

Attachment 24A

Explanatory Note for Social Security Administration (SSA) Report February 1, 2011

Following is the Social Security Administration's (SSA) 1609 Report Data for the period ending December 31, 2010. To date, SSA has obligated nearly \$ 544 million of nearly \$1.1 billion Recovery Act Appropriation.

We completed Categorical Exclusions (CE) for One-Time Economic Recovery Payments and Disability and Retirement Workloads (Page 2, rows 2 and 3 of the spreadsheet) in April 2009. We have one pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) action--the Environmental Assessment (EA) for site selection and construction of our new National Support Center (NSC) (Page 2, row 1 of the spreadsheet). This action was pending in the previous American Recovery and Reinvestment Act NEPA Reports. The EA spans multiple reports because the project has not progressed sufficiently to determine the site or complete scope of the project.

Recent progress for the NSC since the last Recovery Act NEPA report includes:

- We updated the site selection and purchase milestones on this project. At a December 15, 2009 hearing, the Ways and Means Subcommittee instructed us to stop site selection and asked the General Services Administration (GSA) to study the Social Security headquarters campus as a possible location for the new data center. This evaluation, along with an environmental assessment required for the two sites remaining on the short list, delayed the site selection milestone of January 2010 until February 2011 and the purchase milestone of March 2010 until June 2011.

As GSA and SSA complete the site selection and program of requirements (POR) and move into the planning and design processes, more detailed information about the project activities will be available. Any information at this point is procurement-sensitive. GSA has primary responsibility for delivering this facility; SSA is providing input and oversight throughout the process to ensure the facility meets our requirements. Final edits to the POR, the results of the EA, and pending approval of the construction schedule from the Office of Management and Budget will determine the following dates:

August 2010	- POR completed
January 2011	- FedBizOpps (FBO) notice/Phase I Request For Proposal (RFP)
February 2011	-Select Site
April 2011	- FBO notice/ Phase II RFP
June 2011	- Purchase site
January 2012	- Award Construction
September 2014	- Complete Construction
January 2015	- Complete Commissioning
August 2016	- Complete IT Migration

Regarding benefits resulting from the NEPA process, SSA has only three NEPA actions. The two completed CEs did not involve protected species or historic structures, or changes made in constructing facilities to increase their energy efficiency. We are still in the development stages of the one remaining project. Therefore, we have no NEPA benefits to report at this time.