FY 2017 Project Summary

This prospectus proposes alterations to improve physical security in Government-owned buildings occupied by the Judiciary and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) during fiscal year (FY) 2017 in lieu of future construction of new facilities.

FY 2017 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested $26,700,000

Program Summary

The Judiciary Capital Security Program (JCS) is dedicated to improving physical security in buildings occupied by the Judiciary and USMS in lieu of construction of brand new facilities, thereby providing cost savings and expedited delivery. These projects will vary in size, location, and delivery method and improve the separation of circulation for the public, judges, and prisoners. Funding provided for the security improvement projects would address elements such as additional doors, reconfiguring or adding corridors, reconfiguring or adding elevators and sallyports, and constructing physical or visual barriers.

Justification

The JCS will provide a vehicle for addressing security deficiencies in a timely and less costly manner when constructing a new courthouse is unlikely in the foreseeable future. In FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2015, GSA’s appropriation included funding for this special emphasis program to undertake security improvements to buildings occupied by the Judiciary. In addition, the FY 2016 President’s Budget includes funding for this program. The projects in this program are based on studies undertaken by the Judiciary. This prospectus requests separate funding to address specifically such security conditions at existing Federal Courthouses for locations that are unlikely to be considered for construction of a new courthouse. The Judiciary’s asset management planning process serves to help compile a preliminary assessment of potential JCS projects that identify courthouses with poor security ratings nationwide.
Certification of Need

Over the years, a number of security issues have been identified that need to be addressed to reduce risk to physical security. The proposed program is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

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Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration