negotiated, best value source selection. This procurement process has been developed with full integration of the NEPA process, incorporating NEPA compliance into the agency's decision making framework. The results of this effort will

be full public participation and submission of final proposals that address potential environmental impacts. The Government's evaluation of final proposals will include consideration of an offeror's ability and willingness to address impacts and implement proposed mitigation measures identified through the NEPA process, including public comments received on the Draft EIS.

Draft EIS Availability

Copies of the Draft EIS will be available for review at the locations identified below. Also available for review will be copies of the transcript of proceedings from the April 11th Public Scoping Meeting and public comments submitted. In addition, the Draft EIS and other information regarding this project are available on the internet at <http://www.evolv.com/DOT>.

The Draft EIS may be viewed at the following locations:

1. Department of Transportation, Dockets Room, PL-401, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.
2. Martin Luther King Library, 9th & G Streets, NW, Washington, DC.
3. Public Affairs Office, Navy, Bldg. 200, 2nd Floor, Wing 1 North, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC.

Public Hearing

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS and conduct a public scoping meeting was issued on June 30, 1999. The public scoping meeting was held on July 29, 1999 to assist GSA in determining the significant issues related to this project. A second public scoping meeting was held on April 11, 2000 to provide the public a further opportunity to comment on the project and, specifically, the sites and proposals selected to participate in Phase II of the competition. Comments from both these meetings have been incorporated into the Draft EIS.

The subject of this notice is a public hearing that will be held to solicit comment from agencies and the public on the Draft EIS. This public hearing will be held at 7 pm on Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Horizon Ballroom (Ground Level, 13½ Street Entrance) 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

The hearing will be advertised in local and regional newspapers as the

date of the hearing approaches. At the hearing, a short formal presentation will precede the request for public comments. GSA representatives will be available to receive comments from the public regarding issues of concern, including comments on the potential impacts of the proposed project, means of mitigating those impacts, and project alternatives.

GSA encourages Federal, regional, state and local agencies, and interested individuals and groups, to take this opportunity to identify environmental concerns that they believe should be addressed in the Final EIS. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. However, agencies and the general public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, presenting oral comments at the public hearing.

Written comments will be accepted through July 24, 2000. All written and oral comments will be addressed and incorporated into the Final EIS. GSA anticipates that the Final EIS will be released in the Fall of 2000.

Project Information

Topics of environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIS include short term impacts of construction and long-term impacts of site operations and maintenance on land use, historic resources, visual resources, physical and biological resources, public transportation, traffic and parking, public services and utilities, and socio-economic conditions. The environmental analysis also addresses cumulative impacts that would result from this end and other development projects that have been completed recently, are currently under development, and are proposed within each study area.

Time and Location of Meeting

The public meeting will be held: At 7 p.m. Wednesday, 12, 2000 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Horizon Ballroom (Ground Level, 13½ Street Entrance) 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS must be postmarked no later than July 24, 2000, to the following address: General Services Administration, Attn:

Mr. John Simeon, Portfolio Development Division (WPC), 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 2002, Washington, DC 20407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: Mr. John Simeon, General Services Administration, (202) 260-9586.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Anthony Costa,

Assistant Regional Administrator, National Capital Region, General Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service Operating Divisions; Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Public Health Service (PHS) Operating Division (OPDIV) Heads the service fellowships related authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under Sections 207 and 208 of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 209 and 210, and under Title 42 CFR, Subpart B, Part 61—Service Fellowships.

This delegation supersedes the delegation of authority memorandum titled, "Delegation of Authority—Service Fellowships," to the PHS Agency Heads from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Management Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, dated January 8, 1993.

This delegation becomes effective upon date of signature. Also, I hereby ratify and affirm the actions taken by you or your subordinates, which involved the exercise of authorities delegated herein prior to the effective date of this delegation.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of

information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

1. Silicosis, No Mas!: Evaluation of Materials Used for Outreach to Hispanic Construction Workers—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—Over 14,000 workers in the U.S. have died from silicosis and hundreds more add to the death toll each year. Silicosis is the third leading cause of death attributed to occupational diseases in the U.S. In the state of Texas, 300 cases of silicosis and workers exposed to silica were reported between 1990 and 1997. Among these cases, construction was one of the most frequently reported industries. Silicosis was diagnosed in workers as young as 22 years of age, and one third of the cases were found among Hispanic workers, most of whom were diagnosed with silicosis in their thirties.

Despite the alarming number of reports, few attempts have been made to educate construction workers in Texas, particularly workers of Hispanic/Latino decent. An evaluation of the outreach activities conducted during the 1996 National Campaign to Eliminate Silicosis and the Special Emphasis Program (SEP) for silicosis indicated that no effort was undertaken to meet the needs of Hispanic workers. In both events, educational outreach was directed at the mainstream industry, trade associations, employers, and labor unions. Yet, while some educational materials were directly translated into Spanish, no special efforts were directed at Hispanic workers in the course of the campaign nor in the SEP. In addition, the results of 11 focus groups recently conducted in Texas indicated that most Hispanic workers were unaware of silicosis and most knew little about the cause and health effects of silicosis. Barriers to silicosis prevention raised by the focus group participants included lack of knowledge about prevention and lack of proper protective equipment provided by their employers. While most workers in the focus groups could read either Spanish or English, there were individuals who could not read either language. Hence, other mediums

of communication, such as audio or video tapes, were recommended to reach the workers.

The goal of the overall project is to increase awareness of and information about the nature, extent, and seriousness of silica exposure, and to increase the use of appropriate engineering controls and respiratory protection among construction workers in Texas. A culturally and linguistically relevant silicosis education and prevention program targeting construction workers will be developed, implemented, and evaluated. The goal of the evaluation is to determine if culturally tailored health messages are more effective than non-culturally tailored health messages in promoting changes in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

Information and data obtained from this evaluation will help direct future outreach efforts in silicosis prevention among the Hispanic population. In addition, results from this study will be used to further current understanding of the effects of cultural values in the design of safety and health messages, thereby helping future development of culturally and linguistically appropriate occupational safety and health messages tailored for the Hispanic population.

The total annual burden hours are 200.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of re-sponses/respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hours)
Construction workers	600	1	20/60

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Nancy Cheal,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 93612-005]

Administration for Native Americans Programs—Supplemental Funding for InterTribal Bison Cooperative/90NA7059

AGENCY: Administration for Native Americans (ANA), ACF, DHHS.