

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FRANCES C. PERKINS BUILDING
THIRD STREET ENTRANCE DOOR MODIFICATION
200 Constitution Avenue, NW

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

March 25, 2004

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final building plans to construct a new handicapped accessible vestibule and entry door, at the Frances C. Perkins Headquarters building of the Department of Labor, as depicted on NCPC Map File No. 1.24(38.00)-41334.

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Preliminary and final building plans have been submitted by the General Services Administration (GSA) to retrofit one accessible doorway at the Third Street entrance of the building. The purpose of the vestibule revision is to reduce the flow of outside air infiltration into the interior space of the lobby, and improve the overall efficiency of the HVAC system that serves this location. The vestibule will also help provide the required handicapped accessible doorway at this point.

The proposal entails removing existing sets of doors and replacing them with a revolving door that would be situated into the existing doorframe and would also provide a new stationary emergency exit door. The door and doorframe will be refinished, and all metal elements will have a dark bronze finish so as to make the design of this entry consistent in its appearance with other doorways that had been previously approved by the Commission.

The project, which involves no built floor area, would have no adverse impact on land uses or environmental resources of the building site. GSA coordinated the project's review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act determining that The France C. Perkins Headquarters building was built in the early 1970s and is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No further Section 106 review is required. A Categorical Exclusion has been determined and reviewed by NCPC staff finding that the exclusion is acceptable. The Coordinating Committee coordinated the proposal at its March 10, 2004 meeting.

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