

## **Attachment 25A**

### **Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration (SSA) Report February 1, 2010**

Following is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) 1609 Report Data for the period ending December 31, 2009. To-date, SSA has obligated nearly \$222 million of its nearly \$1.1 billion Recovery Act Appropriation.

Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for One-Time Economic Recovery Payments and Disability and Retirement Workloads (Page 2, Rows 2 and 3 of the spreadsheet) were completed in April 2009. We have one pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action--the Categorical Exclusion (CE) for site selection and construction of our 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 is spanning multiple reports because the project has not progressed sufficiently to determine the potential sites or complete scope of the project. Potential sites are expected to be determined shortly. At that time, the CE will be completed.

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

- We amended an existing Reimbursable Work Authorization to GSA for \$771,000 to cover additional project management services, including utility investigation, establishment of the site short list, appraisals, studies, historical assessments, and boundary studies; and
- We continue to narrow the long list of potential sites to a shorter list by applying utility (power, water, and fiber) availability criteria.

As the General Services Administration (GSA) and SSA move into the planning and design processes, more detailed information about the project activities will be available and the NEPA review will be completed. We 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 is providing input and oversight throughout the process to ensure the facility meets our requirements. The following milestones for the NSC, as reported in our September report, remain on schedule:

January 2010 - Select Site  
March 2010 - Purchase Site  
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, the Social Security Administration has only 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. We are still in the development stages of the one remaining project. Therefore, we have no NEPA benefits to report at this time.