

Attachment 25A

Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration Report May 3, 2010

Following is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) 1609 Report Data for the period ending March 31, 2010. To-date, SSA has obligated nearly \$348 million of its 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 have one pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action--the 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 spans multiple reports because the project has not progressed sufficiently to determine the potential sites or complete scope of the project. We expect determination of potential sites shortly. At that time, we will complete the CE.

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

- We continue to narrow the long list of potential sites to a shorter list by applying utility (power, water, and fiber) availability criteria.
- We met with the House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee staff, Appropriations staff, Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee staff, and OMB on April 8 to obtain concurrence to proceed with the site selection process. At a December 15, 2009, hearing, the Subcommittees had instructed us not to proceed with site selection until after GSA completed a study of the Social Security headquarters campus as a possible location for the new data center. This evaluation delayed the site selection milestone of January 2010 and the purchase milestone of March 2010.
- We have proposed revised milestones for site selection to August 2010 and site purchase to 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. 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 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

NEPA Benefits

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. We are still in the development stages of the one remaining project.

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