Program Summary

This prospectus proposes alterations to upgrade, replace, and improve life safety features and fire protection systems in government-owned buildings during Fiscal Year 2012. Projects in Federal buildings throughout the country currently are being identified through surveys and studies and will vary in size, location, and delivery method. The authority requested in this prospectus is for a diverse set of retrofit projects with engineering solutions to reduce fire and life safety hazards. Typical projects include the following:

- Replacing antiquated fire alarm and detection systems that are in need of repair or for which parts are no longer available.

- Installing emergency voice communication systems to facilitate occupant notification and/or evacuation.

- Installing and/or expanding fire sprinkler coverage to protect Federal property.

- Constructing additional or enclosing existing exit stairs to ensure timely evacuation of buildings in the event of an emergency.

Justification

GSA periodically assesses all facilities using technical professionals to identify hazards and initiate correction or risk-reduction protection strategies to assure that no aspect of our buildings’ design or operation presents a risk to GSA personnel, occupant agencies, or the general public. Completion of these proposed projects will improve the overall level of life safety and fire protection in GSA-controlled Federal buildings nationwide.

Authorization Requested ...............................................................................................$15,000,000
Certification of Need

Over the years a number of life safety and fire protection issues have been identified that need to be addressed in order to reduce fire risk. The proposed program is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

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