



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
Benning Road, NE at Minnesota Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

November 26, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary design plans of the Department of Employment Services building for the District of Columbia Government Center at Benning Road, NE and Minnesota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC as shown on NCPC Map File No. 81.00(38.00)41505.

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The District of Columbia Office of Property Management (DCOPM) has submitted a preliminary design for the DC Department of Employment Services (DOES) building at the planned DC Government Center located at Benning Road, NE and Minnesota Avenue, NE, adjacent to the Benning Road Metro Station. The project is outside of the central area of the District of Columbia. The five story building will provide 225,000 square feet of office and ground floor retail space. Approximately 400 DOES personnel will occupy the facility. In addition to 135 parking spaces located in the adjacent parking garage, currently in final design stages, there are 168 visitor and employee parking spaces located on two floors below the building. The total parking count meets requirements of the DC zoning ordinance. The building form follows the street curve and will be clad with limestone and precast concrete panels, with an aluminum and glass curtain wall system.

The Coordinating Committee coordinated the project at its meeting on November 10, 2004. Staff has determined that the project qualifies as a categorical exclusion as specified by Section 8 of the NCPC Environmental Procedures. DCOPM has made an assessment of cultural resources

and has determined that a Phase I archaeological survey in the northern portion of the site should be undertaken. DCOPM has stated that it will complete the survey and Section 106 with the D.C. State Historic Preservation Office prior to the start of construction.

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