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June 6, 2013

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA number 240709), dated April 20, 2013, in which you requested a copy of each written response or letter from the General Services Administration to a Congressional Committee or Committee Chair in calendar years 2012 and 2013 to date.

Please find the enclosed documents in response to your request. However, in processing your request, we have withheld the physical signatures of GSA officials found in letters to a Congressional Committee or Committee Chairman. This is done in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

Travis Lewis
FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures



January 25, 2012

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Upton:

This is in response to the Committee on Energy and Commerce's letter dated December 20, 2011, which requested General Services Administration (GSA) documents related to Solyndra, Inc. Specifically, you asked this Agency to provide:

1. All documents containing communications between Solyndra and GSA since January 1, 2009.
2. All documents containing communications between the Department of Energy (DOE) and GSA referring or relating to Solyndra since January 1, 2009.
3. All documents containing communications between or among GSA officials, employees, staff, and administrators referring or relating to Solyndra since January 1, 2009.
4. All documents containing communications between or among the Executive Office of the President (EOP), the Office of the Vice President (OVP), and GSA referring or relating to Solyndra since January 1, 2009.
5. All documents created or prepared by GSA since January 1, 2009 relating to Solyndra, including, but not limited, to notes, analyses, memoranda, presentations, letters, and reports.

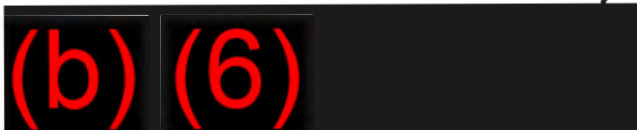
We conducted a broad search for information relevant to GSA procurements and other interactions with Solyndra and for communications – both internal and between the DOE, EOP and/or OVP – relevant to our interactions with Solyndra. Our search encompassed both electronic and paper documents and other materials and covered the period from January 1, 2009 through the date of the Committee's request. Certain of the retrieved materials do not appear to be responsive to your inquiry and are not included. Further, please be aware that GSA transitioned in May 2011 from a Lotus Notes electronic mail platform to a Google system. Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to compile all of the Lotus Notes material at this point in time. We are, however, continuing to retrieve and review materials from our Lotus Notes system, and if additional materials responsive to the request are discovered, GSA will forward those documents to the Committee as soon as possible.

Please be mindful that many of the enclosed documents are protected from public disclosure as they contain confidential commercial information, attorney client privileged material, personal privacy information, or some other protection. This information is provided pursuant to a Committee request. Please do not further disseminate or share this material.

We have enclosed a disk containing responsive documents GSA discovered after a thorough review of our files. Each tab corresponds to the above numbered request.

If you have any further questions, you may contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Rodney Emery
Associate Administrator

Enclosure



The Administrator

February 1, 2012

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers:

The Conference Report accompanying the Fiscal Year 2011 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill (Sen. Rept. 111-238) directed the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to provide quarterly reports on the percentage of Federal buildings with "such signage [to encourage the use of stairs] as well as on actions undertaken with regard to the design of new facilities, with a view to increasing the likely use of stairs."

As mentioned in our letter dated November 9, 2011, GSA is actively promoting healthy choices in the Federal workplace and is promoting health-focused opportunities for its tenants, such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator. GSA currently does not have data on the percentage of Federal buildings with signs encouraging the use of stairs. GSA, however, is taking proactive steps to promote the display of such signage, as well as to gather baseline data on the use of stairs in Federal buildings.

At GSA's Central Office, we are currently reinvigorating the "Consider the Stairs" initiative, originally launched in 2006. Fifteen people counters were installed in the front and back stairwell on October 31, 2011. Weekly totals were collected each Monday for four consecutive weeks to determine current stair usage without any external motivators such as signs, electronic messaging, or wellness challenges. During this four week time period a total of 38,470 people entered the third corridor stairwells.

