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U.S. General Services Administration Releases Environmental Assessment and Solicitation For Offers (SFO) for the Social Security Administration's Metro West Facility

Philadelphia – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is proposing to relocate a portion of the Social Security Administration (SSA) headquarters located at the Metro West facility to a new leased facility to be constructed within the city of Baltimore, Maryland. The overall goal of this project is to dispose of the existing facility located at 300 N. Greene Street and relocate most of the approximately 2,000 building occupants into a new building. The remaining employees will move to existing leased space in the Security West building located in Woodlawn, Maryland.

GSA has selected the Maryland Department of Transportation's Wabash Avenue Site as the preferred site. This site is bounded by Wabash Avenue to the east, Mount Hope Drive to the southeast, the Powder Mill Branch stream to the northwest, and the Seton Business Park to the southwest. The Reisterstown Plaza Metro Station borders the northeastern portion of the site.

As required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been completed and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been finalized to ensure that environmental issues were identified and potential impacts were assessed.

GSA has determined that the construction of the SSA's Metro West Relocation on the Maryland Department of Transportation's Wabash Avenue Site best satisfies the government's facility requirements.

"We are pleased to move to this phase of the project and look forward to working with SSA and our many partners," said Acting Regional Administrator Linda Chero.

A copy of the final Environmental Assessment can be viewed on the GSA website at www.gsa.gov/r3projects. The step by step click through for this page is www.gsa.gov - *GSA Regions - Mid-Atlantic (3) - News & Notices - Regional Projects*.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are also available for public review at the following location:

Forest Park Branch Library
3023 Garrison Boulevard
Baltimore, MD

Written comments must be postmarked no later than April 14, 2009, and sent to the following address:

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Finalizing the EA completes the environmental planning process. The next phase of this project will be the developer selection process. The first of a two-phase developer proposal and evaluation process is planned to begin in early April with the evaluation of offers from development teams in response to a Solicitation for Offers (SFO). This SFO is currently advertised on www.FedBizOpps.gov under offer number 5MD0148.

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