FY 2018 Project Summary
The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes the reconfiguration and renovation of space within Government-owned and leased buildings during Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to support GSA’s ongoing consolidation efforts to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, decrease reliance on leased space, and reduce the Government’s environmental footprint.

Since inception of the Consolidation Activities Program in FY 2014, GSA has received $215 million in support of the program. Through FY 2016, the consolidation activities program has funded 69 projects. When complete, the 69 projects will result in more than a 1.4 million square foot reduction, reduce agency rental payments paid to GSA by $54 million annually, and provide $112 million in annual government lease cost avoidance.

FY 2018 Committee Approval and Appropriation Requested ..................$100,000,000

Program Summary
As part of its ongoing effort to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, decrease reliance on leased space, and reduce the Government’s environmental footprint, GSA is identifying consolidation opportunities within its inventory of real property assets. These opportunities are presented through surveys and studies, partnering with customer agencies and through agency initiatives. Projects will vary in size by location and agency mission and operations; however, no single project will exceed $20 million GSA costs. Funds will support consolidation of customer agencies and will not be available for GSA internal consolidations. Preference will be given to projects that result in an Office Utilization Rate of 130 usable square feet per person or less and a total project payback period of 10 years or less.

Typical projects include the following:

- Reconfiguration and alteration of existing federal space to accommodate incoming agency relocation/consolidation. (Note: may include reconfigurations of existing occupied federal tenant space); and

- Incidental alterations and system upgrades, such as fire sprinklers or heating, ventilation and air conditioning, needed as part of relocation and consolidation.

Projects will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Preference will be given to projects that are identified as a reduction opportunity in an existing Customer Portfolio Plan that has been agreed to by both GSA and the subject agency and meet the other criteria.
• Proposed consolidation projects will result in a reduction in annual rent paid by the impacted customer agency.

• Preference is given to consolidations within or into owned buildings over consolidations within or into leased space.

• Consolidation of expiring leases into owned buildings will be given preference over those business cases for lease cancellations that include a cancellation cost.

• Co-location with other agencies with shared resources and special space will be given preference.

• Links to other consolidation projects will be given preference.

Justification
GSA supports the Administration and Congress’s efforts to reduce space. GSA continually analyzes opportunities to improve space utilization and realize long-term cost savings for the Government. Funding for space consolidations is essential so that GSA can execute those opportunities.

Projects funded under this authorization will enable agencies to consolidate within Government-controlled leased space or relocate from either Government-controlled leased or federally owned space to federally owned space that more efficiently meets mission needs. These consolidations will result in improved space utilization, cost savings for the American taxpayers and a reduced environmental impact.
Certification of Need

Current Administration and Congressional initiatives call for improved space utilization, lower costs for the Government and a reduced environmental footprint. It has been determined that the proposed consolidation program is the most practical solution to meeting those goals.

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Recommended:  
Acting Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

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Acting Administrator, General Services Administration