Starting on November 28, 2011, poster-sized motivational signs encouraging individuals to take the stairs were displayed in four locations including the two main elevator banks, the back employee entrance elevator, and outside GSA's fitness center. The posters were displayed over four weeks without any additional motivators such as electronic messaging or wellness challenges. Weekly totals were collected each week to determine stair usage. Despite the significant usage of employee leave during this December time frame the stair counts totaled 36,480 indicating that the posters were effective in motivating people to take the stairs.

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Starting on December 19, 2011, a 10 week series of targeted electronic motivational messages was disseminated to employees in addition to the displayed posters to further motivate the use of stairs. A tally of the stair usage over the 10 week period will be collected to determine if the electronic messaging encouraged additional stair usage. The last phase of the "Consider the Stairs" initiative is the 8 week "Step by Step Challenge" which begins on March 5, 2012. This wellness challenge will encourage GSA employees to use the stairs and track how many flights they climb over 8 weeks. During this phase posters and electronic messaging will continue so as to help encourage participation in the challenge. A tally of stair usage at the end of the 8 week challenge will be collected.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Martha Johnson
Administrator



GSA Administrator

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman:

Thank you for your letter dated January 20, 2012, urging the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) to provide sufficient FY 2012 construction funding to ensure the completion of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Headquarters at St. Elizabeths Hospital Campus in Washington, DC.

As you note in your letter, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 only provided \$50 million of the \$840 million requested in the President's Budget for GSA's New Construction account. While we are disappointed in this severe cut, and the increased costs and delays to a number of critical infrastructure projects that it will cause, I am happy to assure you that we have been able to provide sufficient funding to complete the USCG Headquarters.

Our initial estimates for improvements needed to complete the Coast Guard Headquarters were \$76 million. This money would have been used to construct an access road, a pumping station, and a utility plant. GSA has since determined that \$19.5 million for the stone façade on the access road and all but the first module of the Central Utility Plant can be postponed until after USCG occupancy and funded in a future fiscal year. The remaining \$56.5 million needed will be funded through a combination of the FY 2012 Appropriations (\$37.3 million), postponing previously funded work such as the on-campus Visitor's Center, and project savings realized on the recent Department Operations Center A award.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your continued support of this critical project. I look forward to our continued partnership on this endeavor and remain hopeful that we can move forward to completion of this important campus in the most cost-effective manner possible.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Staff inquiries can be directed to Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. He can be reached at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Martha Johnson
Administrator

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February 27, 2013

The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Acting Administrator Tangherlini received your inquiry of December 13, 2012, regarding official agency e-mail accounts and their sole use to conduct agency business, and he asked me to reply. The General Services Administration (GSA) understands and shares your concerns. The underlying issue of your letter is compliance with the Federal Records Act to ensure proper documentation, transparency, and accountability with regard to Agency records.

GSA has policies and procedures in place to preserve records containing adequate and proper documentation of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and essential transactions of the Agency while furnishing the information necessary to protect the legal and financial rights of the Government and of persons directly affected by GSA's activities. The seminal policy is GSA's records management order, CIO P 1820.1, that strives to ensure full compliance with the Federal Records Act and other relevant regulations and directives. Every staff and service office at GSA has an employee responsible for records management compliance, and, every year, hands-on training is provided to all GSA employees and contractors who have a role in managing GSA records for their offices, services or regions. Also, basic training on Federal records is required for all GSA employees via GSA's Online University.

In addition, GSA has policies for electronic messaging and social media that include elements on records management. GSA's Social Media "Navigator" Handbook has been well received as a model by other agencies for guiding federal employees' use of social media and ensuring compliance with a plethora of obligations.

