

Attachment 25A

Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration (SSA) Report August 1, 2011

As previously reported, the Social Security Administration (SSA) completed all of our NEPA actions as of March 2011 and the only update is the increase in the dollar amount of our outlays. To date, we have obligated nearly \$927 million of the nearly \$1.1 billion Recovery Act Appropriation.

We 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. We also completed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment (EA) for site selection and construction of our new National Support Center (NSC) (Page 2, row 1 of the spreadsheet).

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

- The General Services Administration (GSA) and SSA have completed the site selection and program of requirements. This project is currently in the planning and design process. Any information at this point is procurement-sensitive. GSA has primary responsibility for delivering this facility; SSA is providing input and oversight throughout the process to ensure the facility meets our requirements.
- GSA completed the EA on the two final potential properties that were under consideration. GSA selected the Urbana site, located in Frederick County, Maryland, as the construction site for the NSC. The Office of Management and Budget has approved the following schedule:

August 2010	- POR Completed
January 2011	- FedBizOpps (FBO) Notice/Phase I Request for Proposal (RFP)
February 2011	-Select Site
April 2011	- FBO Notice/ Phase II RFP
September 2011	- Purchase Site
March 2012	- Award Construction
December 2014	- Complete Construction
January 2015	- Complete Commissioning
August 2016	- Complete IT Migration

Regarding benefits resulting from the NEPA process, SSA had only three NEPA actions. The completed CEs and EA did not involve protected species or historic structures, or changes made in constructing facilities to increase their energy efficiency. Therefore, we have no NEPA benefits to report at this time.

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