

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION REVIEW
AND
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Prospectus Number: PCA-01-SF16
Congressional District: 12

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a succeeding lease for 85,000 rentable square feet (RSF) of space for the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR); and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Principle Legal Advisors (OPLA), currently located at 100 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA.

The succeeding lease will provide continued housing for EOIR and OPLA and will improve office and overall utilization while providing space for additional personnel needed at the current location due to increases in the caseload.

Description

Occupant:	Executive Office of Immigration Review and Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Lease Type	Succeeding
Current Rentable Square Feet (RSF)	77,529 (Current RSF/USF = 1.18)
Proposed Maximum RSF:	85,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.18)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	7,471 (Increase)
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	576/338
Proposed Usable Square Feet/Person:	556/253
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	10 Years
Expiration Dates of Current Leases:	10/12/2016
Delineated Area:	100 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	25
Scoring:	Operating lease
Maximum Proposed Rental Rate ¹ :	\$76.00 / RSF

¹This estimate is for fiscal year 2017 and may be escalated by 1.9 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as

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Proposed Total Annual Cost ² :	\$6,460,000
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$3,218,334 (Leases effective 10/13/2006 and 08/18/2008)

Background

EOIR and OPLA are currently co-located at 100 Montgomery Street in San Francisco, CA. In conjunction with approximately 9,000 RSF in a nearby Federal building, this location acts as one of the 59 EOIR Courts around the country. The judges and staff administer and interpret Federal immigration law and regulations through immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings. OPLA is comprised of attorneys and staff and is the legal representative and litigator for the Federal Government in exclusion, deportation, and removal proceedings before EOIR. In fiscal year (FY) 2013, the San Francisco EOIR Court completed 9,600 court-related matters, including notices to appear, bonds and motions.

Justification

The two leases at 100 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA, expire on October 12, 2016. Both EOIR and OPLA require continued housing to ensure continuity in meeting the agencies' mission requirements. The number of court-related matters heard at this location has increased in recent years and is expected to continue growing. To handle this increase, EOIR will be dedicating additional resources to this location in the coming year and will need courtrooms and the associated office and special space to support their mission.

Special Space Requirements

In FY 2013 the San Francisco EOIR Court completed 9,600 court matters, a 6 percent increase from the previous year. Due to the courtrooms, secure corridors, file storage, and associated space needed to provide safe and secure immigration, deportation, and removal proceedings, the special space requirements of this location are substantially higher than other locations of similar size.

a benchmark for negotiating this lease extension to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the government. Lease award shall not exceed the maximum rental rate as specified in this prospectus.

²New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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These courtrooms are constructed to facilitate assembly functions and to comply with current accessibility standards, including circulation for wheelchair accessibility. Each courtroom has a raised desk for the judge, clerk, and interpreter and a litigation area for the prosecution, defense, and witness, along with public seating for court visitors. The current courtroom standard of approximately 850 square feet was developed to meet the needs of the court and comply with applicable accessibility standards. The courtrooms are used on a daily basis and are designed to handle approximately 35 people.

In addition to courtrooms, EOIR also has a need for approximately 12,000 square feet of storage to maintain the Records of Proceedings (ROP). ROPs are critical to the function of the immigration courts and are used by immigration judges, attorneys, and EOIR Board Members if a court decision is appealed. Documents found in the ROP include charging papers initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and the progression of case documentation. The size of an ROP can be as small as 1.5" or can become large enough to be referred to as a "box case." The Federal Records Act requires the storage of records in paper form, although EOIR has begun the transition to electronic filing and digital recordings of court proceedings. At this time, these initiatives affect only a small portion of the ROP and paper files remain critical for continuity between agencies accessing documentation during the years a case remains active.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

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Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

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

Submitted at Washington, DC, on September 8, 2015

Recommended: _____


Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____


Administrator, General Services Administration