GSA's records management program is evaluated each year by an outside organization to review its practices and to make recommendations for improvement. These recommendations led to several initiatives currently underway to strengthen GSA's use and effective management of electronic records. GSA also works closely with the National Archive and Records Administration regarding compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

If you have any additional questions regarding GSA's e-mail policy or records retention programs, please contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Lisa A. Austin
Acting Associate Administrator



GSA Administrator

March 29, 2012

The Honorable Daniel A. Akaka
Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight
of Government Management, the Federal Workforce,
and the District of Columbia
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the U.S. General Services Administration's Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) Report for fiscal year 2011. This report is being submitted in accordance with the reporting requirements found at 5 CFR §724.302.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Staff inquiries may be directed to Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. He can be reached at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Martha Johnson
Administrator

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May 23, 2012

**The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6143**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 10, 2012, to Acting Administrator of U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Daniel M. Tangherlini about agency-sponsored overnight conferences outside the Washington, D.C. area. As Acting Administrator Tangherlini testified before the Committee on April 16, the Administration was outraged by the waste and abuse in connection with the GSA regional conference discussed in the recent Inspector General (IG) report. GSA is both taking strong action against the responsible officials in connection with that conference and taking steps to improve internal controls and oversight to ensure that this never happens again.

As described by Acting Administrator Tangherlini, some of the key steps already taken since he began on April 3 include consolidating GSA conference oversight in the new Office of Administrative Services, bringing all Public Building Service regional budgets under the direct authority of GSA's Chief Financial Officer, and reviewing each planned future conference to make sure that it and any related travel is justified by a mission requirement. This has already led to the cancellation of 35 planned conferences, saving taxpayers over \$995,000. Additional changes, including with respect to GSA's regional structure, may well result from the top-to-bottom review of the GSA that Acting Administrator Tangherlini discussed at the April 16 hearing.

In addition, along with other Federal agencies, GSA will implement the directives in the Office of Management and Budget memorandum of May 11, 2012, concerning agency travel and conferences. This includes decreasing spending on agency travel in fiscal year (FY) 2013 by 30 percent compared to FY 2010; requiring review by the Deputy Administrator of any conference where the agency spending could exceed \$100,000; prohibiting the expenditure of more than \$500,000 on a conference unless the Administrator approves a waiver; and posting publicly each January on GSA's website information on the prior year's conference spending, including descriptions of agency conferences that cost more than \$100,000.

With respect to the specific requests in your April 10 letter, as you know, in response to a Committee request on April 9, GSA quickly provided information that could be located on an expedited basis on all overnight GSA conferences to the Committee on April 10. In specific response to the first question in your April 10 letter, enclosed as Enclosure 1 is a list of overnight conferences outside the Washington D.C. area sponsored by GSA and attended by more than 50 GSA employees since January 1, 2005. Included are the starting date, location, conference cost (not including travel), number of GSA and non-GSA attendees, and funding source for each conference. Because GSA has had more time to review available conference information, Enclosure 1 is more complete than the April 10 production. It includes the addition of conferences not previously included and the deletion of sessions that were not conferences. It is as complete as feasible in light of the length of time involved, current information technology, and various organizational, budget and systems changes during that time period.

A number of the conferences on the enclosed list have been annual recurring conferences, and as part of the GSA top-to-bottom review, GSA will be reexamining these and other conferences and looking for ways to more efficiently accomplish the important training and other purposes that the conferences were designed to fulfill. For example, the annual GSA SmartPay Training Conference is the principal training opportunity for government agency charge card managers and approving and billing officials, and these trainings, which are attended by officials from numerous federal agencies, meet the requirements of OMB Circular A-123, Appendix B "Improving the Management of Government Charge Card Programs." The enclosed list also reflects some earlier steps by the GSA to consolidate conference activity; for example, the Networks Services Conference, the Capital Construction Workshop, and the National Travel Forum, have been cancelled or combined into the annual GSA Training Conference and Expo, which also offers private industry, especially small businesses, opportunities to demonstrate their products, services and expertise.

With respect to the second question in your April 10 letter, Enclosure 2 is a list of the names, titles, and salaries of individuals currently employed by GSA to plan events. Among the subjects being systematically reviewed in the top-to-bottom GSA analysis now underway is the role and status of GSA event planners.

