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 2010. Projects in federal buildings throughout the country are currently 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 stair towers to ensure timely evacuation of buildings in the event of an emergency.

Justification

GSA conducts periodic life safety and fire protection assessments of federal buildings nationwide to assess fire risk. As a result of these assessments, a number of life safety and fire protection issues have been identified that need to be addressed in order to reduce the risk of injury, the loss of federal property, and interruption of a federal agency mission.

This prospectus will provide upgrades to a number of GSA federal buildings that do not meet current or national or GSA building fire alarm codes. These buildings contain antiquated hardwired fire alarm systems with replacement parts that are no longer available, lack voice communication capability, and a complete sprinkler system.

Authorization Requested .................................................................................................................. $20,000,000
Certification of Need

It has been determined that the practical solution to achieving the identified building fire and life safety goals is to proceed with the fire and life safety work indicated above.

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