



**GSA National Capital Region**

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Dear Interested Party:

Please be advised that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts resulting from the acquisition of a consolidated FBI Headquarters (HQ) at a new permanent location and the exchange of the J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) Building parcel. GSA proposes to consolidate components of FBI HQ into an up to 2.1 million rentable square foot facility in order to provide secure space that meets or exceeds the Government's requirements.

A consolidated FBI HQ is needed to support information sharing, collaboration, and integration of strategic priorities. Currently, the aging JEH Building houses only 52 percent of the headquarters staff with the remainder dispersed over multiple locations in the National Capital Region. Fragmentation resulting from FBI HQ's multiple locations diverts time and resources from investigations, hampers coordination and collaboration, and decreases flexibility. Dispersion across multiple locations also gives rise to redundancy in operations and inefficient use of space. The consolidation is needed to eliminate redundancies and provide for significant space savings.

The proposed action is also needed to provide a FBI HQ that meets the Level V Interagency Security Council (ISC) security standard reserved for agencies with mission functions critical to national security or continuation of government. As an integral agency for the management of intelligence and national security programs, the FBI needs a HQ facility that provides highly reliable utilities and infrastructure.

GSA will prepare the EIS in accordance with Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 C.F.R. §§ 1500-1508), and the GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide (October 1999). GSA has also initiated consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f and intends to partially fulfill the Section 106 public notification and consultation requirements through the NEPA scoping process. GSA will be consulting with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Maryland Historic Trust, and other interested parties to identify

historic properties that may potentially be affected by the implementation of the proposed action and to seek ways to resolve potential adverse effects.

Several open-house style public scoping meetings are scheduled:

Springfield Site: Monday, September 22, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Robert E. Lee High School, Main Lobby (Entrance #1), located at 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA 22150.

Greenbelt Site: Tuesday, September 23, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Branch Library, Auditorium (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), located at 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

JEH: Wednesday, October 1, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the District Architecture Center, Hickok Cole Room, located at 421 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

Hyattsville Site: Thursday, October 2, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, Town Hall, located at 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785.

Visitors may drop in at any point during the meetings to learn about the project and provide comments. Scoping is an early and open public involvement process aimed at determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS, and identifying significant issues related to a proposed Federal action. The purpose of scoping is to allow members of the community, interested agencies, and the general public an opportunity to assist GSA in identifying issues and potential impacts associated with the FBI HQ consolidation.

Agencies and members of the public are encouraged to provide written comments on the scoping issues in addition to, or in lieu of, giving their comments at the public meetings. Comments received during the scoping period will be considered in the analyses to be conducted for the EIS, and written comments must be submitted or postmarked by October 23, 2014.

Please send written comments to:

By Mail: U.S. General Services Administration - NCR  
Public Buildings Service  
Office of Planning and Design Quality  
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By E-mail: fbi-hq-consolidation@gsa.gov  
Subject line: NEPA Scoping Comment

Online: [www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation](http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation)

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Intent which provides a more detailed overview of the proposed action. For additional information and updates, please visit the project website: [www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation](http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation). You can also follow GSA's Twitter account @USGSA with the hashtag #FBIMove for project updates and information.

We hope you are able to attend the upcoming meetings. Should you have any further questions on this action, please contact Ms. Nia Francis, Project Manager, at (202) 205-1937.

Sincerely,



Darren J. Blue  
Regional Commissioner  
Public Buildings Service

Enclosure