Finally, as requested in the third question in your April 10 letter, Enclosure 3 is a list of links to live websites created in connection with a number of the conferences on the enclosed list. Enclosure 4 is a disc containing content from the now-archived website for the conference that was the subject of the recent IG report, with some minor personally identifying information about conference attendees deleted. Enclosure 5 is a disc containing electronic content with respect to conferences that is archived on GSA servers. The electronic information on several of these conferences was not on the web, but instead on GSA internal websites or electronic file-sharing sites.

Although much of these website and related materials appropriately relate to conference details, registration, instructions for ensuring that the cost of provided meals is subtracted from per diem allowances, and similar matters, we agree that some of the website and related materials demonstrate unacceptable and inappropriate conference-related activities. GSA is committed to take appropriate action with respect to employees involved in such inappropriate activities and to ensure that such activities do not recur in the future.

We appreciate the Committee's oversight efforts in this area, and very much share the objective of improving Federal agency efficiency and avoiding wasteful spending. We hope that the enclosed information will be helpful to the Committee. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Rodney P. Emery
Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

CC: Rep Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member

Enclosures



GSA Administrator

June 5, 2012

The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman, Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is an explanatory statement for the negotiated sale of approximately 1,517 square feet of land known as the "Dickinson Encroachment," on the Seal Beach railroad right-of-way, located in Seal Beach, CA.

Title 40 USC 545(b)(7) authorizes the negotiated sale of this property to the adjacent landowners, Mr. Charles L. Dickinson and Mrs. Deborah G. Dickinson. The property is being purchased for \$167,000. As required by the Property Act, the fair market value of the property has been obtained and all other terms and conditions of the disposal are satisfactory.

This explanatory statement complies with Title 40 U.S.C. 545(e)(1)(A)(ii) and 545(e)(2). If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

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GSA Administrator

June 20, 2012

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman and Senator Collins:

I am writing in response to your letter dated May 10, 2012, regarding the April 2, 2012, report by the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) Inspector General (IG) about the 2010 Western Regions Conference (WRC). As I testified in April and repeatedly stated since being appointed GSA Acting Administrator, the Administration was outraged by the waste and abuse associated with the 2010 WRC. This is why I am taking both strong action against the responsible officials in connection with that conference and taking steps to improve internal controls and oversight to ensure such abuses of taxpayer money never happen again.

Some of the key steps I have already taken include consolidating GSA conference oversight in the new Office of Administrative Services, bringing all Public Building Service regional budgets under the direct authority of GSA's Chief Financial Officer, and reviewing each planned future conference to make sure that it and any related travel is justified by a mission requirement. This has already led to the cancellation of 35 planned conferences, saving taxpayers over \$995,000. Additional changes include a top-to-bottom review which may result in changes to GSA's current regional structure.

In addition, along with other Federal agencies, GSA will implement the directives in the Office of Management and Budget memorandum of May 11, 2012, concerning agency travel and conferences. This includes decreasing spending on agency travel in fiscal year 2013 by 30 percent compared to fiscal year 2010; requiring review by the Deputy Administrator of any conference where the agency spending could exceed \$100,000; prohibiting the expenditure of more than \$500,000 on a conference unless the Administrator approves a waiver; and posting publicly each January on GSA's website

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information on the prior year's conference spending, including descriptions of agency conferences that cost more than \$100,000.

Finally, with respect to the specific suggestions in your letter concerning review of past conference expenses and the granting of contract warrants, I have already begun to take action. In particular, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer is reviewing recent GSA conferences, including reviewing samples of travel vouchers of employees who have attended recent conferences to ensure that employees who received meals as part of a conference did not also claim per diem expenses for those meals; all per diem expenses for employees who attended the 2010 WRC are being so reviewed. As detailed in the enclosed answers, GSA has already initiated debt collection activity as appropriate in connection with the 2010 WRC, and if additional instances of improper payments are found, GSA will initiate debt collection activity in accordance with laws and regulations. With respect to contract warrants, GSA Senior Procurement Executive powers to revoke warrants in coordination with Heads of Contracting Activities (HCAs) have been clarified. GSA is also reducing the number of HCAs to enhance accountability and GSA is in the process of reviewing and strengthening the procedures, oversight, and training for warrant officers, as part of the comprehensive top-to-bottom agency review.

