

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Denver Federal Center Site Plan Study

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Lead Agency: U.S. General Services Administration

Cooperating Agencies: None

Counties Directly Affected: Jefferson County, Colorado

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Abstract

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to implement a Master Site Plan for the Denver Federal Center, a 640-acre secured federal facility, that will address forward-looking opportunities for site development. The Master Site Plan will provide a fresh vision and redevelopment strategy for the Federal Center, including the character and location of new development. The Federal Center is currently used for office, research, and administrative purposes by 26 federal agencies. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is comprised of two volumes: Volume I is the Draft EIS (DEIS) with information available since release of the DEIS or revisions based on public comment. Volume II of the FEIS examines the public comments received during the public review period. The DEIS presented two action alternatives, the Federal Quad Alternative and the Federal Mall Alternative, and a No Action Alternative based on agency and public scoping input. During the review of public comment on the Draft Master Site Plan and DEIS, GSA determined that, with modifications, the Federal Quad Alternative would be the preferred alternative. The Federal Quad, with modifications, is the concept identified in the Final Master Site Plan (January 2008).

The defining characteristic of the preferred alternative, the Federal Quad Alternative is the central "Quad" that would be located in the center of the Federal Center site. The enhanced streetscapes throughout the campus would encourage area employees and residents to walk to and from transit and into adjacent districts. The Quad would be the heart of the plan and would be woven into the fabric of the surrounding neighborhoods and commercial districts via road and land use connections. The Quad would be surrounded by complementary office buildings, including secure federal buildings, non-secure federal buildings, and research buildings. A total of 230 acres (or approximately 36 percent of the total site) would be designated for open space use. The Federal Quad Alternative includes a development plan with approximately 3.6 million gross square feet of new development, plus 1,400 residential units, organized around a formal open space/park area that suggests a university campus setting.

This FEIS satisfies the National Environmental Policy Act, which mandates that federal agencies analyze the environmental consequences of major undertakings.

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