

Attachment 24A

Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration (SSA) Report August 2, 2010

Following is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) 1609 Report Data for the period ending June 30, 2010. To-date, SSA has obligated nearly \$435 million of its nearly \$1.1 billion Recovery Act Appropriation.

The SSA has completed Categorical Exclusions (CE) for One-Time Economic Recovery Payments and Disability and Retirement Workloads (Page 2, Rows 2 and 3 of the spreadsheet) in April 2009. There is one pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action--the CE for site selection and construction of a new National Support Center (NSC) (Page 2, Row 1 of the spreadsheet). This action was pending in the previous American Recovery and Reinvestment Act NEPA Reports. The CE spans multiple reports because the project has not progressed sufficiently to determine the potential sites or complete scope of the project. Determination of potential sites is expected shortly. At that time, the CE will be completed.

Recent progress for the NSC since the last Recovery Act NEPA report includes:

- The SSA has updated the site selection and purchase milestones on this project. At a December 15, 2009 hearing, a Ways and Means Subcommittee instructed the SSA to stop site selection and asked the General Services Administration (GSA) to study the Social Security headquarters campus as a possible location for the new data center. This evaluation delayed the site selection milestone of January 2010 until August 2010 and the purchase milestone of March 2010 until December 2010.

As GSA and SSA complete the site selection and program of requirements and move into the planning and design processes, more detailed information about the project activities will be available. The SSA will complete the program of requirements (or scope of work) in mid-2010; any information at this point is procurement-sensitive. GSA has primary responsibility for delivering this facility; SSA will provide input and oversight throughout the process to ensure the facility meets our requirements. The following dates remain on schedule:

March 2011 - Award Design-Build Construction
October 2011 - Start General Construction (full building construction)
October 2013 - Substantial Completion
November 2013 - Final Commissioning and Punch List Corrections
January 2014 - Complete Commissioning

Regarding benefits resulting from the NEPA process, SSA has only three NEPA actions, all of which are CEs. The two completed CEs did not involve protected species or

historic structures, or changes made in constructing facilities to increase their energy efficiency. The SSA is still in the development stages of the one remaining project. Thus, there are no NEPA benefits to report at this time.

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