I very much appreciate your interest in GSA, and look forward to working with the committee as we move forward with our top-to-bottom review of this agency. We also continue to cooperate with the IG, which is in the process of further review and auditing of recent GSA conferences. Enclosed with this letter are attachments that I hope you find responsive to your inquiries.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely, |

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

Attachments



June 21, 2012

The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 30, 2012, to Acting U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Administrator Daniel M. Tangherlini about past agency use of companies to help identify venues for agency-sponsored overnight conferences. Your letter explains that it was prompted by the use of such a company, Location Solvers, in connection with the 2010 Western Regional Conference (WRC) that was the subject of a recent GSA Office of Inspector General (OIG) report. As Acting Administrator Tangherlini testified before the Committee on April 16, the Administration was outraged by the waste and abuse associated with the WRC. GSA is both taking strong action against the responsible officials in connection with that conference and taking steps to improve internal controls and oversight to ensure that this never happens again. This includes issues with respect to the use of Location Solvers and other such companies.

In particular, based on information obtained from OIG and GSA's own review, GSA provided notices to remove for misconduct three employees who communicated with Location Solvers in connection with the 2010 WRC. All three of these employees are no longer with the agency, and two have in fact been removed for misconduct. Our research also revealed a fourth GSA employee who has communicated with Location Solvers in connection with hotel arrangements other than the 2010 WRC, and review concerning that employee, including by OIG, is currently under way.

As you know, Acting Administrator Tangherlini has already taken steps with respect to conferences, including consolidating GSA conference oversight in the Office of Administrative Services and reviewing each planned future conference to make sure that it and any related travel is justified by a mission requirement. This has already led to the cancellation of 35 planned conferences, saving taxpayers over \$995,000.

In addition, along with other Federal agencies, GSA will implement the directives in the Office of Management and Budget memorandum of May 11, 2012, concerning agency

travel and conferences. This includes decreasing spending on agency travel in fiscal year 2013 by 30% compared to fiscal year 2010; requiring review by the Deputy Administrator of any conference where the agency spending could exceed \$100,000; prohibiting the expenditure of more than \$500,000 on a conference unless the Administrator approves a waiver, and posting publicly each January on GSA's website information on the prior year's conference spending, including descriptions of agency conferences that cost more than \$100,000.

The changes already made at GSA under Acting Administrator Tangherlini significantly restrict the use by GSA employees of outside companies like Location Solvers to help in the selection of sites for overnight conferences. As explained in enclosed policy attachments, pursuant to the April 15, 2012, directives on conferences and travel, such a third party event planner may be "utilized only after approval by the Head of Staff or Service Office or Regional Administrator and the Office of Administrative Services". Any employee seeking to use such a third party "must justify this action in the request for conference approval and indicate why the third party was utilized" instead of an available GSA planning tool. A copy of the June 6 memorandum is enclosed with this letter. Additional changes with respect to GSA conferences and travel, including the use of third parties concerning planning, may well result from the top-to-bottom review of the GSA that Acting Administrator Tangherlini discussed at the April 16 hearing.

With respect to the specific requests in your April 30 letter, enclosed is a list of companies previously used by GSA to help in selecting sites for overnight conferences since 2005. In addition, we are delivering to your office a disc that contains electronic copies of documents and communications mentioning Location Solvers since January 1, 2009. Because some of the specific information in these documents and communications is subject to Privacy Act protection and is provided to the Committee under a Privacy Act exemption applicable only to Congressional committees and subcommittees, we request that it not be further disseminated.

We appreciate the Committee's oversight efforts in this area, and very much share the objective of improving federal agency efficiency and avoiding wasteful spending. We hope that the enclosed information will be helpful to the Committee. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Rodney P. Emery
Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Cc: Rep Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member.



