

pursuant to §§ 225.25 (b)(17) and (18) of the Board's Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 3, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD SUNSHINE ACT MEETING

**TIME AND DATE:** 8:00 a.m., May 20, 1996.

**PLACE:** 4th Floor, Conference Room, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**STATUS:** Open.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. National Finance Center record keeping.
2. Congressional/agency/participant liaison.
3. Benefits administration.
4. Investments.
5. Participant communications.
6. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
7. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.
8. Review of selection criteria for software vendor.
9. Approval of the update of the FY 1996 budget and FY 1997 estimates.
10. Investment policy review.
11. Status of audit recommendations.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs (202) 942-1640.

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Roger W. Mehle, Executive Director,

*Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Public Buildings Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement for the Consolidated Law Federal Office Building, Portland, OR

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) hereby gives notice it intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended for the Consolidated Law Federal Office Building, in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. The EIS would evaluate the proposed project, other reasonable alternatives, and the no action alternative identified during the

scoping process. Scoping would be accomplished through written correspondence, through a public scoping meeting, and through individual meetings with interested persons, groups, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the scope of alternatives and potential impacts should be sent to GSA's environmental contractor, Herrera Environmental Consultants, at the following address: 2200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 601, Seattle, Washington, 98121.

**DATES:** Written comments should be sent to Herrera Environmental Consultants by May 25, 1996. Comments will also be accepted at a public scoping meeting from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 7, 1996 and May 8, 1996 at the location indicated below.

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:** Comments and suggestions will be solicited at a public scoping meeting to be held at: Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Donna M. Meyer, Regional Environmental Program Officer, General Services Administration, (206) 931-7675 or Ms. Nona Diediker at Herrera Environmental Consultants, 2200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 601, Seattle, Washington, 98121, (206) 441-9080.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Services Administration, assisted by the environmental contractor, is considering preparation of a federal NEPA Environmental Impact Statement on a proposal to design and construct a new Consolidated Law Federal Office Building in Portland, Oregon. The scoping process would determine the level of effort, the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental document, and identify the significant issues related to the proposed project. Scoping will be conducted consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508). GSA will serve as the lead agency for the preparation of the EIS pursuant to Section 1501.5(a) of the regulations.

### Scoping

GSA invites interested individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies to participate in defining the reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the EIS, and in identifying any significant physical, biological, or socioeconomic environmental issues related to the alternatives. Scoping comments can be made verbally at the public scoping meeting, or in writing

(see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section above for location and time of meeting).

During scoping, comments should focus on identifying specific impacts to be evaluated and suggesting alternatives that minimize adverse impacts while achieving similar objectives. Comments may also identify issues which are not significant or which have been covered by prior environmental review. Scoping should be limited to commenting on the project alternatives. There will be opportunity to comment on preferences during the Draft EIS comment review phase.

### Additional Information

A project information newsletter will be available at the public scoping meeting or can be obtained by contacting Nona Diediker at Herrera Environmental Consultants. The newsletter will describe in more detail the proposed project, alternatives, and the EIS process.

### Mailing List

If you wish to be placed on our mailing list to receive further and future information as the EIS process develops, contact Herrera Environmental Consultants at the address or phone listed above.

### Project Purpose, Historical Background, and Project Description

The House and Senate Subcommittees on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government have determined a need exists for a facility to serve as a detention center for prisoners appearing before the Federal courts and for the consolidation of Federal law enforcement agencies in Portland, Oregon. The committees have directed the General Services Administration to undertake the necessary studies to address this requirement. Detention facilities in Portland for federal prisoners awaiting a trial and sentencing are limited. Federal law enforcement officials are forced to move federal prisoners back and forth from the federal prison in Sheridan, Oregon and other county holding facilities in Oregon and Washington. This situation often leads to many security and logistical problems.

The proposal to design and construct a 350,000 occupiable square foot office, court and 300-bed facility to consolidate federal law enforcement agencies and provide detention capabilities would aid in alleviating security and logistic problems by establishing an adjacency relationship to the new U.S. Courthouse. Site alternatives are presently under investigation and a delineated area has been identified as