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GSA To Hold Small Business Outreach Event for L.A. Courthouse Project
*Agency Moves Forward in Building New State-of-the-Art Court Facility
and Disposing of Old Outdated Courthouse*

LOS ANGELES -- The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is set to hold a small business outreach event in Los Angeles Sept 12 to offer prospective small business subcontractors an opportunity to network with the short-listed design-build firms for GSA's L.A. courthouse project. The event will give local small businesses the opportunity to showcase their special talents and abilities as qualified subcontractors for the project.

"The event is a great opportunity for small business owners to learn more about the L.A. U.S. Courthouse project," said Ruth Cox, Regional Administrator. "This opportunity can potentially open the doors for new subcontracting relationships with our short-listed companies."

GSA is committed to ensuring local small businesses play a large role in the construction of the project and have included a 39-percent small business participation goal in the project requirements.

The agency selected a shortlist of four design-build firms last March, and representatives from the design firms will be available to meet with small businesses in the construction industry at the event.

Since the agency announced its plans to build the new courthouse last January, GSA's has been engaged in a two-phase solicitation process to select a firm to design and construct the LA courthouse. The agency issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in February and established a short list of four highly-qualified firms as a result. The firms will provide detail design proposals as part of the RFP and the agency expects to award the contract in the coming months with completion and occupancy in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016.

The new courthouse plan includes a brand new 550,000 gross square-foot facility located in downtown L.A. with 24 courtrooms and 32 judicial chambers. The new facility will house the active and senior judges of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, meet related

needs of the U.S. Marshals Service, and provide trial preparation space for the U.S. Attorneys' Office and the Federal Public Defender.

This project will take advantage of favorable market conditions, recognize substantial savings for taxpayers, create jobs and deliver a state-of-the-art courthouse that Californians and all the Americans people will be proud of.

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