The Administrator

June 22, 2012

**The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Chairman, Environment and
Public Works Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Chairman Boxer:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2012, urging action to move forward with the design and construction of the new Los Angeles Courthouse.

GSA continues to pursue the construction of a new Courthouse in Los Angeles. We are currently in the process of selecting a Design-Builder, with a contract anticipated for award later this year, and we expect to complete the Courthouse in 2016.

As you know, upon completion of this new facility, there will be a large vacancy at the historic Courthouse at 312 North Spring Street (312NSS). This circa-1930s building is outdated and does not meet current seismic, fire safety, or security requirements. The estimated cost of renovation would be \$250 million. Previously, GSA had indicated that we would assess the potential for renovation or disposal of this courthouse as we approached the completion date of the new Courthouse. I wanted to take this opportunity to notify you of a new direction for this property.

Given the Administration's strong push to aggressively dispose of unneeded property and improve the utilization of our assets, I do not believe we can wait years to have a plan. Instead, I have instructed a team to begin pursuing a potential exchange of the historic Courthouse. In return for the Courthouse, a private-sector partner would provide a new, highly efficient Federal building to accompany the new Courthouse at the site bounded by 1st Street, Hall, and Broadway. This new building would allow GSA to backfill Federal tenants out of costly leased space, saving taxpayers over \$10 million per year.

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I want to stress that this new plan will not affect the timeline for completion for the new Los Angeles Courthouse. The builder will be instructed to provide a master plan that divides the site into two parcels: one parcel will be dedicated for the new Courthouse and the remaining portion will be dedicated for the new Federal building, to be obtained through the exchange. I intend to instruct our team to begin the planning and consultation work necessary to pursue the 312 NSS exchange, while they proceed forward with the procurement of a design-builder to construct the new Courthouse.

In total, exchanging the outdated 312NSS building for a new, highly efficient Federal building will save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in avoided renovation costs and lease payments. In line with the Administration's goals, I believe this plan meets our responsibility to effectively utilize Federal real estate and make decisions in a cost-effective way.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Rodney Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely, / /

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Acting Administrator

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The Honorable Howard L. Berman
The Honorable Bob Filner
The Honorable Lois Capps



GSA Administrator

October 22, 2012

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers:

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) requests the approval of the Committee on Appropriations to obligate funds for emergency repairs at the Joe L. Evins Federal Building in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. GSA is making this request pursuant to language in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74, December 23, 2011), which states:

"...Provided further, that funds available in the Federal Buildings Fund may be expended for emergency repairs when advance approval is obtained from the Committees on Appropriations..."

On June 14, 2012, GSA's annual asbestos inspection of the building found asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) have dislodged from the associated walls and columns and fallen into the window heating units. Follow-up air and swab samples found ACM residue has settled in window heating units, light fixtures, above-ceiling air space, and on file cabinets. The tenant agency, the Department of Energy (DOE), evacuated the facility on June 15, 2012. After discussions with GSA and the Public Health Service, DOE has decided to delay re-occupancy of the building until the ACMs are mitigated. DOE also requested, and was granted, a rent stoppage by GSA.

The proposed emergency repair work will fully abate and encapsulate the known ACMs. Additional abatement funding may be needed as the work may uncover additional abatement needs that are unknown at this time. It is imperative that all contaminated areas are mitigated to restore the building to a healthy condition. The estimated cost of the abatement work is approximately \$3,700,000 and the work is scheduled to begin immediately.

