

Attachment 24A

Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration (SSA) Report November 5, 2010

Following is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) 1609 Report Data for the period ending September 30, 2010. To date, SSA has obligated nearly \$538 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 site or complete scope of the project.

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

- The General Administrative Services (GSA) has determined there are two potential sites: Johnnycake Road in Woodlawn, MD and Bennett Creek Road in Urbana, MD. GSA has initiated an environmental assessment on the two final potential properties under consideration.

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. 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.

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. Therefore, we have no NEPA benefits to report at this time.