GSA requests approval to utilize \$3,700,000 from funds available from the following sources in the New Construction and Repairs and the Alterations programs of the Federal Buildings Fund to accomplish the ACM abatement work:

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New Construction and Acquisition of Facilities	\$2,075,151.27
U.S. Border Station Administration Building (Del Rio, TX)	\$680,761.40
Remote Delivery Facility II (DC)	\$557,225.46
U.S. Court of Appeals Annex Tuttle Building (Atlanta, GA)	\$44,993.81
Carl B Stokes U.S. Courthouse (OH)	\$46,222.00
Tuscaloosa Federal Building (AL)	\$745,948.60
Repairs and Alterations	\$1,624,848.73
Clark Street Federal Building (Chicago, IL)	\$1,016,027.37
Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse (Davenport, IA)	\$44,322.77
Federal Center – Buildings 104 & 105 (St. Louis, MO)	\$61,321.48
Warren Burger Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse (MN)	\$11,277.00
320 1 st Street – HOLC (DC)	\$26,380.00
Eisenhower Executive Office Building Joint Operations Center (DC) ...	\$27,504.81
U.S. Post Office & U.S. Courthouse (Terre Haute, IN)	\$438,015.30
Total Requirement	\$3,700,000.00

If approval to use additional funds is required, we will notify you in a subsequent letter.

If you need additional information, please contact me directly. Staff inquiries may be directed to Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. He can be reached at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely, /



Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

- cc: The Honorable Norman Dicks
The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
The Honorable José E. Serrano
The Honorable John L. Mica
The Honorable Nick Rahall
The Honorable Jeff Denham
The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton



GSA Administrator

October 25, 2012

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers:

This letter requests your approval for the U.S. General Services Administration to meet program requirements for the U.S. District Courts through the transfer of funding for authorized activities within the Federal Buildings Fund for both the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse in New York, New York, and the Southern Maryland U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Enclosed are the documents which provide additional detail supporting the requested transfer of funds of \$10.4 million for a new security entrance pavilion at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse and \$10 million for the proposed alteration for the existing U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Dan Tangherlini
Acting Administrator

Enclosures

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Office of Administrative Services

October 25, 2012

The Honorable John L. Mica
Chair, Committee on
Transportation and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Mica:

In accordance with section 3307 of title 40, United States Code, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is submitting, for consideration by the Committee, an alteration prospectus for the Southern Maryland U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland.

For several years, the Judiciary's Five-Year Courthouse Project Plan included a project to expand the existing Southern Maryland U.S. Courthouse. In Fiscal Year 2010 (FY) (Public Law 111-117) Congress appropriated \$10 million for the design of a courthouse expansion (new construction line item). The requirements for the original expansion project were largely driven by the projected need for courtrooms and chambers for incoming judges. Due to courtroom sharing policies and congressional approvals in FY 2010, which limited the number of courtrooms in Greenbelt, the overall expansion requirements in the building were reduced. In lieu of the originally planned expansion of the building, GSA is proposing alterations to the existing building. Enclosed is the revised prospectus reflecting these changes.

GSA is not requesting additional funding for this project, but is requesting approval of the prospectus proposing alteration of the Southern Maryland U.S. Courthouse.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Dan Tangherlini
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The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman, Committee on Oversight
and Government Reform
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Issa:

We received your favorable response, by letter dated September 14, 2012, to the explanatory statement covering the proposed negotiated sale of the Former Hampton Roads Shore Patrol Building to the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

As a result, we are moving forward with the redeployment of this asset to the City of Norfolk, Virginia and expect to complete the transaction shortly.

Thank you for your timely review and prompt response. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at (404) 331-3200 or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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Shyam K. Reddy
Regional Administrator



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December 10, 2012

**The Honorable Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), this letter provides notification of changes to the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) project spend (Plan) most recently revised on September 24, 2012.

The revised Plan provides a full list of the projects and indicates adjustments to funding by project. The adjustments to the Plan allow GSA to reallocate savings in projects with favorable market conditions to existing projects that require additional funds.

As of November 30, 2012, we obligated more than \$5.54 billion of the Recovery Act funds allocated to GSA and have outlaid approximately \$4.43 billion. The current Plan adjustments enable GSA to continue to invest in our nation's infrastructure, stimulate the economy, and put people back to work.

GSA plans to submit future adjustments to the Plan as needed, and we will keep you updated on our progress.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Rodney P. Emery, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 501-0563.

Sincerely,

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**Dan Tangherlini
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